



# SPONNE NEWS

The official newsletter of Sponne School

## U16 boys make netball history!



## Year 7 County Cup



Well done to the Year 7 Girls who competed at the county cup on Monday 20th March. They fought well against some tough competition!

## Parking outside of school

Please park considerately and legally outside of school. We have had a few incidents recently where our neighbours' driveways have been blocked and issues with cars being parked too close to the pedestrian crossing. You **MUST NOT** park on the crossing or in the area covered by the zig-zag lines.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## In This Issue:

### Sports News

- Staff Football Match
- U16s Netball
- Soccer Assist Academy

### Music News

- Music for Youth

### Other News

- Accelerated Reader
- Careers
- PFA Fundraiser
- ... And more!

Follow us on social media to stay up to date with latest news



[SponneSchool](#)



[SponneSchool](#)



## Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you enjoy reading our final newsletter before Easter. As you will see it has been a very busy term with lots of events taking place in addition to the usual academic interventions as our older students get ready for the final push in preparation for their GCSE and A-Level examinations.

This term we have experienced disruption due to the first teacher strikes seen in almost a decade. Having moved to the Google platform many lessons were able to take place remotely and I wanted to thank all of our parents for their support with this. The Government has now entered into discussions with the teaching unions and we look forward to a settlement which recognises the role that schools have played during the last 4 years and the increased workload that all staff have experienced with the shrinking support provided by external agencies.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all my staff, who never fail to offer their time to enable our students to achieve their potential, whether this is at lunchtime, after school or during the holiday; they truly are fabulous. It has been a hectic and pressured term but the signs are very positive and as I said to our Year 11 students at the end of their final mock exam, they just need to focus now on working hard and doing their best. If you feel that your son/daughter would benefit from any additional support or guidance in any way then please do make contact with us.

The musical talent of many of our students is outstanding and I continue to be uplifted by their excellent performances, particularly over the last few weekends with groups playing at the Music for Youth regional competitions. Our music teachers and peripatetic staff from the Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT) do an amazing job in inspiring our young musicians. A number of students in all year groups have also passed musical grade examinations this term; well done to them.

In addition to music there have been numerous sporting successes this term, most recently with our Year 7 and 8 teams participating in the indoor athletics competitions. We have also had other activities such as world book day that students have participated in and enjoyed.

I hope that you all enjoy the Easter break and we look forward to seeing all the students back on Monday 17th April.

Iain Massey

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Iain Massey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Headteacher

## Music News

Well done to all of our musicians who performed brilliantly at the Northampton regional festival of Music for Youth on March 18th. Four groups from Sponne took part, each giving amazing performances and received excellent feedback from the mentors from Music for Youth. Our groups included Sponnaissance, Brass Band, Senior Strings and Jazz Orchestra.

All of the Sponne music enhancement groups performed in our Spring Concert on Tuesday evening, showcasing the wonderful musical talent we have at Sponne. To round off the term the concert band/jazz orchestra and brass band have given concerts to Key Stage 2 students in NHPS and Towcester Primary school this week to inspire the next generation of musicians.

Congratulations to all the students involved.

Congratulations also to brass players Katie Skey, Emily Underwood, Tegan Stokes, Michael Ward, Natasha Jardine, James Woodman and Melody Powell who represented Sponne in the Northamptonshire County Youth Brass Band for the National Youth Brass Band Championships in Stockport at the weekend and Brass Spectacular with NMPAT.

Melody Powell and Katie Skey were also playing with Youth Brass 2000 at the event, with the band claiming the ABRSM Championship section honours. They will now be representing their country, not just at the European Championships at Malmo, Sweden in May, but also in Palanga, Lithuania in 2024.

On Saturday, Melody and Katie will be heading to Repton College for the National Youth Brass Band residentials, culminating in a concert in Manchester on Easter Saturday. Thomas Judge will also be representing Sponne in the National Youth Orchestra when they go on their Easter tour. Congratulations to all our fabulous musicians.



# Careers



## DIRFT Experience Event

A group of Year 8 students had the opportunity to visit the Prologis DIRFT (Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal) site recently. The students were treated to a tour of one of the warehouses to see how NHS goods are stored, processed and shipped as well as seeing one of the buildings currently being constructed with a talk from the site manager.

They found out more about the influence of technology on the logistics sector and came up with their own ideas for technology of the future to improve this sector further.

In another session they discovered more about the impact of sustainability on the movement of goods and considered the need to package goods in a safe and sustainable manner by creating their own packaging for an 'egg drop' activity.

Perhaps one of the most interesting parts of the day was when the students were able to ask questions to volunteers from different sectors of the site to find out more about their roles in logistics and how the terminal is changing the way logistics is looked at in this area. They met representatives from DHL, Prologis, Clipper, NHS and more.



## Year 10 Work Experience

Well done to all the Year 10 students who have already sorted out their work experience placement. If you are a parent/carer of a Year 10 student who hasn't done this yet, please try to help them source a placement over the Easter holidays.

If you run a business and could offer a placement to one of our students (either for one or two weeks from the 10th July) please get in touch with either Mrs Warner ([AWarner@sponne.org.uk](mailto:AWarner@sponne.org.uk)) or Mrs Westley ([LWestley@sponne.org.uk](mailto:LWestley@sponne.org.uk))

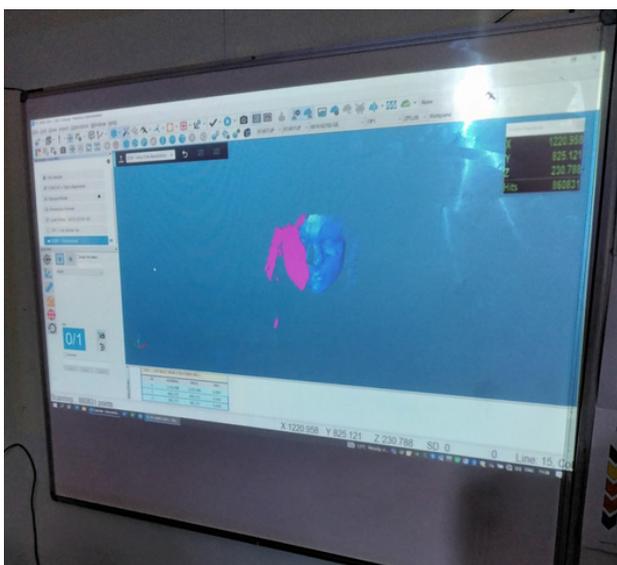
## Year 12 Work Shadowing

Lots of Year 12 students still need to source their placement for the last week of term (17th to 21st July 2023). If you are a parent/carer of one of these students please encourage them to investigate placement opportunities and contact employers as soon as possible. Once placements have been found they can be logged on Unifrog to ensure we can process them in time for the placement to take place.

## Year 8 Industry Insight Day in conjunction with Ahead Partnership and MEPC Silverstone



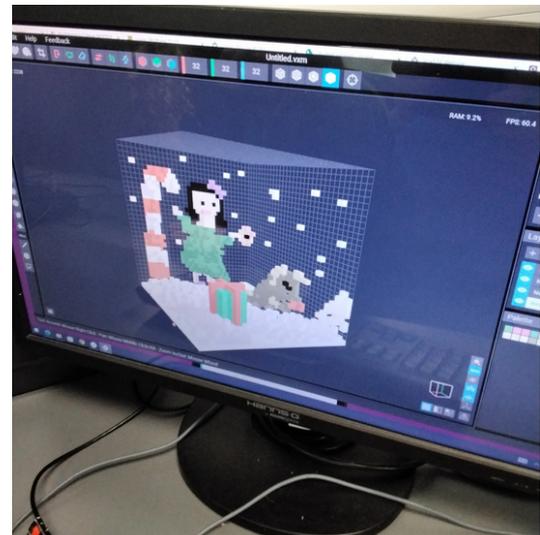
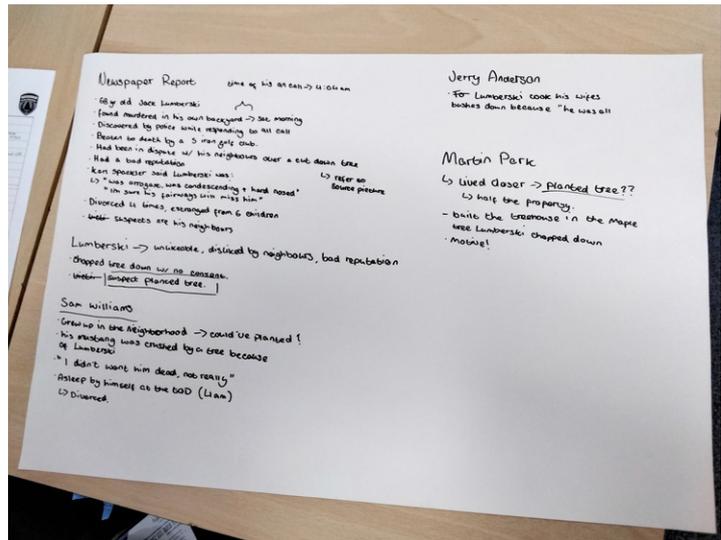
Since 2019 we have been working with local companies on the Silverstone Technology Park to inspire our Year 8 students to broaden their horizons when it comes to careers. Students completed workshops with Hexagon, Lunaz, Cosworth, Multiview Media, Ahead Partnership, Silverstone Composites, Punch Flybrid and Ducati and were able to find out more about what these companies have to offer. Students also had the opportunity to ask questions to some of the employers/employees of these companies to find out more about what it is like to work in Silverstone Park and within a tech industry. A bonus for some students on the day was to see a Ducati motorcycle up close for the first time and to see 3D scanning in action with Hexagon and to find out how this is revolutionising the sector. Four students were identified by staff during the day as particularly engaged and received a family entry to the Silverstone Museum - Jake Forster, Eli Mandel, Katie Lewis and Taylor Weston.



## Year 10 'Ignite the Spark' experience day



A group of 28 Yr10 students visited the Daventry Campus of Northampton College to find out more about the exciting courses they offer to students. Students either chose to find out more about Stem or Creative pathways and took part in four different workshops throughout the day. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, whether it was exploring the hair and beauty salon or the motor mechanic workshop or deciding who was the murderer during a social sciences session. The students were complimented by the college staff for their enthusiasm and engagement on the day.



# PSHE & Careers Spring Term Update

## What have we learnt about?

### PSHE Lessons

- Year 7** - Relationships Sex Education - Growing up and puberty
- Year 8** - Careers Education - Pathways and choices
- Year 9** - Relationships Sex Education - Real Love Rocks
- Year 10** - Either Drugs Education - Alcohol, Class B & Class C drugs or Financial Education - Fraud Awareness
- Year 11** - Relationships Sex Education - Fertility and Reproductive Health
- Year 12** - Relationships Sex Education - Healthy Relationships
- Year 13** - Citizenship Education - Extremism



### Tutorial Sessions

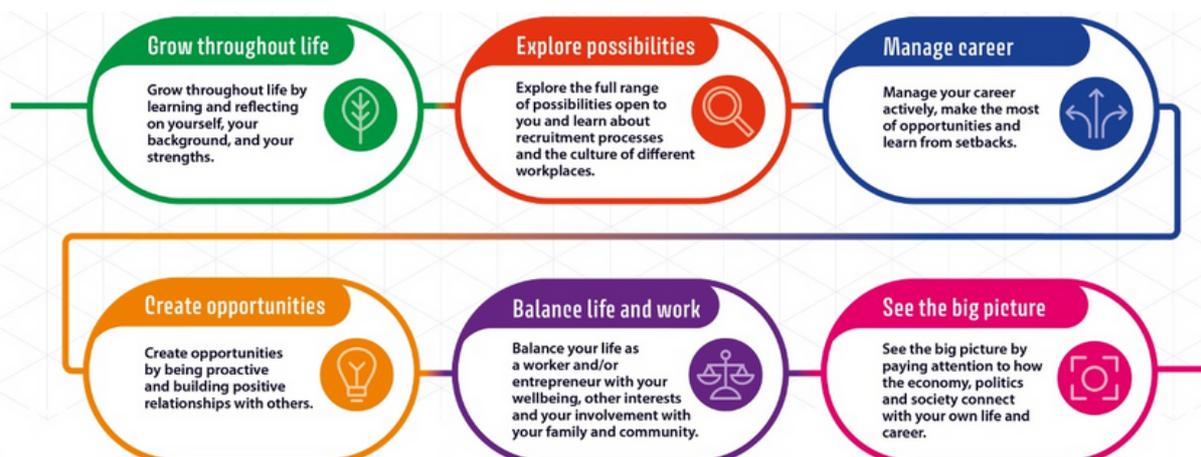
- Year 7** - Health Education - Basic First Aid & Prevention of Infection and Careers Education - Introduction to Unifrog
- Year 8** - Careers Education - Preparing for option choices and Health Education - Body Image
- Year 9** - Drugs Education - Alcohol Awareness and Health Education - CPR
- Year 10** - Internet Safety & Harms - Keeping data safe
- Year 11** - Relationships Sex Education - teen parenting and Health Education - mental health awareness
- Year 12** - Life Skills
- Year 13** - Wellbeing

### Careers

- Year 11** - Careers assemblies - UTC Silverstone
- Year 11** - Into the 6th Form Evening
- Year 12** - Discover University Day @ Derby University
- Year 8** - Pathways evening
- Year 8** - Trip to Prologis DIRFT
- Year 8** - Industry Awareness Day in conjunction with Ahead Partnership and MEPC Silverstone
- Year 10** - Trip to Northampton College - exploring STEM or Creative pathways

### Coming Up

- Year 9/10 - Trip to Silverstone Technology Park
- Year 9 - Big Bang Trip
- Year 12 CV writing workshop with local employers





National Schools Finals 2022-2023

# SPONNE SCHOOL U16'S

[www.sponne.org.uk](http://www.sponne.org.uk)

Sponne U16's

"We owe so much to so many people who have supported us on our journey so far. Sponne staff, our Parents, Northants County Netball and East Midlands Netball have all shown us how committed they are to helping us along the way. We hope to be back at Nationals as an U19's squad next year but know we have alot of work to do to make that happen. Thank you everyone for all your support."

The team were awarded the Endeavour Award, this award is chosen by the Umpires who recognised their Sportsmanship and resilience amongst other things.

"Being awarded the Endeavour Award is a true testament to the work that goes on behind closed doors. We have learnt the importance of team work and perseverance and will always give 100% on court for each other."

Team Sponne x



# Other Sports News

## Soccer Assist Academy

Soccer Assist Academy visited Sponne on the 6th March to take a Girls Football Masterclass with our Y10's and Y11's.

A great morning of drills, skills, games and a very competitive penalty shoot out! They also spoke to the girls about Post 16 opportunities at the Academy based in Milton Keynes.

Thank you to the coaches Josh and Samira.

Visit their website for more information: [www.soccerassistacademy.co.uk](http://www.soccerassistacademy.co.uk)



## U16 boys make netball history!

Match report written by captain Jonas Hefford.

After a long drive we finally arrived at Nottingham Trent University, the boys were all excited with a healthy amount of nerves. We were quickly met by a very helpful member of staff who showed us to the courts and viewing gallery. After warming up as a team we were in the zone and ready to win the nationals.

Scoring early, Ewan Nelson GS gave us an immediate confidence boost. However it was quickly returned with a goal from Lutterworth's GA. Going blow for blow the formidable defensive duo of Harley Walker and Ewan Cameron at GD and GK came up with some key interceptions and turnovers allowing us to pull an early lead in the first quarter of 8-4. We then kept our momentum going whilst increasing our lead whilst finishing the half at 18-7.

After a quick break the boys refuelled and gained verbal feedback from our amazing coaches to tweak details in the game. After the third quarter the lead for Sponne increased once again with a mirage of layups from Ewan Nelson making the score 25-10. Going into the final quarter we just needed to give it one last push.

Jed Ayres now at centre gave us defensive reliability, coming up with a lot of interceptions and stops. This helped us to regain possession allowing Sponne to further prevent Lutterworth from scoring. The final score ended 30-13, making Sponne School the very first ever men's U16 national champions!

Team from left to right:

Harley W, Ewan C, Ewan N, Jonas H, Charlie S, Josh H

Harry M, Flynn B, Harry B, Jed A, Jake M



## Sponne's Y9 & Y10 Dance Leaders



What a fantastic fun morning at Badby School in Daventry! Sponne's Y9 & Y10 Dance leaders taught Y1s The Charleston to complete their project on Josephine Baker.

To finish off the morning's workshop, they all performed to the Y2s, 3s and 4s, who were a wonderful audience.

Thanks for having us Badby!



# Sponne Staff Hornets footballing victory

Strong Team Performance Gives Sponne Staff Hornets footballing victory at EWS

EWS Staff 1-6 Sponne Staff  
Friday 17th March 2023

The scoreline does not tell the story as this was much closer than a five goal difference for long periods. EWS came out of the blocks at a clip. The home team controlled the ball well, pressing high up the pitch, with a certain penalty for handball overruled early in the first half.

As the half developed Mr. Trusler began dictating the pace of the game for the visitors, with some precision passing that eliminated the threat from the control that EWS were executing across the centre of the field.

The forward triumvirate of Mr. Hollamby, Mr. DeBoo and Mr. Cornelius caused real problems at the back for EWS, with efforts rebounding off the posts and one inexplicably ruled out for offside before the inevitable breakthrough coming late in the half.

The home side were spurred into action and, with the warm spring sun on their backs, they tested the Sponne defence with neat football, eventually winning a penalty despite the protestations of innocence from the away side. The spot kick was dispatched expertly and the sides went to the dugouts all square.

EWS started the second half the brightest, but on a foray down the left flank the tenacious Mr. Woods was sent sprawling, sustaining a nasty shoulder dislocation in the process.

After a lengthy delay the sides resumed. The loss of two key players; Mr. Woods and Mr. Richardson, who had been having a busy day in centre midfield, seemed to galvanise the away side and they pressed relentlessly for the lead, which eventually came courtesy again of some smart work at the front from Mr. Cornelius.

The third followed shortly after, and EWS, spurred on by boisterous home support were unlucky to have a penalty given and then overruled.

A fourth came for the Hornets midway through the half, when Mr. McGrory finally found a good area from a corner which was ruthlessly dispatched by the industrious Mr. O'Grady.

The home side refused to accept defeat and pushed on, looking to regain a foothold in the fixture. They would have, were it not for some stalwart work from the stand-in keeper Mr Hosking, who pulled off a series of excellent saves. The absent Mr. Catley would have enjoyed the busy period that followed. As the shots rained in, goals were also prevented by some timely last ditch tackling from Mr. Massey.

The wrangle for control of the centre of the field continued and strong performances from Mrs. Mort and Mrs. Appleby helped Sponne secure some much needed control. The away side used their right wing partnership of Ms. Amena and Miss. Stone to give the home side a defensive headache.

EWS continued to press out using their passing game to good effect, but the seemingly ubiquitous Jordan Wood (Sponne Alumni) managed to snuff out the threat in the middle of the park and maintain his side's control of the football.

The fixture was effectively sealed deep into the second half with the strike of the match when a fizzing, dipping shot from the inimitable Mr. Hollamby whistled over the keeper. A solo effort (running around five opposition players in the process) from Mr. DeBoo and slick finish from Mr. Cornelius gave the fixture a scoreline which, in truth, was not a fair return on a match that was evenly contested in many areas of the pitch.

*Match report by Mr. McGrory*





# Sponne PE want to hear from You

[pestudentachievements@sponne.org.uk](mailto:pestudentachievements@sponne.org.uk)



## Lets Celebrate

Sponne PE know many of our students compete in a variety of sports outside of the School environment, Whether that's Martial Arts, Gymnastics, Dance or Horse Riding we want to hear from our proud parents.

Please scan the below QR code to provide us with the information of your child's success, so we can share and celebrate with you.



# Science News

## Science Club

Our students in Science Club have been continuing their investigations into both the commonplace and the unusual. They have been introduced to the world of Forensics, by taking and then matching to their owner, fingerprints on glasses. They were surprised at just how many prints were unusable, but just like a real Forensics Officer they managed to match drinking glass with owner, and even deduced which of several available materials was the best to locate and reveal the fingerprints with.

An investigation into the amount of gas in fizzy drinks revealed a clear link between cost and the amount of carbon dioxide they contained, whilst another series of investigations revealed that glue used by Egyptians was not as good as the glue used by the Romans. Perhaps the biggest surprise came when investigating the amount of water a nappy could hold. Possibly not a surprise all us parents, but certainly it was to the students. For the record, it's about 3/4 of a litre !

## British Science Week 2023



British Science Week 2023 brought focus once again onto some of the wider-ranging aspects of Science, outside of the usual curriculum. In the penultimate week before the Easter break, as usual our Key Stage 3 students participated in project work presented as posters, and were given pretty much free-reign as to how they completed them and the materials used.

With the only major riders being that the finished work had to be able to be pinned to a wall and brought in safely by the students, imaginations ran riot and some really most inventive work was produced.

Revolving around this year's theme of "Connections", we had 3-D rib cages, dancing skeletons, LED light shows, and all manner of topics were represented. In Year 7 the winning poster was on Bees, Wasps and Moths, with the runner-up prize going to one on DNA and Familial inheritance.

In Year 8 the winner was on modern electronic communication networks and how they are linked, with the runner-up prize going to a poster on Cosmetics and Plant Oils. All entries and winners received generous amounts of well-deserved Sponne Sparks, and the overall winners and runners-up also took home rather large Cadbury's Easter Eggs. The range and quality of entries was very good indeed across both year groups, and some number have been selected to be put on permanent display.

Always accompanying Science Week are the Science Assemblies. This year the topic was waves, and involved a Sonic Introduction recorded at Stonehenge, AirZookas, William Tell, a laser, and a lot of noise! We can't give too much away as some groups have still yet to see it, but as always it was a definite highlight and well-appreciated by staff and students alike.

A final thought - can you identify the link between real dinosaurs and plastic dinosaurs? Apart from them being dinosaurs, of course. 2 of our students did, and explained it via their poster. It's a very good link indeed, but can you work it out too?

## Other News

### Parent and carer pack - Amazing Apprenticeships

We know that lots of our students are considering alternative options post-16 and post-18. Attached is a guide to help parents/carers when looking into apprenticeship options with their young person.

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/support-for-parents-and-guardians>

### Royal Academy summer exhibition

Coco Whiley-Morton has entered the prestigious Royal Academy summer exhibition with her painting of friend Bluebell and Bluebell's many emotions. Many applicants apply to this renowned and highly acclaimed exhibition, with only a few getting accepted. We wish her the very best of luck and well done Coco spent many hours on this painting.





# LRC News

The LRC is looking very colourful as Spring approaches. Our Colouring Club students have produced some wonderful pieces for our information board. We've also been given some wonderful artwork by Y7 & Y8.



## World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day in the LRC on Thursday 2nd March with book related puzzles and a quiz in the LRC. Our quiz winner was Liam Edgar and the student who solved the most puzzles was Miruna Buca, so well done to them. We also asked our Y7 students to help us decorate the LRC with World Book Day banners. The results are amazing, with many students choosing to showcase their favourite books. A huge 'Thank You' for all their effort!





## Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader quiz totals are continuing to grow. Y7 and Y8 students have passed a total of 2084 quizzes between them so far this year. The Y7 form currently leading our inter-form competition is 7JDG with 252 quizzes and in Y8 8SC top the board with 132.

We would like to congratulate Amber Grimes, George Williams and Rory Castle, who have all passed an impressive number of quizzes this term. We'd also like to give a shout-out to Erika Haynes, Alysha McField, Ryan Costello-Allibone, Connor Meddings, Logan Davern, Luis Ward, Orna Lett, Asha Vara, and Grace Leitch for their fantastic progress - keep up the great work!

## Carnegie Medal Shadowing 2023



We're very much looking forward to our Carnegie event on the morning of Friday 16th June, as for the first time since our covid lockdowns we've been able to invite some partner schools to join us.

The Carnegie Medal is one of the most prestigious children's book awards and the most sought after by children's authors. Our shadowing event involves students reading as many of the seven shortlisted

books as they can and then coming together for a morning to discuss the books and vote for their favourite. We also hold a quiz on the books.

Participating in the shadowing event gives students the opportunity to extend their reading and experience books from genres they wouldn't normally choose. You can find out more about the shortlisted titles at <https://www.yotocarnegies.co.uk/writing-shortlist-2023>. If students would like to take part, please direct them to the LRC to collect a permission letter. Students should note that they will be expected to catch up on any lessons they miss.

## Behaviour Update

This term's focus of "trying hard" has been really positive and it has been great to additionally reward so many students with Jump the Q passes. Next term's focus is "Speaking Kindly" - we have noticed that not all of our students speak in the way we would always like. We think this is down to the use of social media where students naturally abbreviate and shorten what they type.

Staff will be looking out for students who continue to embody our values of Dream Believe Achieve and who speak kindly in line with the Student Code of Conduct.

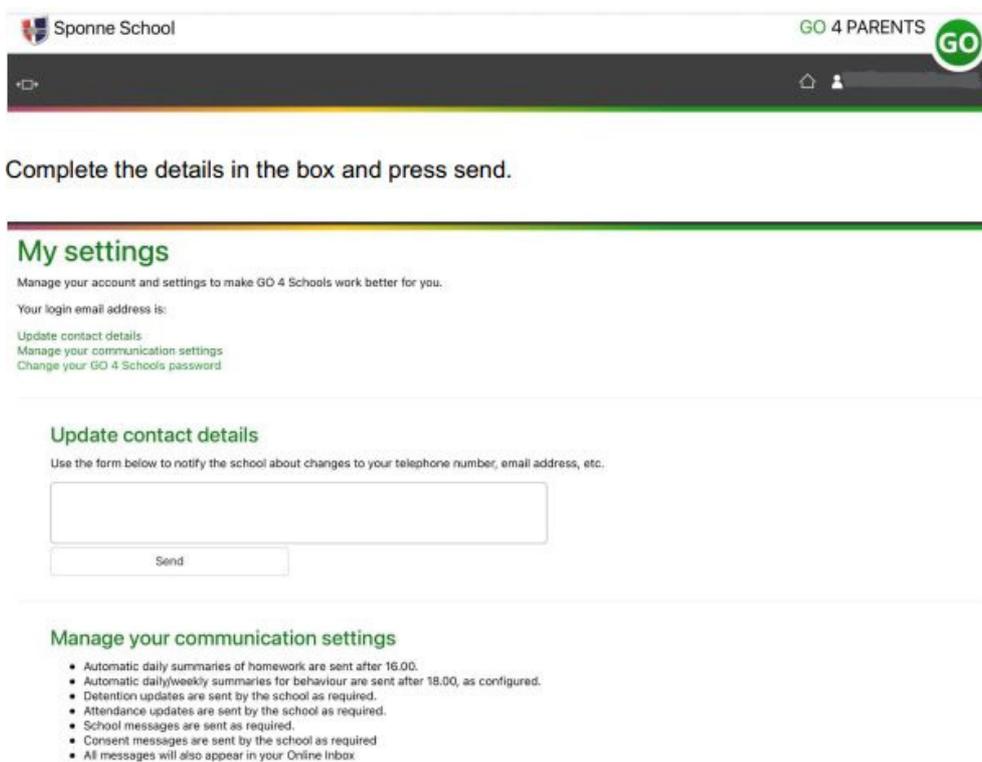
## Top Sparkers from Years 7-13

Rory Castle  
Katherine Fenn  
Elizabeth Conway  
Nicola Porter  
Elizabeth Woolridge Smith  
Frances Brown  
Ella Liddington

## Change of Details - Go4Schools

If you need to update any of the contact/address/email/telephone information we have on record for your child, yourself or any of the other contacts we have, you can do this directly via Go4Schools.

If you log in and click the drop down arrow next to your name in the top right hand corner and select 'settings' you will be taken to the screen below.



Sponne School GO 4 PARENTS GO

Complete the details in the box and press send.

### My settings

Manage your account and settings to make GO 4 Schools work better for you.

Your login email address is:

[Update contact details](#)  
[Manage your communication settings](#)  
[Change your GO 4 Schools password](#)

#### Update contact details

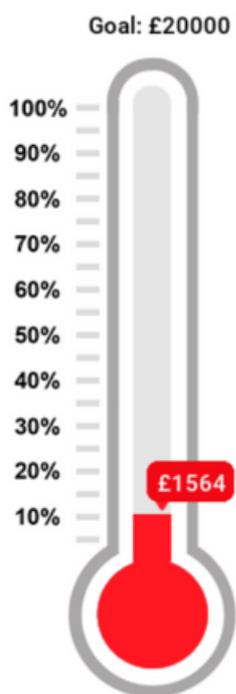
Use the form below to notify the school about changes to your telephone number, email address, etc.

Send

#### Manage your communication settings

- Automatic daily summaries of homework are sent after 16.00.
- Automatic daily/weekly summaries for behaviour are sent after 18.00, as configured.
- Detention updates are sent by the school as required.
- Attendance updates are sent by the school as required.
- School messages are sent as required.
- Consent messages are sent by the school as required
- All messages will also appear in your Online Inbox

# Sponne PFA News



Our Sponne PFA Minibus Appeal got off to a flying start with our pizza and quiz night and it was great to see so many of you there having a good time!

Thank you to the team from Milandy Pizza who worked hard for free behind the scenes to produce over 70 pizzas, with all profits going to the Minibus Appeal. And a big thank you to Mr Gerco who also gave up his time to produce a very entertaining and challenging quiz.

The night raised £1564, which is a great first step on the way but there's still a long way to go before we reach our big minibus target.

Our next event is our Easter Raffle. 14 fabulous raffle prizes have been generously donated by businesses in our local community who have been keen to come forward with their support. We feel very lucky to live in a community where there is so much support for the school.

We are still looking for sponsors, suggestions, business contacts in the minibus trade, or just good ideas for events. If you think you can help, please contact us at [sponnepfa2@gmail.com](mailto:sponnepfa2@gmail.com).

*Sponne PFA Committee*



# Sponne School needs a minibus!



## Can you help the PFA raise £20,000?

This year is a big year of fundraising for Sponne PFA!

A minibus is a vital part of school life, providing transport to sports fixtures, trips and community events. The school is in need of a new lightweight minibus to continue providing these opportunities for the students.

The Parents and Friends Association are taking on the challenge to raise as much money as possible towards this in 2023.

We need your support to help us hit our target.

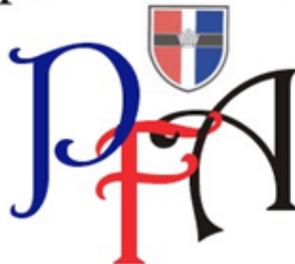
Especially we want to hear from:

- Local companies interested in sponsoring a school minibus.
- Knowledge/connections in minibus/van sales.
- Anyone with a brilliant idea for fundraising.
- Anyone in a workplace that offers match funding for charity fundraising.

We also need you to support our events this year. Look out for announcements from the PFA and join in!

Please contact [sponnepfa2@gmail.com](mailto:sponnepfa2@gmail.com) if you can help.

Sponne School



Registered Charity No: 285714

# Essential School Equipment



All students should have the following equipment...

- A Pencil Case (this must be transparent for students taking exams)
- Black Pens (at least 3, not gel)
- Blue Pens (at least 3, not gel)
- Purple Pens (at least 2, not gel)
- Pencils (at least 2)
- Pencil Colours
- Pencil Sharpener
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Maths Set (Compass, Protractor)
- Scientific Calculator
  - Recommended Casio fx-83GT PLUS or fx-85GT PLUS
- 3.5mm Wired Earphones

If you have any issues with this please speak to your form tutor!



## Please remember to bring a reusable water bottle to school with you



Drinking water :

- Improves energy levels and brain function
- Improves concentration and focus
- Prevents headaches
- Is healthy for joints and teeth and helps circulate blood!

## Stay Hydrated!



# Spam Emails

Occasionally we have emails bounce back by our communication provider (SIMS InTouch) as undeliverable or blocked meaning you may be missing important school information, this is often because your email provider thinks our correspondence is Spam or Junk.

## What is Spam?

Email is treated as spam if the recipient mailbox believes the email to be unsolicited, irrelevant, or sent in bulk to a mailing list of people where recipient mailboxes have marked the emails as Spam, if the mailbox is dormant, or if the recipient email is invalid.

## What Mailboxes do to decide if emails should be treated as spam?

To stop you receiving unwanted emails, and to help protect you against malicious emails many mailbox providers deploy the following methods to filter out messages:

- Spam protection - sends spam emails directly to the Spam folder and can block them in future
- Filters - automatically sort incoming messages to different folder
- Block Addresses - stop email from email addresses or domains that you select
- Safe Sender - for email addresses or domains that you select
- Image blocking - prevents spammers from knowing you opened their email and protects you from looking at images you don't want to see
- Word of mouth - if recipients tell a mailbox provider an email is spam this will impact the sender's reputation and can cause future emails from the domain entering spam filters.

From time to time spam filters put legitimate email into your spam folder, which may be because other users have marked similar emails as spam. If you seem to be missing emails or you haven't got an email you were expecting, check the Spam folder first. And make sure the sender email address is included as a safe sender.

## How can we avoid being treated as Spam?

The nature of how email is used within schools means emails are generally sent in large volumes over a very short space of time (e.g. the schools closed/ here's this week's newsletter).

From time to time this can cause issues with mailboxes treating the email as spam. Depending on the policies of the mailbox filtering and users' preferences this can do 1 of 2 things; Send the email to Junk or directly delete the email.

Where issues are reported to us that emails have not reached parents, we will escalate this to SIMS InTouch who in turn will contact the respective mailbox provider (e.g. Microsoft, Google, BT etc.). However, there is only so much we can do to resolve the solution. Instead the resolution often requires the cooperation from the affected recipient parent as we do not hold a customer relationship with the mailbox provider.

## Hints and Tips on reducing Spam

- Please add us as an approved sender, our bulk emails will arrive from **9414004@sims-communications.co.uk** emails sent directly from a member of staff will be from **<their first initial and surname>@sponne.org.uk**
- Please check spam/junk folder for any school emails you may have missed – if they are in spam/junk folders please mark as safe.

# Spam Emails - Continued...

## Adding InTouch as a Safe Sender

To stop emails from SIMS InTouch being categorised as spam you can manually add your school SIMS Intouch email to your mailbox "safe senders" list.

Below details how to add an email to your safe sender list for some of the most common mailboxes. Please note, the guidance below is subject to change and we would refer parents to their mail provider for the latest guidance on how to manage their safe sender rules.

## Outlook/ Hotmail

1. At the top of the page, select Settings > Mail.
2. Select Mail > Accounts > Block or allow.
3. To add an entry to Safe Senders and Recipients, enter the email address or domain that you want to mark as safe in the Enter a sender or domain here text box. ...

## BT Email

1. From the Settings tab, select the "Safe senders" folder and click on the Add button
2. Add the email address you want to mark as safe and click Save
3. After a confirmation message the email address will be added to your list of safe sender

## Apple Mail

1. Open the email from the sender you would like to add to the safelist.
2. Click on the sender's email address at the top of the email
3. A list of options will appear on a drop down
4. Click on "Add to Address Book"
5. Your sender will be automatically added to your Apple Mail safe senders list.

## Gmail

1. On your computer, open Gmail
2. On the left, click More.
3. Click Spam.
4. Open the email.
5. At the top, click Not spam.

Users can also manage their personal contacts list in Gmail. When a user adds an external address to their contacts list, Gmail won't mark messages from the external address as spam.

## Yahoo! Mail

1. Click on the address book icon under the Yahoo! mail logo. (When you mouse crosses it, it will say Contacts.)
2. Click New contact.
3. Provide a suitable name and type (or copy and paste) the email address:
4. Click Save.

## Saturday Track Club

Rugby & Northampton Athletics Club are pleased to announce a new 5-week athletics course for young athletes in Northampton and surrounding areas. It runs from Saturday March 18th to Saturday April 15th April.

This course will give an introduction to the track and field events – running, jumping and throwing and is suitable for all – from total novices to more seasoned athletes – no experience required – just lots of energy. The emphasis will be on fitness, skills and fun with all sessions being led by a qualified club coach.



Rugby & Northampton Athletics Club are pleased to announce a new 5-week athletics course for young athletes in Northampton and surrounding areas. It runs from Saturday March 18th to Saturday April 15th April

This course will give an introduction to the track and field events – running, jumping and throwing and is suitable for all – from total novices to more seasoned athletes – no experience required – just lots of energy. The emphasis will be on fitness, skills and fun with all sessions being led by a qualified club coach.

### **When**

Saturday mornings 10-00 until 11-15

### **Where**

The sessions will take place at the Moulton College athletics track

### **Who**

The sessions are open to both club and non- club athletes NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

### **Costs**

R&N members – free

Non-club athletes – £15 per 5 week block

### **Ages**

MINIMUM AGE is Yr 3 at school (aged 7+) – MAXIMUM is Yr 10 at school

On completion – all course members will be invited to participate in the MOULTON TRACK INVITATIONAL EVENT to be held on Saturday 22nd April

- Places are limited and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.
- To register or for further information, please contact the address below.

The first session is due to take place on SATURDAY 18th March

[contactus@rugbyandnorthamptonac.org](mailto:contactus@rugbyandnorthamptonac.org)





**nutmeg**  
SOCCER SCHOOL

HAPPY EASTER



2023 Easter Soccer Schools  
For Girls & Boys Aged 4-12

HAPPY EASTER



Dates: Tue 4<sup>th</sup> to Thu 6<sup>th</sup> April

Venue: Yardley Gobion FC, School Lane, NN12 7UL

Times: 10am - 3pm (9am early drop & 4pm late pick up available)

Cost: £59 - 3 days, £42 - 2 days or £22 - 1 day

ALL COACHES ARE DBS CHECKED

CHILDREN PUT IN RELEVANT AGE GROUPS

Book online at [www.nutmegss.co.uk](http://www.nutmegss.co.uk)

e-mail: [contact@nutmegss.co.uk](mailto:contact@nutmegss.co.uk)



**BARBER BOX 1**

Calling all Sponne students

*Monday-Thursday  
(Term times only)  
All students cuts  
£10  
Sponne students only*

**Just bring something with the sponne logo**

**01327 354004**

Free WiFi  
Free hot drink  
Free games room



## We're proud to be supporting Sponne School with our 'For Schools' programme.

On completion of every house sale made through the programme, we will give Sponne School £500.

### How can you take part?

- If you're thinking of selling your home get in touch with us for your free, no obligation valuation
- Mention the For Schools Programme and Sponne School
- We will market and sell your home
- On completion of the sale, we'll donate £500 directly to Sponne School

**Howkins & Harrison, investing in our future and local community.**

Call Martin Broadbend (former Sponne pupil) for more details; 01327 353575  
or visit [howkinsandharrison.co.uk/about-us/supporting-local-communities](https://www.howkinsandharrison.co.uk/about-us/supporting-local-communities)

Howkins & Harrison LLP, 98a Watling Street, Towcester NN12 6BB



# Dates For Your Diary

## **Easter Half Term**

School closes Thursday 30th March 2023

## **TERM 5**

School opens Monday 17th April 2023

## **Yr9/10 trip to Silverstone Technology Park.**

Monday, 17th April 2023

## **YEAR 7A PARENTS' EVENING**

Thursday, 20th April 2023

## **GCSE ART EXAM**

Tuesday, 25th April 2023 - Wednesday, 26th April 2023

## **YEAR 7B PARENTS' EVENING**

Tuesday, 25th April 2023

## **SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY**

Monday, 1st May 2023

## **SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY**

Monday, 8th May 2023

Please see our website for a full list of events and term dates.

<https://www.sponne.org.uk>