

Sensory Inclusion Service Hearing Impairment Newsletter

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Summer Cover

There is a Teacher of the Deaf on duty every week of the summer holidays.

Contact SENDandInclusion@telford.gov.uk or 01952 385269 for support.

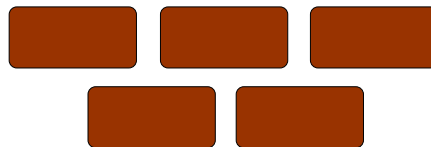
Family Group will run on 25th July and 22nd August for preschool children only.



Batteries and Tubing: a reminder about how to access these

You can also order batteries and tubing online, via the link below:

<https://www.sath.nhs.uk/wards-services/az-services/audiology/battery/>



Hearing Aid Review appointments, hospital appointments and hearing tests

Due to the building work at RSH (Shrewsbury Hospital), hearing tests are likely to take place at PRH (Telford Hospital) or Stepping Stones for the time being, however there are also some additional outreach clinics so they could be at one of these places. It is very important to check appointment letters to ensure you know where the appointment venue will be.

Outstanding Achievement



★ Principal's Special Award - Winner
★ Outstanding achiever for Foundation - Winner
★ Achieved highly commended certificate for Victor Ludorum award

Jordan, who is profoundly deaf, is studying on the Prince's Trust programme which is designed to maximise young people's chances of moving into employment, education or training. Jordan has now completed his first year of college and is described as a fantastic role model. He has made huge strides in his confidence, joining clubs, and becoming an independent learner. Everyone is proud of his approach and attitude to learning. He hasn't allowed his profound deafness to prevent him from embracing all aspects of Telford College life and has been the deserving winner of the High Sheriff of Shropshire award for High Sheriff of Shropshire's Outstanding Young Citizen Award.

Outside of college has become an important and popular member of the local community. He has attended community safety events, festive celebrations, summer festivals, and the King's Coronation celebration. He also teaches line dancing with his family at the Lawley Village Line Dance Club, encouraging people from his local area to meet new people, learn a new skills and have lots of fun.

For the last 18 months he has been volunteering as 'Mawley the Lawley Mole', a community mascot who attends local events in support of local projects.

Jordan is going on to study Level 2 Art and Design Diploma in September, and we wish him the very best of luck with his studies.





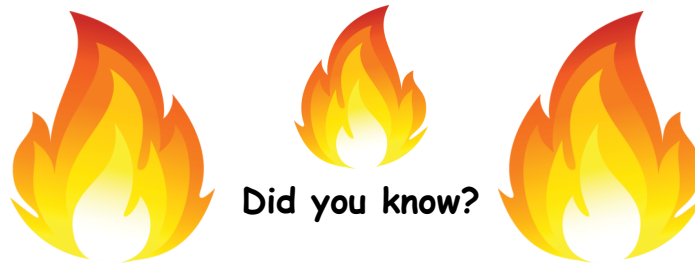
Elsie talked to the children about her hearing band. She explained why she had to wear them, how they help her and how the headband picks up different sounds.

The children watched Giovanni and Rose's special dance on Strictly Come Dancing and a video about different types of hearing aids.

The children had lots of questions to ask Elsie and she was able to explain the importance of her hearing bands.

Elsie was proud to show off her hearing band and has great confidence in wearing them.

Well Done Elsie, we are so proud of you!



The fire service offer free safe and well checks.

To organise a visit contact

01743 260200 or email safeandwell@shropshirefire.gov.uk

CEA card

Did you know that you may be entitled to apply for a CEA card.

What is it? The card enables a disabled cinema guest to receive a complimentary ticket for someone to go with them when they visit a participating cinema.

Where can I use it? It is accepted at 90% of cinemas.

Is there a charge for this? There is a £6 charge.

How long is the card valid? It is valid for 1 year.

To find out more information visit: <https://www.ceacard.co.uk>

Did you know that there is a new **NDCS app**, available on Google Play and the App Store?
My NDCS gives you information and support, no matter your child's level or type of deafness.



Shropshire Deaf Children's Society

SDCS was set up over 66 years ago by Edwin Owen following a chance encounter with a 12 year old deaf girl with no speech which occurred while he was serving with the Army in Italy during WW2. Upon his return to England Mr Owen trained as an ear, nose and throat surgeon and later moved to work at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. The charity is still going strong and continues to support hearing impaired children and their families across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin. Over the past few years, the SDCS has paid for equipment, funded bowling nights, Christmas parties, pantomime trips, Family Fun days and much more.

We are grateful to all of the volunteers from the SDCS committee who give up their time to ensure that these events can take place.

SDCS are always looking for volunteers to join the committee to bring new ideas. If you would like to join us, please contact Kate secretary@sdcs.org.uk

Parents Event 2024

A while back, I sent out a questionnaire asking parents for feedback which could be used to organise a parents only event. I am pleased to announce that this has been booked for

Friday 20th September, 7pm at The Riverbank, Shrewsbury.

This will be funded by SDCS. If you would like to be considered for tickets, please contact Nicky Clark

nichola.clark@telford.gov.uk



Easy Fundraising



Just a reminder that Shropshire Deaf Childrens Society are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise **FREE** donations for them every time you shop online.

These donations really mount up and make a **BIG** difference.

You can find their easyfundraising page at

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=292766&invite=32xlwr&referral-campaign=c2s>

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you what a vital role the Society plays in the support and advancement of all our children. Over the years, the SDCS has paid for equipment for your children, organised bowling nights, Christmas parties, transition days and much more.

Please take a few minutes to sign up to start collecting money for upcoming events.

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Our Fabulous Fundraisers

A huge Thank you to the following schools for supporting Shropshire Deaf Children's Society



Redhill Primary

For raising a fantastic

£437.00

by holding a bake sale

Whitchurch Primary

For raising a fantastic

£411.30

by holding a non- uniform day

Longlands Primary

For raising a fantastic

£107.60

by holding a bake sale

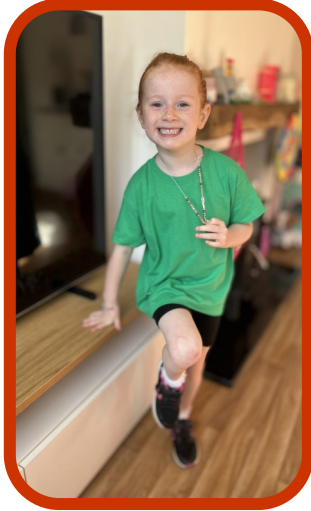


A huge thank you to Robert Hall who chose Shropshire Deaf Children's Society as his charity for the year. During that time Robert held a series of events and raised an incredible £2000 for the charity. Robert presented SDCS Chair, Louise with a cheque.



SDCS Awards 2024

The Margy Lloyd Achievement Award



Eden has made an excellent start to school life. She has persevered and has now settled in well to the Reception Class. She has demonstrated courage and bravery as she did not find the transition from nursery to school easy. Eden will now let an adult know when her hearing aids are not working which is an amazing achievement! She is confident and very chatty with familiar adults and children in familiar surroundings. She loves to share her home/ school book. She particularly enjoys talking about her family. Eden and her family took part in a cake sale at school to raise funds for Shropshire Deaf Children's Society during 'Deaf Awareness' week in May 2024. Well done Eden for all you have achieved!

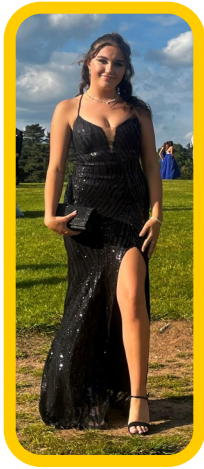


Having supported Charlie since he started school, it has been a pleasure to see him so well settled and happy there. Charlie is a very sociable boy and a popular member of his class. He has grown in confidence over the last 4 years at school and will now put his hand up during discussion work and is happy to stand in front of the class when taking part in performances. Charlie has made steady progress with his language and learning and this year he has tried really hard with his reading. Charlie will now even offer to help other children in his group to sound out words or read words he knows when they are struggling. Charlie is a very helpful member of the class and likes to be given jobs to do. He embraces new challenges, such as enjoying swimming lessons with school recently. Charlie loves to role play and when exploring class texts will show his understanding of the story by acting out scenes. He makes fantastic use of his voice to represent different characters. Well done Charlie!



The Kimberley Jones Award

We are so proud of the outstanding progress that Effie has made in her first year at secondary school. There are so many changes that come your way during that first year, lots of new teachers and children to get to know, new subjects, new routines and a much bigger building to find your way around. Effie has tackled it all and come out smiling! She has made new friends, performed in the school musical, managed her own hearing equipment and worked her socks off in all her lessons. Well done Effie - we hope you feel proud of yourself too!



This award has been given to Angelika to show how proud we are of her achievements at secondary school. Angelika is profoundly deaf and was first fitted with her hearing aids when she was 4 months old. She has been supported by SIS since she was a baby and is now a very independent 16 year old who has just finished her GCSEs. Angelika loves travelling and has exciting plans for her future. She is off to college in September to study Travel and Tourism. We are so proud of Angelika's positive energy and determination to succeed. Good luck with your studies Angelika!

Sophie Hill is a phenomenal young lady who has just finished year 11. Sophie is an excellent hearing aid user and has a very good understanding of her own moderate hearing loss and what she needs to do to ensure access to learning, a social life and the world of work. Not only does she work hard in lessons, she also has the confidence to perform on stage.

Sophie's confidence and determination to achieve her dreams shine through. She played one of the star roles in Oliver this year, playing Nancy and singing a solo beautifully. As her teacher of the deaf I observed Sophie in her drama lesson nearly two years ago and could see her love of performance and her ability to work with others to make amazing things happen. Since then, she has got a job to earn her own money and been accepted into College for September 2024.

The future looks bright for Sophie who may look like a swan on the outside - gliding along effortlessly. Underneath the water, Sophie is paddling at full speed, coping with the challenges of her deafness, managing the stress of exam pressure and working so hard.

You are an inspiration to us all Sophie and deserve this award from Shropshire Deaf Children's Society.



The Andrew Broughton Award



Haydn has changed so much in the last year! This time last year he was being home-schooled and waiting to start at his new school. He joined Year 6 at his new school in September and has settled in so well with his new teachers and classmates. Haydn has a profound hearing loss and was fitted with cochlear implants when he was 2 years old. He loves playing games, talking about his family and his 3 pet cats. It is so much fun working with Haydn, he has a wonderful sense of humour and often has a funny story to share about his kittens. Haydn we are so proud of the way you have settled into your new school and we love your sense of humour!

Reece has been supported by the SIS service since he was a baby and it has been a delight to watch him grow. He has amazed us all in his Independence with his hearing aids or his 'EARS' as he calls them. He not only takes them in and out independently, lets adults know when there is a fault, but also every day he puts them in as soon as he gets up - EYES OPEN / EARS ON .

Reece deserves this award for his amazing progress in his attention, listening and focus. It has been a joy to witness his determination, wicked sense of humour and competitiveness. Reece you are an absolute superstar !



The SDCS Further Education Achievement Award



Alexia is profoundly deaf and has one cochlear implant. She is originally from Moldova and came to England with her family towards the end of secondary school, so as well as coping with deafness, she has spent many years learning English, firstly in school, and later, in college. Through dedication and hard work, she has gained great success with this.



Alexia is leaving college this summer, and this year she has balanced her college course with a part-time placement in a local hairdressing salon. She is an incredibly talented hairstylist has always wanted to go into hairdressing as a career. She has been so successful in the salon, and so popular with both the staff and the customers since she started, that they have taken her on as a paid employee. She can be very proud of such an amazing achievement.



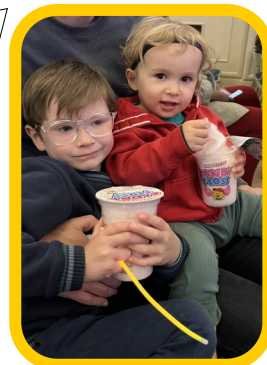
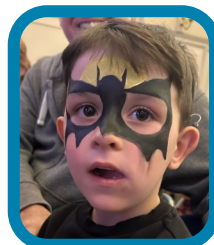
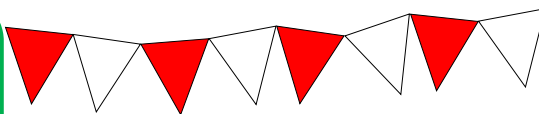
Alexia is a popular member of the college community and has made many friends during her time at college. She is a very sociable, outgoing young person with a great sense of humour and everyone who knows her comments on her friendly personality and easy-going nature. She is an excellent role model for other deaf students, polite, willing and enthusiastic, and was recently presented with a college award for the best student from the Foundation courses.



Alexia has been a complete pleasure to work with through the years. She thoroughly deserves this award and will no doubt continue to achieve success in the future.



Circus Starr



We were delighted to be offered tickets for the Circus Starr Tour 2024. Everyone had a great time being entertained by acrobats, jugglers, skating duo, dancers, Nula Hula with the sensory hula hoops and not forgetting Lukinha, the hilarious Clown!

Sensory Inclusion Service Family Group

SIS (HI) Family Group takes place every Thursday during term time for hearing impaired pre-school children and their families.

Families can arrive anytime between 9.30 am – 11.30 am.



Autumn 2024

September

5th - Dot crafts

12th - Roald Dahl crafts

19th - Pirate Crafts

26th - **SIS course – no group**

October

3rd - Space crafts

10th - Harvest crafts

17th – Baking week

24th - Bonfire crafts

31st - **Half term – no group**

November

7th - Remembrance crafts

14th – Nursery rhyme crafts

21st – Apple crafts

28th – Tree crafts

December

5th – Trip

12th – Christmas crafts

19th - Party



The Stepping Stones Centre, Brunel Road, Malinslee, TF3 2BF

Sat Nav TF3 2HZ

If you have not attended Family Group recently, or if you are interested in attending for the first time, then please get in touch. It is a chance to meet other families, have a coffee, for the children to play and to engage in art and craft activities.

Mark Rutter also attends to check hearing devices.

If you are interested in attending, contact Nichola Clark on 07581035047 or nichola.clark@telford.gov.uk

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Sensory Inclusion Service update



We want to give a HUGE thank you to Nicky Clark for organising another year full of fun SDCS and Family Group events this year! Alongside her SIF role for the HI arm of the services, she has been supporting our VI colleagues in the same way - we are so lucky to have her tireless positivity and enthusiasm! I have had a sneaky peak at what's on in the coming year, and I know our families are going to love it.

The recent Awards Evening in Shrewsbury was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the success of all our fabulous children and young people and their families! CONGRATULATIONS to all our prize-winners who received certificates and awards for their huge effort – well done all of you.

Thank you to the SDCS Committee for their support and hard work in putting the whole event together. And of course to you, our families, for supporting the committee and all they do, to support the Sensory Inclusion Service. Of course I can't mention the SDCS without paying tribute to our out-going chair of the committee Ian Barrett. Ian is a parent of a profoundly deaf son, now celebrating his recent 2:1 graduation from University. Ian's commitment and dedication to the SDCS has spanned many years since his son's diagnosis. He has been chair of the committee for the last 10 years and we would like to pay tribute to all he has done in service to the organisation and the committee. He has championed the work of SIS through many changes over the years and we would like to thank him for his unwavering support.

The incredible events put on by the SDCS to support our families and children would not be possible without our volunteers and we are always looking for new committee members. So please come forward if you can spare just a little time – without the funds and energy of the SDCS none of these fantastic days would happen. If you are not in a position to offer time, perhaps you would consider a small fundraising activity to help support the charity. This could be encouraging your child's school to do an event for the SDCS or a pub quiz or any other small event which could contribute. Hopefully you will be inspired by our 'Champion Fundraisers' celebrated in this newsletter.

It's been a strange year for SIS with many changes, most significantly saying farewell to Theresa Robinson, SIS Team Leader. We have all been so lucky to have worked alongside such an inspirational expert in deaf education, and we have benefited greatly from her wisdom, kindness and guidance. We miss her, and hope to carry on her legacy of putting deaf children and their families at the heart of everything we do in the Sensory Inclusion Service.

And finally to wish you all a fantastic (and let's hope for sunny) summer holiday! Enjoy some much needed family time together and we look forward to seeing you all in new school year.

Warmest wishes,

The SIS Team

Attingham Picnic



We were really lucky to be offered tickets to visit Attingham park again.

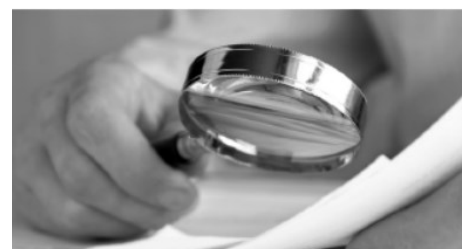


Our next visit to Attingham will take place on 7th December 2024.

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