



VI Team Newsletter



Summer 2 2024

Welcome to the VI Summer newsletter. Read on for further information on our team, the children we support, help available and events you may be interested in.

Please let us know your good news stories or make suggestions for the next newsletter!

You can also contact us with any enquiries at: visualimpairmentteam@rotherham.gov.uk

Celebration and pupil social event!!

Tuesday 16th July 3.30-4.30pm @ Kimberworth Place



Our student Sienna will be leaving us to go off to University to study music!!

Our next pupil social will be a celebration of her success, and a chance to wish her luck. Sienna is a talented singer and musician- she may even bring her keyboard and play for us! We will be having party themed activities and snacks.

This is open to pupils of all ages.- Pupils under the age of 6 years will need a parent or guardian to attend with them, pupils older than 6 to attend independently.

Parents coffee and chat (and cake) will be running at the same time

Email to book on! visionimpairmentteam@rotherham.gov.uk

COMPETITION TIME!!

As we are now officially in Summer and hoping for summer weather, we are holding a Summer themed competition!

Please send us photos of you enjoying your favourite summer activity, a summer themed art project/picture, or summer themed writing.

This is open to everyone, and our favourites will be featured in the Autumn Newsletter.

There will be a prize for the winner!

The closing date will be the Monday 2nd September.

All entries need to be sent to the email address above.



VI team news



We are pleased to announce that we have two new Teachers joining the team!

- Rachel Morley has been with our team as a TA and will be joining the teaching team from this half term.
- Helen Thorpe will be joining the teaching team in September.
- Both will be coming out to meet lots of our children during their first few weeks!

We are also looking for some new specialist TA's. Please share if you know anybody who might be interested in the role. We will introduce our new TA in the Autumn newsletter.

External support and events:

For children who have a Hearing Impairment or Complex Needs alongside their Vision Impairment, Sense offers a range of support with free play sessions or access to MSI teachers. Click here for more information.

Team GB and Paralympics have teamed up with RNIB to ensure children with VI can join in with 'path to Paris'. With this you can be part of the excitement in the build up to the Olympic games. Click here to find out more.

VICTA are running a range of activities for children and young people with VI from football, to learning Spanish, cycling and even a trip to Alton Towers. Find out more here.

A new podcast 'let's talk VI sport' is now available. The link to listen is here.

Fundraising

MS and her twin sister raised a huge £519 for guide dogs!

They held a bake sale, selling lots of homemade cakes and a raffle to win a guide dog teddy at the local pub.

Well done girls an amazing achievement!



GOOD NEWS STORIES!!



- ✓ **RP has successfully completed her SATs and is about to start her transition to secondary!**
- ✓ **WD is now getting on and off the bus independently!**
- ✓ **LS has set up a work experience at a local primary school and is currently undertaking it!**
- ✓ **HSG is now able to see more colours!**
- ✓ **AE is trying really hard in PE!**
- ✓ **AP is now making eye contact and using more words!**
- ✓ **EMW tried so hard at her first touch typing session and didn't give up!**
- ✓ **SB is continuing to work hard at her cane skills!**
- ✓ **MA has made lots of progress at nursery and is ready to make the next steps to school!**