



NST Newsletter: Monday 13th January 2025

This week's newsletter features the following items:

- Rainbow Stripes
- Newline Screen, plus Dining Tables and Chairs for Sale at Snape Wood (**1 attachment**)
- SAAF Workshops for School Business Managers
- CPD Opportunities from Notts Healthcare Speech and Language Therapy Training Service (**1 attachment**)
- Funded Numeracy Opportunity for Primary Schools (**1 attachment**)
- Festival of Science and Curiosity Magazines
- New CPD Opportunities from NASEN
- New Phonics Screening Check Report Now Available in FFT Aspire (**1 attachment**)
- Spring Term Subject Leader Network Meetings

Rainbow Stripes

Mark Brumwell at Middleton has asked us to share the following information with you about Rainbow Stripes:

Many of you will know of Rainbow Stripes (i.e. Pete and Sue) already; at Middleton, we've had them doing an afternoon's session (as part of our F2 PPA cover) for around 10 years now and they're always brilliant with the children and bring a smile and a real buzz to the classroom (and great value for money too!). Sue was telling me before Christmas that with cuts and tight budgets they've lost some of their regular slots, so I asked her to send a little promo to share via NST:

Rainbow Stripes, live music workshops for children, have some availability in 2025. Working in Nottingham for the last 21 years, we can provide interactive sessions for children aged 2-6 years and musical enrichment sessions for SEND children. The sessions cover many parts of the curriculum and foster a sense of wellbeing and working together. Please get in touch with Sue Scargill on 07792 308432 or sue@rainbowstripes.net for more information.



Newline Screen, plus Dining Tables and Chairs for Sale at Snape Wood

Snape Wood have x6 collapsible dining tables (as pictured above) - each one seating x12 children for sale:

- 3 with yellow seats
- 3 with green seats

Additionally, Snape Wood have a nearly new Newline 65 inch screen and stand for sale – please see the attached document for pictures/further details.

If any of these items are of interest to you, please contact Alison Howarth (School Business Manager) asap, at a.howarth@snapewood.nottingham.sch.uk

SAAF Workshops for School Business Managers

SAAF are running two workshops which are free for NST SBMs to attend (the year-end workshop is not suitable for stand alone academies as they have a different year end date). The budget setting workshop is available to any NST School (including stand-alone academies) regardless of their budgeting software (it is not specific to any budgeting tool).

Year-end workshop – 14th March, 9.00am to 11.30am

- Process on FMS
- Preparing for year end- orders, invoices, unreconciled bank items
- LA funding
- Accruals and debtors
- Closing the system
- Key dates for LA

Budget setting workshop – 19th March, 9.00am to 11.30am

- Principles of Budgeting
- Funding Streams
- Staffing Assumptions
- Multi Year budgeting
- What if scenarios

Both sessions are taking place at Nottingham Nursery School and Training Centre. Places can be booked by sending an email to Vicky and Jo at v.butters@saafeducation.org and j.travis@saafeducation.org.



CPD Opportunities from Notts Healthcare Speech and Language Therapy Training Service

Please find attached a brochure from Notts Healthcare Speech and Language Therapy Training service, which outlines their training offer for spring 2025. This brochure included details of their free 'Talking Matters' online training course (suitable for practitioners working with children 0-5).



Funded Numeracy Opportunity for Primary Schools

[National Numeracy](#), the UK's only independent charity dedicated to everyday maths, is recruiting primary schools to join the Schools & Families Programme to tackle low number confidence in pupils, parents/carers and staff. See the attached document for further information. A webinar with more detailed information about the programme will be hosted on **Thursday, 16th January 2025 at 12.30pm**. Those interested in attending can register [here](#)



Festival of Science and Curiosity Magazines

Megan Shore (Programmes Manager at [Ignite!](#)) has been in touch to remind schools they can still register to receive free festival magazine, which will be dropped off to schools in late January. Target age group is years 5 and 6. Schools can register [via an online form here](#).

New CPD Opportunities from NASEN

[Click here](#) to view the latest email newsletter from NASEN where you can find details of all their upcoming CPD opportunities.

New Phonics Screening Check Report Now Available in FFT Aspire

Please see the attached email for details of the new set of Phonics Screening Check (PSC) analysis reports that are now available on FFT Aspire.

Spring Term Subject Leader Network Meetings

The following Subject Leader Network meetings are now available to book via our booking platform, Universe. Click on the hyperlinks below for further details/to book in:

- Diversity Network – [Thursday 23rd January, 1.00pm to 3.00pm](#)
- RE Network – [Monday 27th January, 3.30pm to 4.30pm](#)
- History Network – [Tuesday 28th January, 1.30pm to 3.30pm](#)
- Music Network – [Thursday 30th January, 2.00pm to 4.00pm](#)
- Phonics Network – [Monday 3rd February, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#)
- PSHE Network – [Wednesday 5th February, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#)
- Languages Network – [Thursday 6th February, 3.45pm to 5.15pm](#)
- Curriculum Leads Network – [Friday 7th February, 1.00pm to 3.30pm](#)
- Geography Network – [Monday 10th February, 1.15pm to 4.15pm](#)
- Computing Network – [Monday 10th February, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- Early Years Network – [Thursday 13th February, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- PE, School Sport and Physical Activity Network – [Monday 24th February 1.15pm to 3.15pm](#)
- English Network – [Wednesday 26th February, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)
- Art Network – [Thursday 27th February, 1.30pm to 3.45pm](#) *updated start/end times*
- Assessment Leads Network – [Friday 28th February, 1.00pm to 3.30pm](#)
- Design and Technology Network – [Tuesday 4th March, 2.00pm to 4.00pm](#)
- Inclusion Network – [Thursday 13th March, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- Science Network – [Monday 17th March, 1.00pm to 4.00pm](#)

Jane Gill will be running her spring term **Maths Network** on the following date:

- [Tuesday 4th February, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)

If you have any queries or if you experience any issues when using these booking links, please let [Emily](#) know.