

NST Newsletter: Monday 1st November 2021

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Olympic Silver Medallist Emily Campbell Returns to Snape Wood Primary School

Former pupil Emily Campbell, Olympic silver medallist in the +87kg weightlifting category, returned to Snape Wood primary School as part of their Black History Month celebrations. Sky Sports have written an article about Emily's visit, which explains how she first developed her competitive edge at Snape Wood, and how she shared her story with teachers and pupils to inspire them to follow in her footsteps.

Please take a look when you have a moment, it's a brilliant read!

[Black History Month: Weightlifter Emily Campbell reflects on her journey to making GB Olympic history | Olympics News | Sky Sports](#)

Congratulations to Shewley and everyone at Snape Wood for arranging a wonderful, inspiring visit to the school from Emily.

NST Phonics and Reading Training Programme

Jess Steele and Janet Thompson will be delivering a number of online phonics and reading training sessions for us, which are now available to book. Click on the hyperlinks below to read more about what each session entails and to book your places.

- [Letters and Sounds Interventions and Strategies for Maximising Progress for the Lowest 20% - Monday 15th November, 3.30pm to 5.00pm](#)
- [Spelling in Key Stage 2 – Tuesday 16th November, 3.30pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [‘Spellonics’ - Phonics into Spelling for Phase 6 \(Yrs 2 & 3\) – Wednesday 8th December, 3.30pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Developing a sequence of teaching based on a quality text \(focus on the reading phase\) – Thursday 9th December, 3.30pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Shared and Guided Reading – Wednesday 12th January, 3.30pm to 5.30pm](#)

New Event for DSLs – Termly Safeguarding Surgery Sessions

Kim Wenyon, accompanied by the team of NST ADSLs, will be hosting termly Safeguarding Surgery sessions this year, the first of which will take place on **Tuesday 16th November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm, at Nottingham Nursery School and Training Centre.**

These meetings will be an opportunity for DSL's to have some group supervision and be able to share concerns and raise any issues. Each cluster group will be supported by their named ADSL.

Visit our Eventbrite page to book your place: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cluster-safeguarding-surgery-session-tickets-163351896921>

Autumn Term Network Meetings

The following autumn term Subject Leader Network meetings are now available to book (the History Network date has been newly added this week). Click on the links below to visit our Eventbrite page:

- [Performing Arts Network – Monday 1st November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Phonics Network – Thursday 4th November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Assessment Leads Network – Friday 5th November, 1.30pm to 3.30pm](#)
- [Design and Technology Network – Friday 5th November, 2.30pm to 4.30pm](#)
- [Geography Network – Monday 8th November, 3.45pm to 5.00pm](#)
- [ICT Network – Wednesday 10th November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [MFL Network – Thursday 11th November, 3.45pm to 5.00pm](#)
- [Early Years Network – Thursday 18th November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Diversity Network Meeting – Tuesday 23rd November, 2.00pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [PE Network](#) (note – this is a link to the Active Notts conference on 24/11/2021, which we are funding PE Leaders to attend)
- [Maths Network – Friday 3rd December, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [Inclusion Network – Wednesday 1st December, 3.30pm to 5.00pm](#)
- [History network – Thursday 9th December, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)

- [Science Network – Monday 13th December, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)

Email [Emily](#) if you have any queries.

Autumn Term Forging Ahead and Careering Ahead Meetings

Just to remind you, our autumn term leadership programme meetings with Sally Manz are coming up soon. Places can be booked by clicking on the links below; please forward the details to your middle and senior leaders:

- [Careering Ahead Programme for Middle Leaders – Tuesday 9th September, 1.30pm to 4.00pm, at Nottingham Nursery School & Training Centre.](#)
- [Forging Ahead Programme for Senior Leaders – Monday 15th November, 1.30pm to 4.00pm, at Nottingham Nursery School & Training Centre](#)

CPD Wellness Workshop Teacher Training at Robin Hood Primary School

'The Book of Beasties' are running a workshop at Robin Hood Primary School on Wednesday 24th November to offer full training and insight into their award-winning mental wellness intervention, and related social emotional learning materials delivered by Book of Beasties co-founder and co-creator Phil Tottman. The cost of attendance is £60 per attendee + £40 if you would like a resource.

For more details or to register, visit their Eventbrite page here: [CPD Wellness Workshop Teacher Training at Robin Hood Primary Tickets, Wed 24 Nov 2021 at 16:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training Coming Up

The local Authority are running their next online Youth Mental Health First Aid training between 8th – 18th November. Places are still available on a first come first served basis, so please sign up quickly if you would like to attend (**by close of play on Wednesday 3rd November**). See the attached flyer for further details about course outcomes and how to apply. The NST will cover the cost of the course materials so schools can book places at no cost.

Reminder: New EYFS Curriculum Development Working Group

Mary Prest will be facilitating an EYFS Curriculum Development Working Group which will consist of three sessions across the school year for Early Years Leaders, where you will be able to meet with colleagues, collaborate, discuss and share your work on developing your EYFS curriculum in light of the new EYFS Statutory Framework.

Ideally, you should aim to attend all three sessions which will be held at NST Head Office at Nottingham Nursery School and Training Centre, on:

- [Wednesday 17th November, 9.15am to 11.45am](#)
- [Wednesday 2nd February, 9.15am to 11.45am](#)
- [Wednesday 11th May, 9.15am to 11.45am](#)

Places are offered on a first come first served basis, with a limit of two participants per school. Click on the links above to book places for these sessions.

Call Out for New Governors

A number of our schools are looking to recruit new governors / Chairs of Governors. If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a governor please could you pass their details on to [Pat and Sarah](#) – thank you!

Update from Janet Thompson re SSPs / Letters and Sounds

Schools need to be making plans to review SSPs out there.

Top ones:

- RWinc.
- Little Wandle.
- ELS - work booklets and geared towards schools with high EAL.
- No nonsense - use work booklets

Link to find out about SSP's here: <https://www.burleywoodheadenglishhub.com/ssp-programmes>

Update with Letters and Sounds and validated schemes:

- There is no suggestion that Letters and Sounds will disappear.
- Current L&S accredited training will continue until July 2023, so there will be continuity for schools who are already using the current programme.
- The new validated list (following a re-validation process to begin Summer 2021) means there will be more high-quality choice for schools looking at which SSP to use.
- There will be no expectation that schools using Letters and Sounds well, and achieving excellent results, will have to change to a new programme.
- There is no need to rush any decision about choosing an SSP; schools will be provided with support and guidance about the range of options.

The Learners First English Hub are supplying advice and funding to help choose and purchase an SSP. Visit their website for further details:

<https://www.learnersfirst.net/english-hub/>

Interactive Book Readings by Amanda Stephenson

Amanda Stephenson, teacher at Dovecote Primary School, has written a book for children about her sausage dog Frank called '[Frank's Discovery](#)'. Amanda hopes to visit schools to read the book in an interactive way, to raise money for charity (mainly supporting education initiatives in Africa and Sri Lanka). She recently visited Radcliffe on Trent infant and Nursery School as a visiting author which was really well received!

Visit Amanda's website to find out more: www.dancinginpuddles.org

