

Hearing Support Team News

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Dates to Note

Schools Closed to Pupils:

Thursday 2nd May (local elections)

Monday 6th May (holiday)

Friday 24th May (holiday)

Monday 27th May (holiday)

Last Day of Term: 27th June

Hearing Support Events

Primary Deaf Football Event –
Rugby Park, Kilmarnock
22 May 2024

Secondary Deaf Football
Event – Rouken Glen Park
14th June 2014

The end of term is nearly here! So much to do in so little time!

Senior pupils have started their exams and S6 pupils have now left school. With this in mind, we recognize that it is important that senior pupils leaving school have the right support.

All pupils with an assigned Teacher of the Deaf who are leaving school will have undergone a Leaver's Interview, and will have been provided with a booklet of helpful links and places to go if they need more support.

Registered Charity **Deaf Action** will be running a school leaver's weekend course over the weekend of 14th-16th June – all details of this course can be found [here](#).

Support is always available from your child's Teacher of the Deaf and your child's school Pupil Support Department.



IMPORTANT

All resources outlined in this newsletter are provided by third parties. Parents/ carers should check all resources themselves with the provider before signing their child up. Renfrewshire Council Hearing Support Service take no responsibility for external web content.

**You have brains
in your head.
You have feet in
your shoes. You
can steer
yourself in any
direction you
choose**
-Dr Seuss

**Turn on
the Subtitles**

We all know how important it is for children to read and hear language and one of easiest way to do that is to turn on the subtitles.

This online resource offers support and guidance to teachers and parents and has links to other online resources to support the use of subtitles on programming.

You can access TOTS [here](#).

More information about accessing subtitles and live captioning is available via the Sensory Team website [here](#).

There are many other resources on the Team's website, and it is updated regularly with new resources. Take a look!!

MED⁹EL

Hearing device manufacturer Med El is inviting Med El recipients and candidates for cochlear, middle ear or bone conduction implants or systems, as well as professionals working with users to a family fun day. The event will take place on 18th May 2024 at 10 am at the Stirling Highland Hotel.

The event will include opportunities for families and professionals to meet, opportunities for users to meet Med El team members, rehabilitation resources available for demo and an opportunity to meet Hearpeers Mentors. There will be entertainment and activities for children and refreshments will be available all day. Find out more [here](#).



It's spring and heading towards summer (if the sun ever comes out). Encourage your wee ones to look out and spot the beautiful cherry blossoms, whose flowers spread their joy EVERYWHERE in May!!

Inspiring Others



Jodie Ounsley – Fury

Photo from Radio Times

A 90's classic Saturday night TV show has returned to our screens!!

Gladiators returned to Saturday nights in early spring on BBC1 with a whole new cast of Gladiators including body builders, professional athletes and sports stars.

One star, Jodie Ounsley, is a former professional rugby player for Exeter

Chiefs Women, and honorary president of UK Deaf Sport. Jodie proudly wears a Cochlear Implant on the show and under her helmet while competing and has been a hot topic of conversation amongst some of our young pupils who recognised her as wearing a device just like them.

A great deaf role model!!

The most recent series of Gladiators can be seen on BBC iPlayer.

Teachers of the Deaf

We know that life gets really busy and you might not always have the support you need at the time you need it. Some young people might be issued with hearing devices and take it in their stride and others might find it difficult to adjust.

If your child or young person has a hearing device, remember that you can contact their Teacher of the Deaf at any time for support – changing a battery, troubleshooting or just a bit of advice. You can contact the email below, or through your child's school. We're here for you!

Get in touch if there is something you would like to share!
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Help Professionals to Help you!!

Researchers at the University of Edinburgh and University of the West of England are looking for parents of children supported by Teachers of the Deaf to give their opinions about the support they receive. Full details can be found [here](#) if you would like to add your views. Thank you!!