



SERENA'S TUITION NEWSLETTER



Week 34

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Bonjour! Welcome to our penultimate newsletter of the term. I can't believe how quickly this term is going. One minute I'm planning a Wimbledon-mystery treasure hunt, the next minute... all the feedback has gone out! How lucky am I to call this my 'job'?

LKS2 Boosters

Anyone for tennis? We had such fun this week, solving a Wimbledon-inspired mystery. Having tackled questions relating to: properties of 3D shapes; types of quadrilateral and triangle; symmetry; reflections; and angle, we surmised that Coach Velo was the dastardly culprit, responsible for the remote-controlled ball!

This lesson was about so much more than maths so. The groups worked together beautifully to find each other's clues, and to read/define unfamiliar terms to each other. I was proud of each and every Boostie, who reflected the Serena's Tuition

Mantra:

'We are kind, we encourage, and we help each other to learn!'

UKS2 MATHS BOOSTERS

This week my Maths Boosties headed off for a (not so) luxury spa day, only to discover that a murder had been committed at the health club! Working through a set of - really challenging - clues, covering everything from shapes to the Morse Code - we worked out that the culprit was:

- wearing a hat
- in a new skirt
- could drive
- had dark hair

Well... once we knew all that, there was only one possible culprit. It was blinking Chardonnay wasn't it? She should never have been invited along!

UKS2 English Boosters

The Battle of Trafalgar!

The 'Boostie Boys', guided by Stephen - who looked fab in his bicorn hat - got to grips with a period of history that isn't usually covered in primary school: the Battle of Trafalgar. We're all familiar with Nelson's Column, and Trafalgar Square, but (if you're anything like me) you don't know much about the history and events surrounding those iconic monuments. The boys ordered a timeline, read a text, watched a video, discussed their 'findings' and shared ideas. It was an interesting hour, and they all emerged with a greater understanding of this period of British (and French) history.

11+ Sessions, and an ALL NEW TOPIC!

The 11+ changes all the time, and it's part of our role to be 'on top' of those alterations. New topics and questions types are 'dropped in', no doubt with the aim of catching-out unsuspecting 11+ candidates (poor things). Fortunately, my colleague Jo spotted that NVR Operations are now 'a thing'. For those of you familiar with NVR questions, these 'newbies' are similar to analogies, but they are tougher. Multiple - numbered - changes are shown at the top of the page, and a list of corresponding numbers are then written next to an image. Students have to tally-up the numbers with the changes, and apply them (often multiple times). Carefully guided, and brilliantly supported by Stephen, Bal, Emilia, Ellouise, Jamie, Charlie (new TA), Sam and my good self, the students took to these questions like 'ducks to water'. They all worked with increasing confidence and independence, with final scores ranging from 60-100% on this new topic! Go team!

Kent Libraries Summer Reading Challenge - Read to the Beat!

The Reading Agency's Summer Reading Challenge is returning to Kent Libraries from Saturday 4 July to Saturday 5 September. The Challenge invites children aged 4 to 11 to take part and enjoy reading for fun. And it's **completely free**. This year's theme, **Read to the Beat**, celebrates the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire, and connect us - all through the magic of reading. Please your little one up by following this link - <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>.

11+ Maths Question - Have a go!

8) Calculate $3^2 \times (9 - 4) \div 3$

A	B	C	D	E
15	45	30	24	56

Answer:
 1. Using the order of operations:
 2. Work out the power: $3 \times 3 = 9$
 3. Work out the brackets: $9 - 4 = 5$
 4. Multiply: $9 \times 5 = 45$
 5. Divide: $45 \div 3 = 15$
 6. Answer: $15 = A$
 Now imagine you're 10, stressed, and have < 60 seconds to calculate your answer!



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Please email me to sign-up for any of these sessions or to find out more.

11+ Group Session Dates

- Tuesday 21 July, 10am-12pm, Southfleet
- Tuesday 28 July, 10am-12pm, Southfleet
- W/c 10 August, 11+ Intensive Course, Southfleet, details TBC Tuesday 18 August, 10am-12pm, Southfleet
- Tuesday 25 August, 10am-12pm, Southfleet
- Tuesday 1 September, 4-6pm, Southfleet

11+ Intensive Course

If you would like to sign your child up, please email enquiries@serenasrochester.com

- **LOCATION:** Haydon Cross, Southfleet
- **DATES:** 10th-14th August (incl.)
- **TIMES:** 9.30am-1pm daily
- **COST:** £400 for 15hrs of expert tuition

11+ Zooms - £20ph - Just 12 per group

- 2D & 3D Shape: 22/07 @ 9am
- Fractions: 22/07 @ 11am
- Probability: 29/07 @ 9am
- Algebra: 29/07 @ 11am
- Angles: 12/08 @ 9am
- Number Knowledge: 12/08 @ 11am
- Fractions/Decimals/%: 19/08 @ 9am
- Interpreting Data: 19/08 @ 11am
- Averages: MMR: 26/08 @ 9am
- Ratio and Proportion: 26/08 @ 11am

1-2-1s - ALL NEW BOOKING SYSTEM

Wow! I felt very 'ON IT' this week when I worked out how to set-up a 'USER-FRIENDLY' booking system for summer 1-2-1s. I've uploaded (and will continue to upload) dates and times when we are free to deliver 1-2-1s throughout July and August, both in Gravesend and Southfleet.

I've emailed the link to you all, so you can simply click and book! It couldn't be easier. The QR code that will take you to the booking page is at the top of the page, so feel free to check it out!

GOOD NEWS GALLERY

Libraries matter, and the government have put their money where their mouth is this week with the opening of a brand-new library at a school in south-east London, giving more than 400 children access to a welcoming space filled with books. It is the first library to open as part of the Government's commitment to ensure that every primary school in England has a library by 2029. The opening brought together pupils, authors and ministers to celebrate reading and the opportunities it creates. For many children, especially those who may not have many books at home, a school library can become a doorway into new worlds, new vocabulary and greater confidence. It is a lovely reminder that investing in books also means investing in children's futures.



Thank you Sam!

After four AMAZING years as a TA, here at Serena's Tuition, Samuel O'Mara has taken the wise decision to focus solely on his A-Level studies next year. It has been a joy - and privilege - to see him grow into the role of TA. He has been - tirelessly and consistently - kind, supportive, positive and polite. He is such a role model to the students, and I can't thank him - and his family - enough for all the support they've given over the years. Thank you Sam, and all the best with your studies next year. I look forward to hearing how your future career in physio unfolds. We'll miss you.