



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Be there for others but never leave yourself behind."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Despite it being a bit of a soggy week (I can vouch for that myself after Forest School at Sinai Park House on Tuesday!), we have had a very enjoyable and productive week in school. I am beginning to run low on stickers and certificates because of the large numbers of children who have been coming to see me with their work and because for their outstanding behaviour around school. The weather outside has been miserable at times but the atmosphere and mood inside has been very bright! You can read more about the children's achievements and what they have been learning in the 'Shobnall Showcase' further on in the newsletter. Keep it up children!

Next week we will be issuing a letter outlining the arrangements for parent consultations, scheduled for Monday 17 October and Wednesday 19 October 2022, 4.00 – 7.00pm. A link will be sent to your phone, which you will need to click on to book your appointment/s. Please ensure we have up-to-date numbers for you on our system so that you get your preferred slot/s.

We hope that you have a great weekend and, as always, we look forward to seeing you again on Monday! Enjoy!



Harvest Festival – Tuesday 4 October 2022

On **Monday 4 October**, the children will be celebrating harvest in our Harvest Festival assembly. Sadly, due to the closure of St. Aidan's Church, we won't be holding the service there. Father Robin is coming into school so that we can come together as a school family to talk about harvest and say "Thank You" for the food and clothes that we have. Each year, we like to support a local charity with donations of either money or food to support those children, adults and families who are less fortunate than us.

Therefore, please could I ask if you could make a small donation to our Harvest Festival by sending your child in to school on Tuesday 4 October with a tin or packet of food (non-perishable items only). We will once again be supporting the YMCA charity who will come and collect the donations later on during that day. Thank you!

Themed Lunch Day – Thursday 6 October 2022

If you would like your child to sample our 'Drive Thru' menu on Thursday 6 October, please view the choices below. Remember, there is a chance of finding a Golden Ticket to win a prize if children have a school dinner on this day! There is no requirement to pre-order a lunch if children don't usually have one, they simply choose their option at registration via their class teacher and lunches are charged through Parent Pay. We hope as many children as possible will try and engage with the theme!



Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Chicken Burger in a Bun, Hash Brown, Cookie & Drink	Quorn Burger in a Bun, Hash Brown, Cookie & Drink	Hot Dog (Pork), Hash Brown, Cookie & Drink	Quorn Dog, Hash Brown, Cookie & Drink

Year 6 Class Assembly!

We have also pencilled in the first of our class assemblies, which parents are welcome to attend. These will start at 9.15am and will be held in the school hall:

- **Year 6 – Thursday 1 December 2022**

Please look out for further dates in upcoming newsletters.



PFA News – Your Disco Needs You!

As you will be aware from last week's newsletter, the first fundraiser will be a **Fancy Dress Disco on Thursday 3 November 2022!** Fancy dress is optional, but it would be great to see as many of the children dressed as anything they wish! The infant disco will be 3.45 – 5.00pm and the junior disco will be 5.15 – 6.30pm. Miss Alexander, Mrs Sandhu, Miss Martin- Mills and some of our parent volunteers have very kindly said that they are more than happy for children who are attending the infant disco to bring in a change of clothes/costume

on the day, which they will help them get changed into. This is so that they are ready for the start of the disco at the end of school! Shobnall Stars will be in the Year 2 classroom on that evening. Tickets will be on sale week commencing 17 October, every morning before school by the entrance to the key stage 2 playground and will be priced from £2.50 - £3.50, dependent on any added 'extras' that children would like to pre-purchase. The PFA have also very kindly offered to sell tickets at Parents' Evening on 17 October and 19 October, where you will also be able to find out a little more about how to get involved and what your fundraising has achieved for the children. There will be a range of snacks, drinks and other unique merchandise on sale at the discos so children will need to bring a little extra spending money on the night should they wish to purchase anything on offer. Unfortunately, the PFA will not be able to subsidise them if they don't but water will be readily available if children do not bring spending money.

Walk to School Month!

We are encouraging pupils and parents to take part in Walk to School Month this October. Walking is a healthy, active and non-polluting way of getting to school. For those that live too far away to walk the whole distance away try parking 5-10 minutes from the school and walking the rest of the way. Walking

also promotes a less congested environment around the school gate making it safer for everyone.” This year there is a competition open to all Staffordshire schools to take part – please see the attachments at the end of the newsletter for an information sheet and poster. The winners will receive some fantastic prizes for the school!

Nursery Places Still Available!

Please note that there are still a few places left in our nursery, so enquire if you or someone else you know within the community, would like a place in our outstanding school.

Further information can be found on our school website [Admissions](#) page on how to apply for a place and we look forward to receiving your application!



Year 7 Secondary School Applications

The application window for a September 2023 start at secondary or high school is now open. Parents can apply online at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions. As in previous years, the local authority is no longer providing paper copies of the 'Information to Parents' booklet. Parents are able to access this booklet on their [website](#). Deadline for applications is **31 October 2022**.

Online Safety Tips

Right now, humans aren't living sustainably: we're taking too many resources and not leaving the world in a fit state for future generations. Old tech products are a clear example: if we throw them away, the poisonous lead and mercury inside can get into the food chain through the soil. Recycling tech, though, has its own issues: it's often exported to countries where the law doesn't protect people from hazards. Whole villages (including children) sort through discarded devices to remove useful parts and substances like gold, silver and copper – often putting their health at risk. Finding ways to re-use tech is the greenest option. In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of tips such as donating your old devices to charity, reusing your smartphones and recycling the batteries.



School Uniform Exchange

Please don't forget the *school uniform exchange*, which will continue this year! There is a box situated by the gate on the school car park for any parents who have items they wish to donate. Please could we ask that these are cleaned and in good condition before placing in the box! Amy Roobottom continues sorting and collating this. As previously stated, if you wish to contact Amy to ask what is available that you might be in need of, please contact the school office via shb-office@shb.jtmat.co.uk and we will ensure this is forwarded to her.



Hot Lunch Options – 3 October – 7 October 2022

WEEK 2					THEME LUNCH	
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
MAIN DISH	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	Traditional cottage pie	Roast chicken with mash potato & gravy	6.10.22 ONLY Chicken Burger in a Bun	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips	
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Chickpea & vegetable curry with 50/50 rice	Creamy butternut squash pasta	Vegetable cobbler with mash potato	Quorn Burger in a Bun	Cheese & bean bake with chunky chips	
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Corn on the cob & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & cauliflower Salad bar	Carrots & parsnips Salad bar	Hot Dog (Pork) in a Bun	Peas & baked beans Salad bar	
DESSERTS	Bananas & custard	Ginger biscuit	Chocolate & orange muffins	Quorn Sausage in a Bun Above all with Hash Brown	Chocolate brownie	
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Cake	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	
JACKET POTATO AND SANDWICH SELECTION	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	NO Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	

SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

Let's have a sneaky peek as to what has been going on in our classrooms this week...

Nursery

The nursery children have continued to grow in confidence this week and seem so much more settled. They are all doing an incredible job at following our routines and class rules! This week in nursery we have been focussing on the book 'What I like about me' and have been focussing on the verbs in the story and created some actions to go with them in order to help remember them. The nursery children then got creative and have been busy creating self-portraits of themselves using an assortment of resources and have been choosing what they like best about themselves like those in the story.

Reception

The children have had another great week in Reception! They have joined in with a range of activities linked to our current theme, 'Home Sweet Home.'

They had a great time exploring a variety of homes and made some wonderful comparisons between them as well as sharing details about their own homes. They then used a variety of construction materials to create homes and it was great to see lots of creativity with the addition of a range of details.



We also celebrated European Languages day and I was extremely impressed with the variety of languages the children were able to use to say, "hello!" They have also retained their learning and have used the greeting throughout the week when arriving to school and responding to the register.

They have continued to show their gratitude and I was astounded by the many wonderful gratitude jars the children created at home. They are all unique and the children are thoroughly enjoying sharing these.

There have been lots of calm moments and smiley faces in our well-being area this week as the children have developed their understanding of our zones of regulation. The children use this area fantastically to identify different strategies to help them with their emotions and are also always on hand to help their friends.

Another brilliant week Reception – well done!

Year 1

Year 1 have had a great week! They have been ordering numbers in Maths using the language first, second and third as well as comparing numbers and amounts. During English children have been learning new skills to write a recount of their PE lesson. Children have also been learning about internet safety using the book "Troll Stinks" by Tony Ross and have worked together to create some display work based on this.

Year 2

Year 2 have had another fun filled week of learning this week! On Monday, the children took a trip around the work on 'Languages Day'. In each lesson they visited two countries, listened to their music and filled in their passports with key information about the place, such as how to say hello, goodbye and thank you, as well as landmarks and native foods. In Maths, Year 2 have finished their unit of learning on Place Value and are looking forward to the challenge of addition and subtraction next week! In English, the children have made a fantastic start to writing their own versions of The Gingerbread Man. It never ceases to amaze the adults in class how imaginative the children are and what fantastic stories they can write. In the afternoons Year 2 enjoyed starting their new unit of R.E learning on The Good Samaritan. Keep up the great work Year 2, you're making Miss Martin-Mi lls very proud!



Year 3

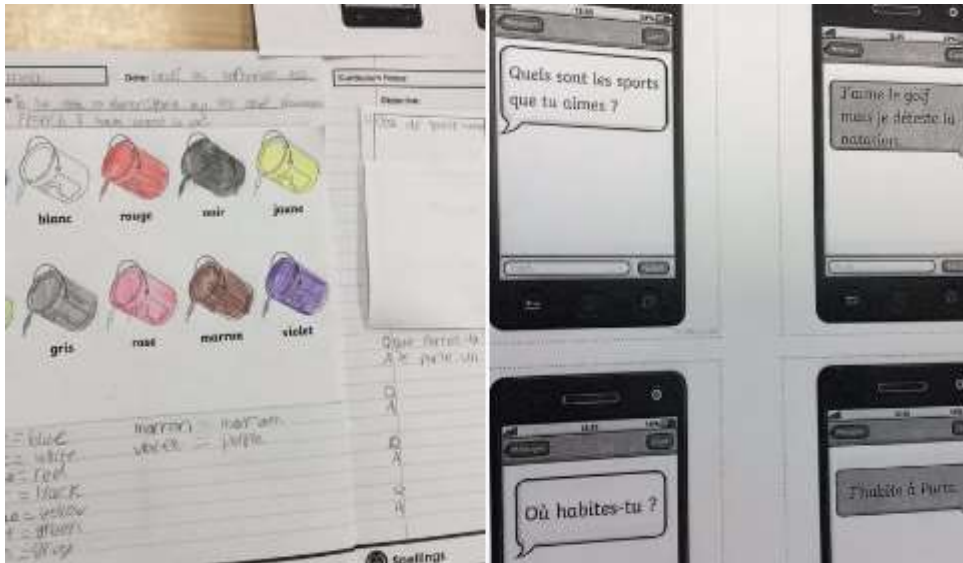
Year 3 have had a wonderful week yet again. We started off the week by celebrating National Language Day by having a whole day dedicated to French. All the children are now able to use a range of greetings to say good morning/good evening as well as saying their names and counting to 10. The children thoroughly enjoyed being able to sing songs in French and practising their conversational skills.

We have completed our Place Value unit in Maths and are looking forward to starting our next unit on Monday. We have also started our new unit of writing – instructions and have learned how to wash a woolly mammoth. As well as, creating our own medicines in Guided Reading to give to George's dreaded Grandma.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a wonderful week this week. On Monday, the children loved celebrating European Day of Languages! In celebration of this, we learnt about French all day focusing on how to say different places in a town and counting up to 100! In English, the children have been learning about how to write a persuasive letter and we have read The Day The Crayons Quit and have written a persuasive letter as though we are a coloured pencil! In Maths, the children have continued learning about place value and have been comparing four-digit numbers and have been ordering them. We have also spent time

practising our harvest rap ready for the harvest assembly next week! Another great week Year 4. Well done!



Year 5

Year 5 are settling into the new routines and we have been impressed with the high levels of presentation in their books.

The children thoroughly enjoyed Languages Day on Monday. They were learning French all day and they found out how to play 'Onze' game which they all played well.

The children have been challenging themselves to come up with exciting vocabulary in English this week, to use in their writing. Using Harry Potter as their inspiration, they have looked at how to describe different characters and settings. They have practiced their dictionary and thesaurus skills and explored the meanings of words such as barbaric, monstrous and humongous.



Year 6

We have had such fun in Year 6 this week. Starting off with celebrating languages day on Monday, the children got to hear a transcript from a French Teacher where they then had to decipher what was being said. We found it tricky at first but once we broke it down, we were able to discover the answers. In English we have been looking at an animation called "The Piano" and the children had the chance to retell the story through drama. They thoroughly enjoyed this topic which was evident from their emotive dialogue writing and answers in class discussion. In history we learnt about the use of Propaganda and how this was used to increase support for the war. Fantastic week Year 6, well done!

Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 7+...

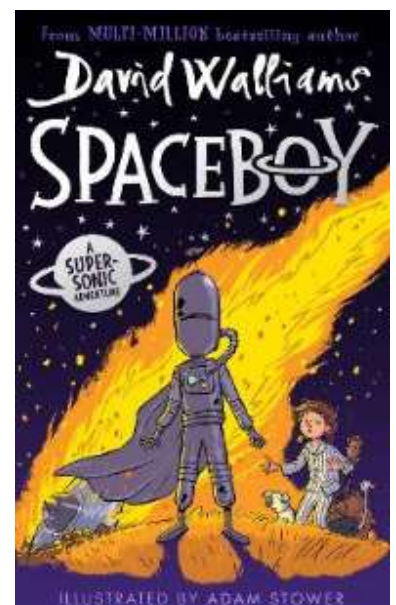
Spaceboy

Written by David Walliams

Go back to the Space Race with No.1 bestselling author David Walliams for a breathless cinematic adventure full of mystery, action, laughs and surprises – and a secret that could change the course of history...

America. The 1960s. Ruth loves climbing trees, making a mess and throwing stones. But the thing she loves most is SPACE.

The girl is OBSESSED. She spends her days reading comics about alien invasions, doodling UFOs, watching B-movies about Earth being invaded by creatures from Mars... and gazing at the stars through her old, battered telescope.



Until one night, Ruth creeps out of bed in the attic room of her rickety old farmhouse to watch the stars – and is just dozing off when she spots something blazing across the sky. Something that looks like a flying saucer! Is she dreaming? No! And the flying saucer is on fire...

But when the UFO crash-lands in the cornfield, and Ruth rushes to help, she finds a mystery – and an adventure – beyond her wildest dreams...

Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	EVERYONE!	
Year 1	Inayah A	Penelope T
Year 2	Sophia W	Harry K
Year 3	Rosie T	Elliot M
Year 4	Ellie W	Jibreel Q
Year 5	Amelia A	Maheen F
Year 6	Kaden P	Amira H

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Teigan W
Year 1	Theodosia D
Year 2	Thea K
Year 3	Aleena A
Year 4	Tabatha L
Year 5	Lilly L
Year 6	Chaanakya S

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 30.09.22)	122	143	212	186
Position	4 th – 1 Point	3 rd – 2 Points	1 st – 4 Points	2 nd – 3 Points
Running Total	5	10	10	15

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
Harvest Celebration	Tuesday 4 th October 2022
Parents' Evening	Monday 17 th October 2022, 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 19 th October 2022, 4.00pm – 7.00pm
School Closes for Half-Term	Thursday 20 th October 2022
INSET Day	Friday 21 st October 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 31 st October 2022
PFA Fancy Dress Disco	Thursday 3 rd November 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infants: 3.45pm – 5.00pm • Juniors: 5.15pm – 6.30pm
Flu Immunisations Reception to Year 6	Tuesday 8 th November 2022
Odd Socks Day	Monday 14 th November 2022
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 30 th November 2022 to Friday 2 nd December 2022 Inclusive
Year 6 Class Assembly	Thursday 1 st December 2022, 9.15am
JTMAT Christmas Concert	Thursday 1 st December 2022
PFA Christmas Market	Friday 2 nd December 2022
Christingle	Monday 5 th December 2022
EYFS Nativity	Tuesday 6 th December 2022, 9.15am
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Key Stage 1 Nativity	Thursday 7 th December 2022, 9.15am & 2.15pm
Year 3 Cosy Christmas Celebration	Friday 8 th December 2022, 9.15am
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 14 th December 2022
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Snow White	Thursday 15 th December 2022, 10.00am

and the Seven Dwarfs at Lichfield Garrick	
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 16 th December 2022

Diary Dates 2022-2023

Event	Date/Time
School Closes for Half-Term	Thursday 20 th October 2022
INSET Day	Friday 21 st October 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 31 st October 2022
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 16 th December 2022
INSET Day	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Wednesday 4 th January 2023
Young Voices 2023	Friday 13 th January 2023
Year 6 Laches Wood	Monday 30 th January to Friday 3 rd February 2023
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 17 th February 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 27 th February 2023
School Closes for Easter	Friday 31 st March 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 17 th April 2023
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May 2023
Borough and Parish Elections – School Closed	Thursday 4 th May 2023
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 8 th May 2023 to Friday 12 th May 2023
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 26 th May 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 5 th June 2023
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 7 th July 2023
School Closes for Summer	Friday 21 st July 2023
INSET Day	Monday 24 th July 2023
INSET Day	Tuesday 25 th July 2023

THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2022



D I N E R

DRIVE-THRU

ORDER
HERE!



CHICKEN BURGER IN A BUN

OR

QUORN BURGER IN BUN

OR

HOT DOG (PORK)

OR

HOT DOT (QUORN)

HASH BROWN

CAKE AND DRINK



OPEN

Get **GO** Walking

this October

by taking part in our
Walk to School Month Challenge



You could win a brand new scooter rack in your chosen school colours & a fantastic theatre in education performance worth round £700 for your school. See attached information sheet for full details.

October ^{is} **Walk** **into** school **MONTH**

Get involved
and get
active by
pledging
to walk to
school at
least once
a week
throughout
October.

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Walk to School Month competition

You could win a brand-new scooter rack for your school, finished in the colour of your choice as well as a 'Theatre in Education' performance by Histrionics, a well-respected and experienced historical education company. The combined value of the prizes is worth around £700



This October there is a unique opportunity to take part in our Walk to School Competition which runs for the whole of October and to take part all you need to do is record your walking statistics for that month and share them with us. Two lucky schools will then receive a brand-new powder coated scooter rack for your school, as well as a theatre in education performance from a historical period of your choice. To be eligible, you must have completed your annual "Mode of Travel Survey" for 2022.

The **No-Butts Scooter Racks** are robust and designed to last a lifetime, constructed from Tubular steel and powder coated in a choice of 8 colours. They can accommodate up to 20 scooters, which can be locked in place using a simple padlock to eliminate the risk of theft. The rack will provide a safe and secure area to store scooters in school. Click on the image on the right to see more information.



Histrionics are a theatre in education company with a vast experience of school delivery of assemblies and educational performances. They cover most periods of history from caveman right up to the Victorian era and even an astronaut. They will deliver an assembly themed on active travel as a character of your choice from their repertoire. For more information click on the image to the left.

To enter this competition, you will need to record your school walking rates for the month of October. Hopefully, this will demonstrate a behaviour change in walk to school rates that month. Schools that demonstrate that they have walked the extra mile to promote the competition that month will stand a greater chance of winning. To enter the competition send us your evidence in one document by Friday 18th November 2022. Please include any evidence of promotion, your walking rates, any evidence of social media, posters, letters or emails to parents, etc to support your submission. For the full terms and conditions please see the next page. If you have any questions, please email us.

Terms and conditions of competition.

1. All submissions must be received by Friday 18th November 2022 in the form of a single document sent to INTO@staffordshire.gov.uk The document can be any length to support your entry in Word or PDF format.
2. You will have to have completed the annual "Mode of Travel" survey by the time of your entry and returned to the education team in the usual way.
3. The competition is open to all schools in Staffordshire including Infants, First, Primary, Junior, Middle and Secondary schools. Schools outside of Staffordshire (or within Stoke-On-Trent) will not be considered.
4. The two schools chosen as winners will be selected from all entries after the closing date by a panel from the Active Travel Team. All entries will be considered fairly and objectively.
5. The scooter racks will be delivered direct to the winning schools and will include fixing bolts. They will need to be installed by a competent engineer, such as a site supervisor.
6. The scooter racks must be installed, and the assembly date agreed by the end of the spring term 2023. Failure to do this may result in the prizes being recalled.
7. Staffordshire County Council will require publicity images for the competition winners. This may be for the launch of the racks or the assembly. No images will be taken without expressed permission of the school.
8. Scooter racks will be powder coated in the colour of your choice from one of the 8 options on the website.
9. No alternative prizes will be offered to any of the winning schools unless there is an issue with the supply of any of the prizes, in which case a cash alternative may be offered.

10 tips for parents and carers

HOW TO BE GREEN WITH YOUR TECH

Right now, humans aren't living sustainably: we're taking too many resources and not leaving the world in a fit state for future generations. Old tech products are a clear example: if we throw them away, the poisonous lead and mercury inside can get into the food chain through the soil. Recycling tech, though, has its own issues: it's often exported to countries where the law doesn't protect people from hazards. Whole villages (including children) sort through discarded devices to remove useful parts and substances like gold, silver and copper – often putting their health at risk. Finding ways to re-use tech is the greenest option.

So what can we do with those cupboards and drawers full of old phones and unwanted computers?
Reuse, recycle, donate or sell them!

1 DONATE THEM TO CHARITY

There are lots of charities that redistribute unwanted tech to worthy causes, either in the UK or in developing nations. If your old products are still working, this is a great option – as it means that new products don't have to be made. Search online for your nearest place that does this.

2 REMEMBER THE BATTERIES

Almost all batteries can be recycled – even the little 'button' ones from smaller gadgets. You could choose a box at home or school to keep used batteries in, and then take them to a designated place that collects them. Be very careful, though – button cells can be deadly if eaten by small children or pets.

3 USE YOUR ONLINE SAFETY KNOWLEDGE

If you're recycling, selling or repurposing any of your devices, make sure that all your personal data, private photos and so on have been deleted before the tech leaves your hands or is connected online.

4 REUSE THEM

Old smartphones can be used as webcams, security cameras, baby monitors or pet cams: there are apps that will configure them to do this. You can also turn an outdated phone into a TV remote control, an alarm clock that wakes you up with your favourite track, or a media centre you can take to places where you wouldn't risk your new phone.

5 TURN IT INTO SOMETHING NEW

Smartphones are more powerful than most older computers. If you have an unwanted android phone, it's quite easy to create a new computer – you could use an old TV as a monitor, meaning you just need a mouse and keyboard. There are also small devices you can buy which let you do the same with iPhones.

6 RETURN THEM

Return devices to the manufacturer or retailer you bought them from. Some manufacturers take responsibility for their products and accept them back, to refurbish and redistribute. If they *don't*, you could contact them and ask why: the more consumer pressure there is on shops and manufacturers, the more likely they are to act in a greener way.

7 SUPPORT SCIENCE

Let your old devices help modern research. Scientists currently investigating topics like far-off star systems, cancer treatment and earthquakes need enormous computing power. If your unwanted device is WiFi enabled, for example, you can connect it to a network so that it can boost scientists' research.

8 SELL THEM

This is also a green option as it means that fewer devices have to be produced. On top of that, you could also donate some of the money you make to an environmental charity.

9 RESEARCH DISPOSAL METHODS

If your device is beyond repair and no one wants it, get rid of it safely through a specialist tech disposal company. Check that your device won't be shipped off to another country for processing.

10 KEEP THINKING

There's no such thing as 'too many' ways to help our planet! If you come up with a better idea than ours, contact National Online Safety and tell us.

Meet Our Expert

Neil Atkin teaches scientific literacy through his non-profit organisation, Rubbish Science, which engages people in working together to live more sustainably and creatively uses waste to help address real-life problems. There are a range of environmental activities you may like to try on their website: www.rubbishscience.com.



USEFUL LINKS: Places to donate old electrical items: www.recycleyourtelectricals.org.uk/donate-electrical-goods | How to turn an old smartphone into a computer: www.makeuseof.com/tag/ways-turn-smartphone-into-pc
The rules about shops' responsibilities on tech: www.gov.uk/electrical-waste-producer-supplier-responsibilities | Two scientific research schemes which old devices can support: www.zooniverse.org/get-involved-and
www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/dreamlab | Find your local tech recycling centre www.recyclenow.com