

# TEAM TALK

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February saw our two primary schools celebrate NSPCC Number Day, a fantastic opportunity to make maths fun while supporting children’s safety and well-being.

At Model Village Primary School, the celebration was a lively affair. Parents were invited to join in with the number-themed activities. Children and families worked together to solve puzzles, play games, and explore maths in creative ways. Abbie from Chesterfield FC Community Trust joined the day too, leading active games that challenged children’s problem-solving skills and encouraged teamwork. It was a joyful celebration, enjoyed by everyone.

Meanwhile, at Whaley Thorns Primary School, teachers adapted the resources provided on the NSPCC website to suit their classrooms. Staff selected activities that matched the children’s learning needs, ensuring every pupil could participate and enjoy the day in a safe, engaging environment. The flexibility of the NSPCC materials allowed teachers to tailor the activities effectively, resulting in a fun and educational experience for all students.

Across the Trust, our children had a wonderful time exploring numbers, developing their skills, and supporting a vital cause.





We had an incredible World Book Day! From colourful costumes to big smiles and brilliant books, our schools have been filled with imagination, creativity, and a whole lot of fun.

A huge well done to all our pupils for embracing the day with such enthusiasm - you brought your favourite characters to life and reminded us just how magical reading can be.

Thank you to our wonderful staff and families for helping to make the day so special.





## TEAM CAREERS FAIR

Our 2026 Team Careers Fair was a huge success, bringing together over 200 pupils from Year 6 through to Year 9+, with even more pupils attending than last year!

Students had the chance to meet and learn from a fantastic range of organisations, including South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, VolkerRail, the National Video Game Museum, Sheffield Wednesday & Sheffield United, Skills Street RNN, Academics, Gulliver's, Sheffield College, and Landmarks.

The event was packed with opportunities for pupils to discover different career paths in a fun and interactive way. One of the highlights was Careers Bingo, where students explored different industries by speaking to professionals and learning about the skills needed for their roles.

To make the day even more memorable, pupils also got the chance to experience some of Gulliver's rides, including the Pirate Ship, the Barrels, and the Paraglider Swing Seat, adding an extra level of excitement to an already inspiring day!

The feedback from the students was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing newfound enthusiasm for potential career paths they hadn't previously considered. Teachers and organizers were thrilled to witness the students' engagement and curiosity, which was evident in their thoughtful questions and eager participation.

A huge thank you to all the organisations who attended and supported the event, helping to inspire the next generation and show pupils the wide range of opportunities available to them.



# MODEL VILLAGE SHINES AT THE BASKETBALL FINALS

The basketball team from Model Village Primary School did an amazing job representing the school after qualifying for the basketball finals, which were held at Shirebrook Academy.

Throughout the tournament, the team showed fantastic determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Their team spirit truly shone through as they supported one another and worked brilliantly together on the court.

The team celebrated a great win against Blackwell Primary School and secured a well-earned draw against Duckmanton Primary School. They then went on to face Park Road Primary School in their final match. It was a very close and exciting game, with Model Village narrowly missing out by just one basket.

We are extremely proud of the team for their effort, determination, and positive attitude throughout the competition. Well done to everyone involved!



# SUNSHINE AND SMILES WITH OPAL PLAY



The sun is shining and OPAL play is thriving at Model Village Primary School!

As the weather brightens up, lunchtimes are full of energy, creativity and exploration. It's fantastic to see the children making the most of the outdoor spaces through the OPAL Play Programme, developing their imagination, teamwork and problem-solving skills through play.

The play areas continue to grow, and recently Model Village Primary School has launched some exciting new zones including a Cleaning Station, a Construction Area, and the ever-popular Battle Stations. These spaces are already inspiring children to collaborate, build, explore and create their own games.

It's wonderful to see the school grounds buzzing with activity and to watch the children enjoying such rich and varied play experiences.

We can't wait to see what they invent next!



## CELEBRATING OUR TALENTED DANCERS



We are incredibly proud of the girls who represented Model Village at the Winding Wheel in Chesterfield during the annual dance festival. The dedication and effort they displayed in mastering the routine within such a short timeframe were truly remarkable. They certainly saved their best performance for the big day!

In addition to their stunning performance, the girls also had the opportunity to watch other schools showcase their talents, broadening their appreciation for diverse dance styles and techniques.

Congratulations to the girls for their outstanding achievement and for representing Model Village with such elegance and enthusiasm. We look forward to seeing how they will continue to grow and shine in future performances!



## EXCITING DODGEBALL AT DERBY ARENA



Recently, the Year 3/4 boys and girls from Model Village Primary School had the opportunity to visit Derby Arena, proudly representing their school and the Bolsover District in the County Finals of Dodgeball for their age group. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and played exceptionally well as a cohesive team, demonstrating remarkable determination and integrity.

Model Village showcased consistent teamwork, gradually building their confidence and improving with each game. Although the competition was fierce among the schools, all participants displayed good sportsmanship.

This was a wonderful experience for students at Model Village. Many were astonished by the size of Derby Arena, while others were thrilled to catch a glimpse of the Derby football ground (though not everyone shared that excitement)! Congratulations to the team!

