

Children's Newsletter

October 2025



Hello and welcome to the October 2025 newsletter!

Autumn is here, and with it comes colourful leaves, cooler weather, and lots of cozy fun! October is a time for pumpkin picking, warm drinks, and getting ready for the end of the year. This month, you'll find exciting news, pictures of our coffee morning, fun recommendations to try out, details of our October event and even a spooky game to play!



Events, Celebrations & Special Days in

October

1st - 31st - Black History Month*

1st - World Vegetarian Day

2nd - National Poetry Day

4th - 10th - World Space Week

5th - World Smile Day

5th - World Teachers Day

6th - 13th - Dyslexia Week*

7th - Grandparents Day

15th - Shwmae Su'mae Day

18th - 22nd - Diwali*

21st - Apple Day

26th - British Summer Time Ends

29th - National Cat Day

31st - Halloween*

31st - 2nd Nov - The Day of the Dead



Halloween began a long time ago with a festival called Samhain, where people lit bonfires and wore costumes to scare away ghosts!

Did you know that these newsletters use a dyslexic-friendly font? Each letter is weighted at the bottom so they're less likely to flip, rotate, or blur together.



Star of the month goes to....



BT-M

B won a national writing competition and her work will be published in a book and a copy kept in the national archives! We are all so proud of you B.

Runner-up

T-JK completed his first ever 5km park run this weekend, what an amazing achievement!

Please keep your nominations coming!

Send an email to adminsouth@fosteringsolutions.com with your nomination and reason!



Childrens & Carer News



We have a new foster carer joining us! Welcome and congratulations to you Milika! We're so glad you decided to become part of our fostering family.

If you have any news you would like to see here please let us know at adminsouth@fosteringsolutions.com!

Staff News



Have a look at these pictures from our Macmillan Coffee Morning! We shared some amazing home-baked treats and raised £85.00 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Every little helps this incredible cause.

Calendar News

Black History Month is a time to learn about and celebrate the achievements, history, and culture of Black people. It helps us understand the struggles they've faced and the important contributions they've made to society. It's about honoring the past and working toward a more fair and equal future for everyone.



Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is a special celebration originating from India that celebrates the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. Families light lamps, decorate their homes, enjoy fireworks, and share sweets with loved ones. It's a time for joy, togetherness, and new beginnings.



The Great Witch Hunt: Can You Find Them All?

Uh-oh... some sneaky little witches have flown in and hidden themselves all over this newsletter! They're hiding in corners, behind pictures, and maybe even casting a few cheeky spells. Can you find them all before they disappear into the night? Count them carefully and see if you can spot every single one!



Safety Tips for Halloween!

Trick-or-Treat with Friends or Family

Always go trick-or-treating with an adult or a group of friends. It's safer and much more fun to explore the spooky streets together!

Be Bright and Easy to See

Wear bright or reflective clothes, or add some glow sticks and carry a torch. This helps drivers see you in the dark and keeps you safe while you're out collecting treats.

Visit Only Well-Lit Houses

Only knock on doors where the lights are on. Never go inside a stranger's house or get into a car with someone you don't know.

Check Your Treats Carefully

Before eating any sweets, make sure they are unopened and safe. If you're unsure, ask an adult to check for you.

Fire Safety First

Pumpkins with candles look great but can be dangerous. Make sure you and your clothes don't go near any flames and remember to stop, drop, and roll if anything catches fire.

Stay on the Pavement and Cross Safely

Always walk on the pavement and use pedestrian crossings. Look both ways before crossing the road, and don't run near traffic.

Respect Your Neighbours

Be polite, say thank you, and always respect others. Remember, everyone wants to enjoy the night safely and happily.

Have an amazing, safe, and spooky Halloween! 🎃 ✨

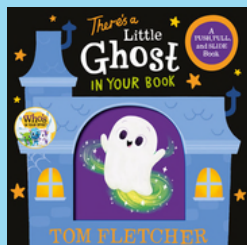




Book Recommendations

Ages 0-5

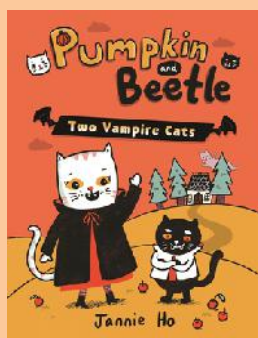
There's a Little Ghost in Your Book - Tom Fletcher & Greg Abbott



Guess what? There's a little ghost hiding inside this book just for you! He loves to play tricks and surprises, but don't worry -you get to help him by tapping, sliding, and shaking the pages. It's a fun, spooky game where you're the star! Perfect for little ones who love to play and explore. Are you ready to find the ghost? 🐾👻

Ages 5+

Pumpkin and Beetle: Two Vampire Cats - Jannie Ho



Meet Pumpkin and Beetle—two vampire cat best friends who go to school at night, eat red foods, and live in the spooky-fun town of Hallowsville!

When everyone in town gets the new Frightfuls comic except them, they come up with silly (and tasty!) ways to earn money—like selling carved crabapple muffins! Will their plan work?

Join them as they meet witches, werewolves, and more in this cute, funny adventure full of Halloween fun.

Ages 10+

Hellaween: A Graphic Novel - Moss Lawton



Perfect for fans of Wednesday, Hooky, Monster High, and anyone in need of a wickedly good laugh, this graphic novel follows an aspiring witch and her two best friends as they try to have a fun-filled Halloween . . . while also dealing with a pair of neighborhood dogooders hell-bent on vanquishing evil.

Gwen is trying to become a real witch — and this Halloween, she's ready to prove it. With her best monster friends from the Hallowlands, her first grimoire, and big dreams, she hopes to finally leave boring suburbia behind.

But when a supernatural-obsessed kid starts snooping around, and Gwen's magic causes more chaos than she expected, she and her friends must team up to protect their secrets... and each other.



INDEPENDENCE AWARDS

Are you up for the challenge of completing yours?

Email: Casey.Bishop@fosteringsolutions.com



"It was really easy to follow. We have achieved a lot!" GHB

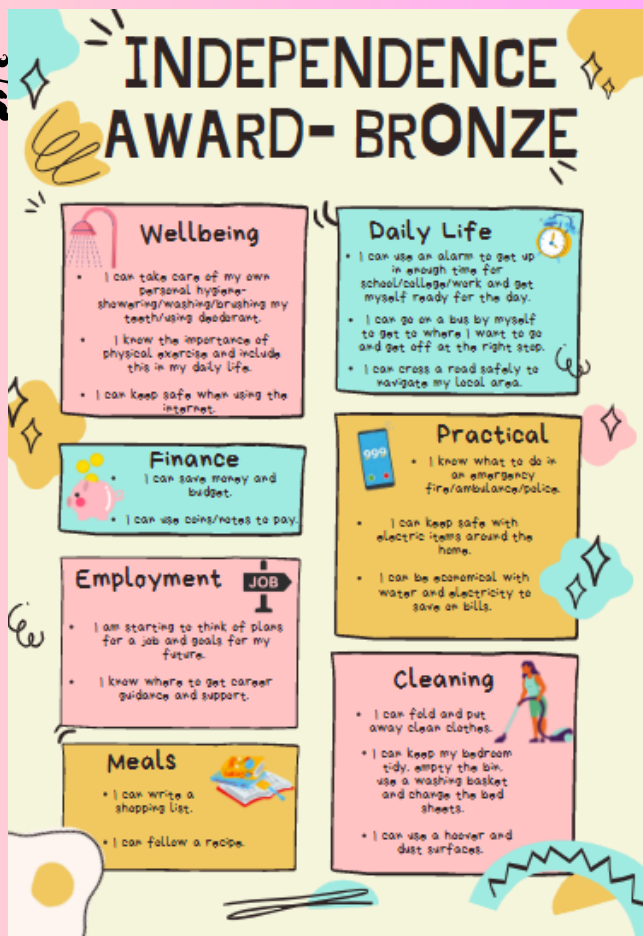
These awards help you to build skills to work towards independent living, with the support of your carer. Also great for your CV!



Bronze, Silver and Gold Level

£10 Amazon voucher
for completing each level!

Fostering Solutions South



Youth Council

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Youth Council is a place you can go to have fun, and to get help and support. It's a place you can meet other people who are in care, and share your experiences with each other. We will ask for your views on different topics and make sure you see all your ideas come to life.

Being part of the Youth Council will look great on your CV when you apply for future jobs and will also add weight to future college, apprenticeship, and university applications too.

We welcome foster children and birth children and send all new members a welcome pack!



If you would like to join us, please ask your foster carer to get in touch with Casey on casey.bishop@fosteringsolutions.com.

The next meeting date is Saturday 27th September, where the council will be participating in a memory box making workshop at the office.



What do you think of our newsletters? Is there something you would like to see that's not on here? We would love to hear your thoughts. Fill in our anonymous feedback here: <https://forms.office.com/e/ygY4xxtESB>