



Dear Families

This week has seen the beginning and end of SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) taken by our Year 6 children. This is the first time since 2019 that these have taken place and we were all on a steep learning curve! I would like to congratulate all of the children for their commitment to applying themselves diligently and sensibly in what could have been a stressful week. I am certain that they could not have tried any harder or been better prepared by the teachers and support staff. However, that preparation truthfully began way back in Year 3 and we have every staff member since then, to thank for their work. The results of the tests will not be published nationally and therefore no comparisons with other schools will be made.

On the last test day, Thursday, we had an unannounced visit from a West

Sussex Area Adviser, whose role it was to ensure that our procedures were water tight and compliant with very strict government legislation. I am delighted to say that we passed with flying colours. Regardless of any subsequent SATs results I am proud of all of the children and their achievements. Success cannot be measured in a morning, or any particular point in time. It can be seen in the way children grow in confidence, develop new skills and adapt to new circumstances. All important attributes for later in life.

'Our scientific age demands that we provide definitions, measurements, and statistics in order to be taken seriously. Yet most of the important things in life cannot be precisely defined or measured. Can we define or measure love, beauty, friendship, or decency, for example?' **Dennis Prager**

In the meantime have a lovely weekend.
Mr P Newbold

Dates for your Diary

May

Mon 16th – Y5 Parent Meeting at school re IOW trip 3.30pm

Tues 17th May Class & Y6 Leavers Photographs

Weds 18th – Y6 Chessington Trip

Weds 18th – Library Visit Shakespeare & Dickens Classes

Thurs 19th – Library Visit Churchill & Mandela Classes

Mon 23rd – Young Voices Choir Event at the O2

Thurs 26th – Library Visit Einstein & Hawking Classes

Fri 27th – Platinum Jubilee Day – Picnic in the afternoon

Half Term Holiday – Monday 30th May - Fri 3rd June

Mon 6th June – Inset Day – School Closed to children

Noticeboard



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Southway Junior School



Out of School Achievements



Darcey from Einstein was awarded a trophy for reaching Level 2 in trampolining.



Olivia & Beth from Y6 made & sold key chains to sell in aid of our recent fundraiser for the Ukraine – they managed to raise £8.05. Well done girls!

These children were awarded certificates & pens in our Golden Awards at the end of last term.



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Gracie from Dali Class was awarded a certificate & medal for taking part in a Gymnastics Competition.



Annabel from Dali Class passed her Grade 1 Piano Exam with Distinction – here she is with her certificate.



This group of children from across the school won certificates & Golden Tea with Mr Newbold, in our End of Term Awards. They were all nominated by their teachers.



Cooper from Picasso took part in a rugby tournament in Lewes. His team were overall winners after playing a total of 4 matches.



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Hidden behind all these certificates is Cooper from Picasso Class, who has now read a total of 35 books in the Southway 100 Books Challenge!



Alberta from Picasso was awarded a medal after playing 7 matches during a recent rugby tournament.

Scarlett from Turner Class is very proud of the Charity Badge she earned for fundraising at Brownies.



Josh from Turner Class has a certificate for reading 10 books in our 100 Books Challenge. He was also awarded a medal & trophy by Southdowns Football Team for being a fantastic goalie & U8's Teammate of the Year!



Ben from Turner Class has his entry number & medal from taking part in the Mid Sussex Mile last weekend.



Ella from Turner Class has been awarded a grading certificate & belt for the 9th Kup in Taekwondo.



Emily from Dali has been awarded a certificate & medal for a Gymnastics Competition.