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SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER



Dear families,

'Our posturings, our imagined self-importance, the delusion that we have some privileged position in the Universe, are challenged by this point of pale light. Our planet is a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark. In our obscurity, in all this vastness, there is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves. The Earth is the only world known so far to harbor life. There is nowhere else, at least in the near future, to which our species could migrate. Visit, yes. Settle, not yet. Like it or not, for the moment the Earth is where we make our stand.'

These are the words of Carl Sagan, an American astronomer, cosmologist, astrophysicist, written back in 1990. I have always found them to be deeply moving and a reminder about the fragility of the planet we live on. Last week we had a 'no electricity day' at school which was powerful in so many ways. It allowed us to bring to the attention of our children the ways in which they can make a positive difference to their own futures and also bring to their attention how time is running out to put things back on an even keel. Thank you to all the parents that took the time to contact me in support of this initiative and provide such positive feedback. We now intend to repeat this successful initiative next year, alongside other events run by our children.

'There is no question that climate change is happening; the only arguable point is what part humans are playing in it.' **David Attenborough**

Have a lovely weekend Mr P Newbold

Diary Dates June

Fri 21st - H S A Summer Fair 3.30-4.30pm
Tues 25th - Sports Day From 9.15
Tues 25th - Y5 Parents Meeting re France 2019 at 3.30pm
Weds 26th - Reserve Sports Day
Thurs 27th - Y5 to BHG to see 'James & The Giant Peach'
Fri 28th - Dali Class Assembly at 10am

July

Tues 2nd - Y5 Bug Hunt
Tues 2nd - Big Sing at Manor Field (Choir)
Tues 2nd - Y4 Library Visit
Weds 3rd - Y6 Transition Day (BHA & Downlands)
Weds 3rd - Y2 Gattons Children Transition Day
Fri 5th - Shakespeare Class Assembly 10am
Fri 5th - H S A Disco for Y3, Y4 & Y5 4.30-5.30pm
Tues 9th - Y6 Transition Day (Warden Park)
Tues 9th - Y6 Production (evening)
Weds 10th - Y6 Production (afternoon & evening)
Thurs 11th - Y5 Connect with the Countryside Trip
Weds 17th - Y3 Children to Gattons
Thurs 18th - Southway Talent Show
Fri 19th - Awards Assembly to invited parents 10am
Fri 19th - Y6 Leavers Disco (5.30-7.30pm)
Tues 23rd - Y6 Leavers Assembly to Parents 11am
Tues 23rd - **LAST DAY OF TERM**

A huge thank you to our dedicated band of parents who work tirelessly to organise fundraising events on behalf of all parents.

As a result of this volunteering work the school has been able to purchase a brand new swimming pool heater that has allowed us to keep our pool open this term. Without this generous £4,500 contribution the pool would have been closed.

Future projects currently being planned for include a new all-weather path linking the school to the environmental pond and a new market garden area for children to grow vegetables.

If you are able to spare a few hours to volunteer or you have any ideas about future projects just contact the school office on parentline@southwayjunior.co.uk

Thank you



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What's been going on?



Katie (Dali), Oliver (Rowling), Filly (Hawking) & Aleyna (Churchill) are the lucky winners from our recent Book Raffle. They were each given a copy of either 'Race to the Frozen North', or 'When we were Warriors'.



Here are the 8 swimmers from year 6 who attended the **Robin Lowe Primary Schools Relay Gala** last weekend. For many of them it was their first swimming competition, and they performed brilliantly and had a great time! From left to right at the back are **Max, Josh, Michael, & Oliver**. At the front left to right are **Darcey, Maizie, Phoebe and Chloe**. **Miss Risby & Mrs Tubbs** are very proud of them all!

Last week, **Mrs Parnell & Mrs. Jones** took the **Book Club** children to meet **Janina Ramirez** author of 'Riddle of the Runes'. They chatted to her, had books signed and listened to her presentation about her writing process, inspiration and love of history. Her book is one of the 4 shortlisted children's books for the West Sussex Children's Book Award 2019 that Book Club is reading and judging.



OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



Josh from Shakespeare Class has been awarded a certificate & badge for passing Level 3 Seahorse Swimming.



Arun from Mandela Class took part in a 5k run in Gatwick. He was one of the youngest runners, but covered the course in 18mins, 10 seconds, to finish in 8th place.

Y6 pupils **Harry, Adam, Tom, Harvey & Luca** play for Marle Place Wanderers U11's. They all received trophies for playing for the whole of last season. Harvey was made 'Player of the Season', whilst Luca was awarded 'Man Marking of the Year'.



Eleanor from Dali class has been awarded her 'Zero Waste' & 'Grow Your Own' badges from Brownies. She had to use less plastic & grow cucumber & strawberry plants in order to earn them.



Matthew from Turner Class attends the Hurstpierpoint Gymnastics Club. He was recently awarded the 'Top of the Month' plaque from them for putting in the most effort.



Chloe from Curie Class was awarded was awarded her 'Zero Waste' badge from Brownies & also the 'Top of the Month' trophy from Hurstpierpoint Gymnastics Club.

Evie & Taylor from Dali Class recently attended a 'Mini Beasts' Roadshow, where they got to handle all sorts of creepy crawlies! Taylor was pictured in the Mid Sussex Times, holding a millipede. Evie made friends with some snakes & a bearded dragon!



Jessica from Turner Class is pictured with her 'Ecobrick'. This is a plastic bottle filled with non-recyclable plastic bags & wrappers, which can be used for building projects in other parts of the world.



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Angus from Picasso Class took part in an aquathlon in Brighton. He had to 40m, then run 800m.



Dhyanesha from Einstein Class was awarded a trophy for being the best player in a recent chess knockout competition.

Liam from Hawking Class played in a football tournament for Hassocks Phantom Firebirds (U10's). They played 10 matches in one day & triumphed over the other 23 teams!



Ollie from Hawking Class recently took part in a triathlon at Horsham Leisure Centre. He swam 50m & ran 1200m, but couldn't cycle, because of the wet weather. He was one of the youngest competitors, & came 17th overall.



Stacey from Dali class has played in several football tournaments for Southdown UB's. Here she is with 3 medals, & the Clubman trophy, which she received for being the best player last season.



Theo from Picasso Class was awarded a trophy & 2 medals for participating in a recent triathlon, which involved swimming, cycling & running.



Kiesha from Hawking Class recently had her long hair cut short to donate to the **Little Princess Trust**. This fantastic charity makes wigs for young cancer patients. She's pictured here during the different stages of her haircut.

Sports Day - Tuesday 25th June

Sports Day events will begin at 9.15am on Tuesday 25th June (weather permitting). All families are invited to join their children for a picnic on the field afterwards, which will finish at 1pm. Please ensure that your child has their **PE kit and trainers** in school on the day. Our reserve date is **Weds 26th June**. We look forward to seeing you all there!

