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SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER



Dear families

I would like to share with you an extract from a letter, sent out by a school in Cheshire. It was addressed to year 6 pupils and their parents, just before the children were due to sit their end of Key Stage 2 SATs (Standard Assessment Tests). The message was very clear and as a parent of two children myself it could not have resonated more. The letter urged pupils to remember that the tests cannot show they are "smart", and that there are "many different ways of being smart". It continued: "They [the SATs tests] do not know that some of you speak two languages or that you love to sing or draw. They have not seen your natural talent for dancing or playing a musical instrument. They do not know that your friends can count on you to be there for them; that your laughter can brighten the darkest day or that your face turns red when you feel shy. They do not know that you participate in sports, wonder about the future, or sometimes help your little brother or sister after school. They do not know that you are kind, trustworthy and thoughtful and that every day you try to be your very best." It adds that although the "results you will get from this test will tell you something, they will not tell you everything". The original text was written by American education blogger, Kimberly Hurd Horst and was published in the autumn of 2013. I am sure you will recognise, as we do at Southway, that children cannot be 'measured' in one week, in one test, in one way (and neither can a school). We are all worth more than that. One of my children 'performed' well in her SATs at eleven years old (and is now in the midst of GCSEs) and one not quite so well (she has now successfully completed her university degree). But I love them both equally. They make me laugh, cry, despair and never fail to surprise me. They have different talents and motivations. They will tread different paths through life. But above all else I am proud of them. Let's remember that 'success', intelligence and achievement are measured in countless ways. *"If all you had was academic ability, you wouldn't have been able to get out of bed this morning. In fact, there wouldn't have been a bed to get out of. No one could have made one. You could have written about possibility of one, but not have constructed it."* **Sir Ken Robinson**

Have a lovely weekend Mr P Newbold

Diary Dates

May

Tues 21st - Y6 Chessington Trip
Weds 22nd - Y6 Sir Teachalot 'Stone Age'
Thurs 23rd - Y5/6 MSA Kwik Cricket at Burgess Hill
Fri 24th - H S A Fun Run
Fri 24th - Awards Assembly for invited parents 10am
Mon 27th - Fri 31st **HALF TERM-SCHOOL CLOSED**

June

Mon 3rd - **INSET DAY-SCHOOL CLOSED**
Weds 5th - Y5 Knots & Ropes
Thurs 6th - Fri 7th June-Y4 Lodge Hill Residential
Mon 10th - Class Photos & Y6 Leavers Photos
Weds 12th - 'No Electricity' Day



June

Thurs 13th - RNLI visit to Y5
Thurs 13th - Girls Kwik Cricket @ Ansty
Thurs 13th - Y4 Parents Meeting re France 2020 @ 3.20pm
Fri 21st June - H S A Summer Fair 3.30-4.30pm
Tues 25th - Sports Day (am)
Weds 26th - Reserve Sports Day

July

Tues 2nd - Y5 Bug Hunt
Tues 9th - Y6 Production (evening)
Weds 10th - Y6 Production (afternoon & evening)
Fri 19th - Y6 Leavers Disco (5.30-7.30pm)
Tues 23rd - Y6 Leavers Assembly to Parents 11am
Tues 23rd - **LAST DAY OF TERM**

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What's been going on?

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Last week Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic enrichment day out at the Seven Sisters. The children were able to clearly see the features of rivers that they had previously acted out during a geography lesson. A great time was had by all and luckily the weather stayed dry!!!



On a very wet Wednesday morning, Southway's A Team got the opportunity to play at The People's Pension Stadium in Crawley, on the very pitch that the League 2 team play on! The boys battled tremendously, scored some absolutely wonderful goals throughout and played some brilliant football. They made it through to the semi-finals, where they unfortunately lost on penalties. The team bounced back to secure 3rd place in the competition and a medal. George, Archie, Luca, Jake, Ollie, Max, Harvey and Tom all played with immense skill and should be extremely proud of themselves.



Swimming

We are hoping that the weather will be kind to us from next week, as we plan to start our swimming lessons. Please ensure that your child has their full swimming kit in school on their class's allocated day. All children must wear a swimming hat, and we have a supply of these for sale in the office, at a cost of £2.00 each, should you need one. We would also ask that all swimming reply slips and contributions be returned as soon as possible.

Thank you.

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



Amelie, Abigail & Jessany (all from Dali Class) all took part in a showcase at the Hawth in Crawley, with the Ariel Theatre Company. **Amelie** has also performed in productions of 'The Greatest Showman' & 'Our House' in recent weeks.



Prayan from Picasso Class was recently awarded his Green Belt in Karate.

Kaysan from Dali Class took part in a chess tournament recently. He won 5 out of his 6 matches, & came 2nd place overall.



Jesse from Turner Class was awarded a medal & trophy by his team, Southdown Rovers. He was this year's most improved player in the Under 8's team, playing in goal & in midfield.



Maya from Dali Class has been working hard in her Gymnastics classes at the Triangle, & has been awarded her certificate for passing Level 4.



Clara from Shakespeare Class was awarded a medal & certificate for walking **30 miles** in a month for a 'Race at your own Pace' challenge. She also found time to gain her Grade 3 Water Skills certificate & badge.

Elliott from Rowling Class was awarded the 'Players' Player' trophy for this season from the Southdown Rovers U9's team.



Bella from Shakespeare Class has been awarded her yellow stripe belt & certificate in mixed martial arts.



Austin from Shakespeare Class has won the 'Coach's Player' medal & trophy, for his fantastic effort in rugby this season. He plays for BHRFC under 9's.



Apologies

Archie from Curie Class was featured in our last Newsletter, but unfortunately, the information published was incorrect. Here are the amended details -

Archie plays for Hassocks Phoenix Football Club & over the Easter weekend they played football in a tournament on the Isle of White. They won the tournament & were awarded this magnificent trophy! Well done to **Archie** & the team—sorry for getting the facts wrong.

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Thea from Turner Class

Has gained her Level 5 Swimming Certificate. She also took part in the Ariel Theatre Company showcase at the Hawth in Crawley last weekend.



George from Dickens Class proudly displays the certificate he received for entering the BBC Radio 2 '500 Words' Challenge. He also won a medal for participating in the Mid Sussex Marathon



Louie from Dickens Class was awarded a medal for taking part in a recent rugby festival in Lewes. He plays for BHRFC.

Arun, Abigail, Adam & Chloe (all from Y6), took part in the recent Mid Sussex Marathon Mile. Arun finished in **2nd** place & won a swimming pass, while Abigail achieved a personal best time & was placed 38th!



Brodie from Picasso Class is one of our Star Readers—here he is with his certificate for reading 25 books.



Lucy from Dickens Class proudly wears the medal she was awarded by BHRFC. She played in a mixed team, but was the only girl for the whole season!



Angus, Toby, Oliver & Brodie (all from Y3) all took part in the Mid Sussex Marathon Mile race over the bank holiday weekend. Here they are with their medals.

Chloe from Curie Class has been awarded 2 badges from Brownies. She has a 40th Anniversary badge & also a badge for abseiling while at Brownie Camp.



Natalie from Curie Class was given an award from gymnastics for the best effort in her group over the month.

