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Southway Junior School

Learning and Achieving Together

NEWSLETTER



Dear Families

I read with dismay, a recent BBC article about a 13 year old boy who was being bullied at school because he had advertised his love of books and reading in general. I was outraged by this but then heartened by the fact that following his sister advertising the fact that her brother was a target for expressing his love of the written word there was an outpouring of support on social media from all quarters.

'A boy, 13, mocked for setting up an Instagram account dedicated to books has gained 150,000 followers. Callum Manning, from South Shields, wanted to share his thoughts with reviews of books he had read. But when people started sending insulting messages to a group chat he had joined at his new school, he was left 'devastated'. He said: 'I don't tend to cry that often but I think that was the first time in a while I've actually cried.' "Yesterday I had 39 followers, now I have more than 85,000 - it's bizarre, but nice to know that people care." Another author Matt Haig offered to send him signed copies of his books as it had "instantly struck a chord". He said he remembered "being 13 and hiding my love of books from some of the lads at school who mocked you for it". You may remember that Matt Haig is one of the authors that has recently visited Southway and we are currently arranging for a second visit.

This week Southway has been busy promoting the love of reading with all sorts of activities including asking children and staff to dress up as their favourite book character. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm this has generated. One of my favourite activities of the week was the 'teacher read' where children were given the opportunity to visit any staff member and be read to but the children choose their visit on the basis of the text being read and do not know who the staff member is until they get there. I chose to read non-fiction and share my love of birds and birdwatching and was delighted to find myself in a crammed office with children from all year groups. We now have a dedicated group of children determined to learn more about our feathered friends and get out and about with binoculars!

"No book is really worth reading at the age of ten which is not equally – and often far more – worth reading at the age of fifty and beyond." C.S. Lewis

Have a lovely weekend Mr P Newbold

Diary Dates

March

Mon 9th-Y4 Drumming Workshop & Performance to Parents (2.15-2.45)

Mon 9th-Y5/6 Basketball @ St. Pauls

Mon 9th-3.30-7.00pm—Parent Consultations

Tues 10th-Library Visit (Rowling & Shakespeare)

Tues 10th-Y5 Newhaven Fort Trip

Weds 11th-Y4/5 Handball Festival (TBC)

Thurs 12th-Library Visit (Dickens & Hawking)

Thurs 12th-3.30-5.30 pm Parent Consultations

Tues 17th-Einstein & Curie Library Visits

Weds 18th-Y4 Hindu Temple Trip

Thurs 19th-Turner Class Library Visit

Fri 20th-Shakespeare Class Assembly 10am

Mon 23rd-Einstein Class Assembly 10am

Tues 24th-Picasso Class Library Visit

Thurs 26th-Y6 British Museum Trip

Thurs 26th-Dali Class Library Visit

Fri 27th-Dali Class Assembly 10am

Book Sales

We will be selling good quality, second hand children's books at lunchtime every Monday, from now onwards. The sales will take place in the hall, and books will be priced at **50p** and **£1.00**.

If your child would like to make a purchase, please send them in with a small sum of money on a **Monday**.



H S A Valentine's Cake Sale

The recent cake sale raised a fantastic **£107!** Thank you for all the delicious bakes sent in.



PE Kits & Plimsolls / Trainers

Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit (including plimsolls or trainers) in school every day. Thank you

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OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



Sam from Dali Class received a certificate from the BBC for entering their annual '500 Words' Competition. Here he is with a copy of his story, 'The Magical Mining Mystery', together with his certificate.

Emily from Dali Class was awarded a trophy & certificate for coming 3rd in the Sussex Springers Trampolining Competition. Well done Emily, keep on bouncing!



Phoebe from Dali Class has gained her Level 6 badge & certificate in Gymnastics. She belongs to a club at the Triangle.

Her whole family also took part in a recent beach clean in Brighton & were rewarded with a trip to the Sea Life Centre for their efforts!

Alfie from Turner Class was awarded a certificate for taking part in a swimming gala with the 8th Burgess Hill Cub Pack. Well done Alfie!

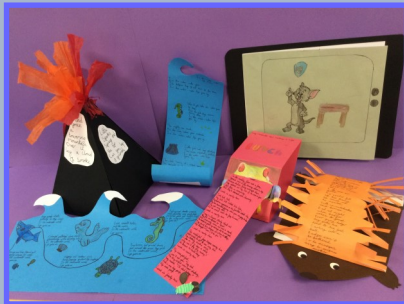


Ollie from Mandela won a table tennis competition whilst on holiday recently. Mum says he was helped by all the practice he's had at playtimes at school!

What's Been Happening?



This week, pupils at Southway got creative spending two days with *cardboard/project artist* Peter Baldry. Peter, from Derbyshire, uses cardboard, paint and glue to create incredible sculptures for schools and museums to display. Pupils from years 4 and 5 thoroughly enjoyed the workshops painting life-sized pterodactyls and a large Curriculum Tree for Southway's front entrance. The children were fascinated that their individual contribution would become part of this permanent work of art which will be on display for the benefit of the whole school community. The children were able to develop their brush control and their paint application skills under the guidance of Peter. It really was a fabulous experience and was enjoyed by all.



Here is a photo of the final poetry entries for this year's West Sussex Literary Competition, submitted by children from our Able Writers' Club. Watch this space for the results!



In D.T., **Year Six** have been creating (and tasting!) their own nutritious salads which included at least 5-12 ingredients this week. Prior to this, the children researched the nutritional values of their ingredients/plates, along with balancing their nutritional values along with taste. Finally, this week, the children washed, prepared, sliced-and-diced their salads, along with sautéing some chicken or halloumi with flavourings to add some protein. Delicious! The year six team would like to thank families who have donated £1 towards the children's learning to help us cover some of the cost.



The children involved in last week's Quicksticks Hockey Tournament at Downlands were a credit to the school & made good account of themselves against schools whose children were more experienced players. It was evident that every child wanted to compete & they did exactly that. Unfortunately, a couple of the schools were far too strong for Southway, who refused to give up! We finished 7th out of 15 teams.