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**SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL**

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

**NEWSLETTER**



Dear Families

No doubt many of you will have spotted that we have had four new pieces of outdoor gym equipment installed on the main playground. We are now just waiting for the company that carried out the installation to clear the site before we open officially. This is all very exciting and we must thank the HSA for continuing to fund our outdoor projects through their hard work and dedication. We are currently in the process of negotiating with South East Water to fund a new dipping pond area to replace our current one which is not fit for purpose. This will allow our children to continue learning outdoors and develop a love and respect for nature.

Inside school we are also in the process of developing our LaRC (Learning and Resource Centre) with the ultimate aim of creating a learning hub based around computing and research, fit for twenty first century learners.

Finally we have introduced Lego in to our Design Technology curriculum, much to the delight of the children and many of the staff! Recently Y6 were given the task of creating a working robotic arm that could pick up and drop off on command. This involved some complex construction and the ability to code. The results were remarkable.

We remain determined to provide every opportunity for our children to explore, experience and learn during their time with us.

*'Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe.'* **H. G. Wells**

Have a lovely weekend Mr P Newbold

## Diary Dates

### February

**Mon 11th**-Y5/Y6 MSA Basketball @ St. Paul's (TBC)

**Thurs 14th**-Y3/Y4 Badminton Festival (pm)

**Fri 15th**- Golden Awards Assembly 10am (for invited parents)

**Fri 15th**-H S A Cake Sale after school

**Half Term Holiday—Mon 18th-Fri 22nd**

**Monday 25th—INSET DAY-School Closed**

**Weds 27th**-MSA Quicksticks Hockey (Y5/Y6)@Downlands

### March

**Mon 4th**-Y4 Hindu Temple Visit (am)

**Weds 6th**-Parent Consultations 3.30-7pm

**Thurs 7th**—Parent Consultations 3.30-5.30pm

**Thurs 7th**- World Book Day

**Mon 11th**-Y4 Drumming Workshop—Performance to parents @ 2.30pm

## Book Donations

We are always very grateful for donations of unwanted children's books for the school. Please drop them in via the office.

Thank you.



## Payment Reminder

### France & Lodge Hill

We would like to remind parents of Y4 & Y5 children, that the following payment instalments are due, as follows:



**France** — £40 by 28th February

**Lodge Hill** — £25 by 28th February

Thank you



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# What's been going on?



**Evan, Oliver, Ela, Isla & Thomas**, (all from Rowling Class) proudly display their Star Reader certificates. These are awarded for every 5 books read in the Southway 100 Book Challenge. Oliver is currently leading the way, having read **95** books!



**Natalie (Curie), Isabelle (Rowling), Jessica (Mandela) & Emme (Turner)** were all lucky winners in our latest Book Raffle. They each won a copy of either 'The Skylark's War' or 'The Way Home for Wolf'.



Some children from **Year 3** were lucky enough to visit Burgess Hill Academy on Monday to participate in a basketball and hockey festival! Sports Leaders lead a circuit of activities based on either basketball or hockey skills. We learnt lots of different basketball and hockey skills and were definitely inspired to participate more in the sports!



On Wednesday the 23rd of January, twenty **Year 4** children represented Southway, competing against Mid Sussex schools in an athletics competition held at Warden Park Academy. During this thrilling event, children took part in a wide variety of races and contests, with Southway performing well, winning numerous races. Overall, we ranked 4th and were beaten to bronze by the slightest of margins! The organisers of the event also repeatedly commended our children's behaviour during and after the event, mentioning how our children were role models for behaviour, listening and sportsmanship. We are all very proud, indeed! N.B. A special mention must go to **Mrs Tullett** for her help in organising the event at the academy, along with preparing our children during her lunch time.



Well done to **Lucy (Dickens), Adam (Mandela), Toby (Dali) & Lucas (Curie)**, who each won the **Maths Challenge** Trophy for their Year Group.

# OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



**Amelia** from Mandela Class has recently passed her Grade 4 Ballet exam Level 2 Award, for her solo performance.



**Ollie** from Shakespeare Class was awarded the 'Player of the Week' by his team for scoring 4 goals in one match for Hassocks F. C.

**George** from Dickens Class won a trophy for coming 3rd place in a Badminton Tournament, where he also came 1st in the doubles competition, & won a medal.



**Ela** from Dali Class has kept her mum busy sewing on her Brownie Badges! Her latest is the 'Local History' Badge, for which she had to undertake a project in the local area.



**Dhyanesha** from Einstein Class is taking part in the UK Chess Challenge over the next 6 weeks. She has already won her first game, for which she was awarded this badge.



**Oliver** of Picasso & **Ollie** of Turner Class both belong to the 8th B.Hill Beavers at St. Edwards Church. They have both been awarded their 'Lodge Leader' badges & Ollie his Chief Scout's badge. Both boys will be moving up to Cubs soon.



**Amelia** of Rowling Class has shown dedication and worked extremely hard in Burgess Hill Marching Youth this past year. She won this certificate for progressing extremely well playing the clarinet within the band.