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Friday 3rd
May**

SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back from the Easter break which now seems a long time ago. We have had a very busy first couple of weeks, full of exciting learning opportunities for the children. Year 4 have spent a day at the Planetarium in Chichester learning about constellations and planets following dressing up as astronauts for the day. It was described to me by one child as 'the best trip ever'. Praise indeed! Year 3 have spent a day at Butser Farm, learning about life in Celtic and Roman England and even got to make their own bracelets and rings. They too have spent the day as Roman invaders and did indeed look quite the part. As a staff we are currently revising our foundation subject curriculum, which includes computing, art, history and geography to see if we can improve our approach even further. As a school we actively promote independent learning and encourage children to adopt the approach 'practice makes better not perfect'.

In the meantime I would like to wish all of year 6 well when they sit their SATs in a few short weeks. They have been so well prepared by their teachers. I would simply say to them...in the words of Ed Sheeran: *"Everything will be okay in the end. If it's not okay, then it's not the end."*

Have a great weekend Mr P Newbold

Diary Dates

May

Mon 6th-Bank Holiday—
School Closed

Tues 7th-Y5 Shipwreck Day

Thurs 9th-Y5 Seven Sisters Trip

Mon 13th-Y6 SATS Week

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 from
10am

Mon 27th-Fri 31st HALF TERM—SCHOOL CLOSED

June

Mon 3rd—INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED



Reminder

It would be very much appreciated if all trip / activity permission slips and contributions could be returned to school by the date stated on the letter. This helps to save time in chasing for replies, and prevents the extra cost of re-printing letters.

Thank you for your support with this.

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What's been going on?



Girls in Year 5 & 6 showed some real flair at the St Pauls' football festival on Tuesday. Everyone showed great sportsmanship and were hopefully inspired to play more!



Year 4 had their trip to South Downs Planetarium in Chichester this week where they got to experience the most amazing and immersive show about the stars, planets, space shuttles and beyond with live expert commentary by a professional astronomer. When the lights dimmed, the amount of 'oohs' and 'aahs' showed how valuable the trip was. The day was packed full of opportunities to learn about space exploration, past, present and future.



Year 3 had their trip to **Butser Farm**, a unique experimental archaeology site nestled into the rolling countryside of the South Downs National Park. They had the opportunity to try a variety of different activities, including participating on an archaeological dig, visiting a Roman Villa, creating mosaics, making Roman jewellery and clunching, which is creating walls out of chalk! The children immersed themselves in Roman culture and had a fantastic and tiring day! We would like to thank all our helpers for coming along and getting their hands dirty!



Year 3 had a fantastic Roman day! Wearing wonderful Roman outfits, we spent the day cracking codes in Roman numerals, learning about Roman soldiers and making shields to help us get in to formation to fight. We then used our shields and our Roman knowledge to re-enact a battle between Britannia and Rome.

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



Jessany from Dali Class has earned her Dancing & 1st Aid badges from Brownies.



Katie from Dali has been awarded her Level 8 Gymnastics certificate & badge.



Daisy from Picasso has a certificate from Brownie Camp, where she went abseiling & did raft building.

Angus from Picasso displays his medal for running a mile in the Brighton Marathon Weekend, when he came 10th!



Harrison from Hawking has been awarded the Chief Scout Silver Award from 8th Burgess Hill Scouts.



Matthew from Turner Class won a certificate & bronze medal for coming 3rd in a recent gymnastics competition & a certificate for entering an arts competition.



Archie from Curie Class plays football for Marle Place. They were placed 2nd in a recent tournament & won this fantastic trophy!



Aleyna from Churchill has worked hard to achieve her Level 4 & 5 badges in gymnastics.



Evie from Turner Class has been awarded her 50m Rainbow Swimming certificate.



Mia (Einstein), & **Lily & Ollie** (Hawking), all took part in the mile-long fun run, as part of the recent Brighton Marathon weekend. Here they are with their medals.

Y6 boys Harry, Luca, Adam, Tom & Harvey, came 2nd place in a football tournament for Marle Place & were each awarded a medal.



Finley & Zac from Dali Class play football for Cuckfield Cosmos. Here they are with medals they were awarded for winning the Crawley Youth League tournament.



Rebecca from Dickens Class has had her hair cut to donate to the Little Princess Trust, which makes wigs for young cancer sufferers. She is pictured here before & after her haircut.



Elizabeth & Phoebe, (both of Pankhurst Class), won silver medals in a recent competition for Hurstpierpoint Gymnastics Club. Elizabeth won 3 medals & Phoebe won 2.



Picasso classmates **Angus, Leo, Ollie & Oliver**, all took part in the mini-mile run during the Brighton Marathon weekend.



Isabel from Cuie Class recently completed Level 7 in Swimming. She's very much looking forward to using the school pool in the summer!