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# **SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL**

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

# **NEWSLETTER**



## **Headteacher Message**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this message our Year 6 children will have completed their SATs and will now be looking forward to a well-earned weekend break. I would like to compliment them all for their efforts and concentration not only during the week itself but also for all of their hard work in the lead up to the tests themselves. We know that these tests are a very narrow and sometimes misleading measure of a child's ability. Along with the vast majority of Headteachers in this country I am increasingly concerned at the punitive and restrictive nature of the new tests which further narrow the curriculum. A group of Headteachers in London, that lead either good or outstanding primary schools, wrote to the education secretary, Nicky Morgan, to outline their concerns. With specific reference to writing in the curriculum they said, *'The emphasis is now on reducing stories and texts into monotonous and complex reconstructions. We would defy most adults to read and write to the current year 6 expectations.'*

Of course we work tirelessly to ensure that all of our children are literate and numerate and ready to meet the challenges of secondary education. We recognise that academic success is a good indicator of future economic success later in life. But we also know that our children achieve in so many other vital ways. During my Monday assembly we spoke about what everyone would like to be when they grew up. The answers ranged from marine biologist to Olympic gymnast, from astronaut to professional pianist. I am delighted that our children have such a positive view of their futures and are dreaming big. At Southway it is wonderful to see that our children have a far wider and interesting perspective on their future possibilities than the narrow measures used by successive governments. Long may that continue.

*'If you can dream it, you can do it.'* **Walt Disney**

In the meantime have a lovely weekend

Mr P Newbold

### **ROAD CROSSING**

It has been brought to our attention that some of our older children, who choose not to cross the road with our lollipop lady, are **not crossing either sensibly or carefully**. Quite often they have their mobile phones out and are texting whilst walking and not looking when crossing the road. This week there was an incident involving two Southway girls who were wearing earphones and weren't paying attention. They very nearly got knocked over by a car and were understandably quite shaken! We will be addressing this in school but can we please ask that you reinforce the message of road safety at home. Thank you



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## TENNIS FESTIVAL

Some of our pupils attended a tennis festival at the Weald in Hassocks on Wednesday to have a 'try' at tennis.



*"We did some amazing warm up*

*aces against the other schools!"*

**Harvey Johnson**

*"There were some great skills activities - we scored loads of points!"* **Harry Holland**



## Are Children Spending Too Long On Electronic Gizmos?

I have noticed an increasing trend of children aged 6-14 coming in specifically for help with neck pain.

When I'm then asking the children and the parents what happened leading up to the pain, to find out why it started, I'm noticing a possible common factor.

It seems children are spending far longer on their tablets, laptops, smart phones and games consoles, and watching TV, now than ever before. And they are often sitting with bad postures while doing it.

This is a concern for me as an osteopath, because their bodies are still growing, and these slumped postures will not be helping keep their developing spines healthy.

After treatment to help the neck pain, a key factor to stop the problem coming back, was simply giving each of them advice about reducing screen time, as well as making sure they were holding their head upright when looking at a screen, sitting up straight.

A lot of my adult patients need to follow this advice too!

I know it can be difficult to get children to stop looking at screens, but for their spinal health it's vital to think about this. The least time they can spend with their head in an odd position staring at a screen, is definitely better for them. They will have less pain and aches in their neck and backs.

Aimée Cox M.Ost, DPO

Osteopath and Cranial Osteopath [www.hovebrightonosteopath.co.uk](http://www.hovebrightonosteopath.co.uk) 01273 803711



## Half Term Soccer Camp!

Tuesday 31st May - Friday 3rd June ~ 9.00 till 15.00

Open to boys and girls of all abilities aged between 5-11

Venue:

3g artificial football pitch, Oathall Community College, Appledore Gardens, RH16 2AQ

- Fun Games & Activities
- Tournaments
- Player Challenges

£20 a day, or £70 for all 4 days

Email: [Jordan@tinytekkers.com](mailto:Jordan@tinytekkers.com) or call 07702 433227

[tinytekkers.com](http://tinytekkers.com)

## Out of School Achievements



**Robyn Preece** competed in a team gymnastics competition on Sunday 8th May with Pyramid Gymnastics Club and her team came third out of 9 teams. Well done Robyn!

**Lewis Kemp** recently achieved his 'Certificate of Merit'... The way of true Karate-Do.

He is working his way through the belts.

Congratulations Lewis, keep up the good work!



**Olivia Coomber** had her 5<sup>th</sup> KYU Sama Karate grading last Saturday and got her Blue Belt.

A great achievement Olivia, well done!



**Joseph Roffey** was awarded both his bronze and silver medals for performing patterns in Tae-Kwando.

*'The judges thought his patterns were good'*

Well done Joseph!



**Eva Kerr** performed at the Hawth in Crawley with the Ariel Company Theatre group in front of 700 people recently.

She was involved in set pieces of dancing, Peter Pan, singing 'When children rule the world' and the finale.

Brilliant Eva, well done!

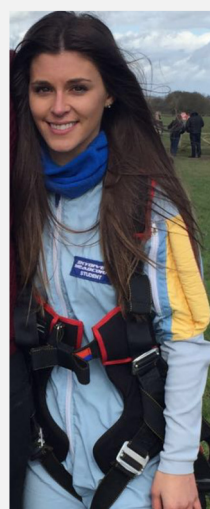


**Luke Kavallierou** received 'Man of the Match' at the last Hurst

Hornets U10's match of this season, he also competed in the fortitude Tae-Kwando competition over the weekend and gained a gold medal for flying side kick and 2 silver medals, one for his pattern and one for sparring. Nice one Luke!

**Max Beauchamp** worked really hard to achieve his Karate green belt. He had to perform a few different moves and said *"It's a tricky belt"*.

Tricky or not you smashed it, well done Max!



## Miss Griffin went skydiving!

Miss Griffin went skydiving at the end of March to raise money for **JDRF**.

**JDRF** is a type 1 diabetes charity, improving lives until a cure is discovered. **JDRF** fund research to cure, treat and prevent type 1 diabetes.

Miss Griffin would like to thank you all for your very generous donations for this very worthy cause.....she raised **£1,600!**

*"Thank you **SO** much, your kindness is hugely appreciated by JDRF and myself."*

*What a wonderful and very brave thing to do, well done Miss Griffin!*





A fantastic piece of writing by one of our Year 3 pupils.....enjoy!

## THE SPOOKY ISLAND!

Once in stormy seas, there was a ship full of pirates. The captain of the ship was the famous Redbeard himself.

Redbeard and his dastardly crew were on their ship 'The sea's revenge' when they found a bottle floating in the water. The crew lifted it out of the water. "There is something inside the bottle Captain!" echoed one of the crewmates.

"Well don't just stand there, open it!" shouted the Captain. Beneath the deck, the crewmate opened the bottle and there was a treasure map inside!

The crew set sail at once. Sailing through the stormy seas, the crew were crazy with excitement. Standing above the deck, the crew sailed to the small abandoned island. Greedily, the captain dreamt of chests full of wealth and riches. Waking up, the crew shouted "Land ahoy!" this pleased the captain who jumped off the boat and began searching the island. The crew searched all day, finally finding the chest. In front of the chest, the captain opened the lid and thought of the wonderful riches inside.



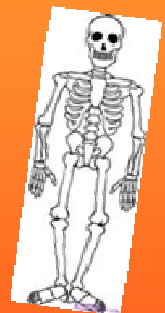
When he opened the lid a group of rotting skeletons jumped out and began a deadly battle with the crew. "The treasure is ours!" demanded the captain. The skeletons won in the end and tied the, not so dastardly crew, to a palm tree.

Months later, another pirate ship arrived at the island and found the skeletons of Redbeard and his crew cutting them loose.

The Salty Breeze Crew began looking for treasure.

Redbeard fiercely opened his one skeleton eye and leapt at the cowardly captain. "The treasure is ours, you don't come near our treasure ever again or I will hunt you down!" he blurted. Feeling terrified, the Salty Breeze crew jumped into their ship and sailed away at once.

"I don't want to go there ever again!" cried the pirates as the ship sailed into the distance.



Written by Betsy Hodgson - Turner Class (year 3)

## Diary Dates:

### May

16th	Y3 PC Broad - General Safety/Being Nice/Stranger Danger	
16th	Y6 Chessington Trip	
17th	Y4 PC Broad - Safety/Choices/Internet (Rowling/Dickens)	
18th	Y4 PC Broad - Safety/Choices/Internet (Shakespeare)	
18th	Y3/4 SRE Parent DVD Viewing	15.30-16.30
19th	Leavers Photos	
20th	Mandela Assembly (Mandela parents welcome)	10.00-10.20
25th	Y5 SRE Parent DVD Viewing	15.30-16.30
26th	Y6 Magistrates Visit	
26th	Y5/6 Kwik Cricket Festival - Sidney West	13.00-17.00
27th	Awards Assembly (Parents of selected pupils welcome)	10.00-10.20
30th	<b>BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	
31st	May - 3rd June	<b>HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>

### June

6th	<b>INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	
7th	<b>RETURN TO SCHOOL</b>	
7th	Y2 Eagles - Try on Uniform	15.15-16.15
8th	Y5/6 Author Visit to Oakmeeds	
8th	Y2 Owls - Try on Uniform	15.15-16.15
9th	Y2 Puffins - Try on Uniform	15.15-16.15
10th	HSA Fun Run	<b>TBC</b>
13th	Y5 PC Broad - Safety / Enhanced Road Safety	
15th	Y6 Overstrand Trip Meeting	15.30-16.00
16th	Y6 PC Broad - Harmful Substances	
17th	Shakespeare Assembly (Shakespeare parents welcome)	10.00-10.20
20th	Houses of Parliament Visit - Youth Councillors	
20th	Y3 Splat visit - Treasure Island	
21st	Y5 Exploring Nature with Mark Chorley	
22nd	Youth Council Meeting	13.45-14.45
24th	HSA Disco for Y3/4/5	17.30-18.30
25th	Gattons Summer Fayre	
29th	Y6 Burgess Hill School For Girls - production	afternoon - time TBC
30th	Sports Day	afternoon
30th	Oakmeeds parent eve for Y6	

### July

#### SAT 2nd HSA Summer Fayre

4th	Junior singing morning at St.Paul's	09.30-11.30
4th	Y6 Leavers Production	13.30-15.00 & 18.00-19.30
4th	Warden Park parent eve for Y6	
5th	Gattons Sports Day	
5th	Y6 Leavers Production	18.00-19.30
6th	Y2 Transfer Morning	
7th	Reserve Sports Day	
7th	Oathall parents eve for Y6	
8th	France Trip - Final Payment Due	
8th	HSA Y6 Leavers Disco	18.00-19.00
11th - 15th	Y6 Residential Trip - Overstrand	
11th	Area Sports afternoon at Oakmeeds	time TBC
12th	Gattons reserve sports day	
14th	Y5 Ardingly Trip	
19th	Y5 Fab Finish	13.15-15.15
21st	Awards Assembly (Parents of selected pupils welcome)	10.00-10.20
21st	House Winners - Movie & Popcorn Night	15.30-17.00
22nd	Y6 Leavers Assembly (children only)	10.45-11.45
25th	<b>SUMMER BREAK STARTS</b>	

### September

5th	<b>INSET DAY</b>
6th	<b>RETURN TO SCHOOL</b>



## HSA ICE LOLLY SALES Starting 10/06/16

AFTER HALF TERM THE HSA WILL BE HOLDING ICE LOLLY SALES EVERY FRIDAY AFTERNOON FROM  
**3.15pm - 3.45pm**

THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE DT (ZONE) ROOM

PC Broad, Neighbourhood Schools Officer  
thought the below link may be useful.

<http://vodafonedigitalparenting.co.uk/>

*'How is the internet affecting your child's mental health?'*

**Hurst Hornets football team** are looking for new players for their **Under 10's** (players that will be 9 years old as at 31/08/16 (Y5 at the start of the next academic year). and **Under 11's** (players need to be 10 years old prior to 31/08/16 (Y6 at the start of the next academic year).



They are holding Open training sessions across the summer in Burgess Hill on a Saturday morning from 9.30am - 11.00am.

**If you are interested please contact:**

**U10's Richard Heather** 07977 530665  
richard@thechapelhouse.plus.com

**U11's Rupert Grass** 07809 826558  
rupertgrass@hotmail.com

We would really love to see as many players as possible at these sessions - previous team experience not essential!

**A WATCH HAS BEEN FOUND AT THE TOP OF OUR DRIVEWAY.**



**IF YOU HAVE MISLAID ONE PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE: 01444 233824**

Some rather unusual bikes will be travelling along



**Keymer Road and folders Lane at about 10.20am on Sunday 15th May 2016**

Please come along and cheer the riders of which many will be visually impaired or blind.

They will be the ones sitting at the rear!!

We hope to see you there.  
Friends of 4 SIGHT (West Sussex Association for the Blind)

