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SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER



Dear families

This term we have started up our lunchtime clubs for children, run by children, again and I have been so impressed with the sheer number of children from all year groups who have wanted to run one. This term we have drawing, art, netball, dance and Lego and the attendance has been great. I have visited the clubs in action and the behaviour and attitude of all those who have taken part has been wonderful. The value to the children who run the clubs is immeasurable. From growing in self-confidence to improved organisational skills, greater maturity to better self-discipline; the benefits are enormous. None of these clubs are overseen or supervised by staff although they are always on hand if necessary. The children have been their own bosses and they have been a credit to the school. Reinforcing the fact that our children are so well behaved and respectful was a comment passed to me by Mr K, our PE teacher, who emailed me following a Hockey Festival for local schools that some of our children participated in. *'It was a festival so no scores however, we won 'spirit of the game' which the leaders rank schools on respect, sportsmanship and so on.'* Yet again we were recognised for the right reasons and we are so proud of children.

"When you are content to be simply yourself and don't compare or compete, everyone will respect you." – **Lao Tzu**

Have a lovely weekend

Mr P Newbold

Diary Dates

February

Monday 3rd-Y6 Rainbow Theatre Visit

Tues 4th Feb-CLIC Sargent Fundraising for World Cancer Day

Weds 5th-Y5 Basketball Festival @ Warden Park

Weds 12th-Y3/4 Badminton Festival @ The Triangle

Thurs 13th-Y3 Sir Teachalot Viking Workshop

Friday 14th-Awards Assembly to Invited Parents 10am

Mon 17th-Fri 21st-HALF TERM-School Closed

Mon 24th-INSET DAY-School Closed

March

Mon 9th & Thurs 12th- Parent consultations

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**.



Lodge Hill 2020 Payments — Y4 Parents

Please note that the next instalment of **£25** is now due for the Lodge Hill Trip.

Inset Days for 2020/2021

Here are our INSET days for the next academic year. Please note that one day is different to the Gattons.

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| 03/09/20 | 04/09/20 | 02/11/20 |
| 22/02/21 | 23/07/21 | |

Tues 4th February is **World Cancer Day**. We would like to support this by raising funds for **CLIC Sargent** — one of our House Charities this year. We will therefore continue to sell their wristbands at break time, at a cost of £2.00 each.

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OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



Izzy from Rowling class has been awarded her first Blue Peter Badge, after sending in a picture of some flowers she had drawn.



Lucy from Einstein class won a medal for taking part in a girls' rugby tournament in Horsham recently. She is a keen player, who plays in both mixed & girls teams.

Finley from Turner class was recently awarded his Level 6 certificate for swimming. He has lessons at the Triangle, and had to swim 10m in his pyjamas to pass this level.



Lily-Rose from Einstein class has just earned her **3rd** Blue Peter Badge! She already had her blue & silver badges, and has now gained a purple one, after writing & submitting a review of an episode of the programme.



Hollie from Shakespeare Class attended her first dance competition of the new year last week. She came 1st in her slow dance and has now moved up a category and came 1st in her pairs dance!



Evie from Curie class was awarded a certificate & bronze medal for attaining a 'pass plus' in a group show dance in tap.

Sam from Picasso class has been helping to raise money for those who have lost their homes in the Australian bush fires. His rugby club, the Sussex Swans, played a game of Aussie Rules Football, and raised **£660** for the cause. They also had their picture published in the Argus!

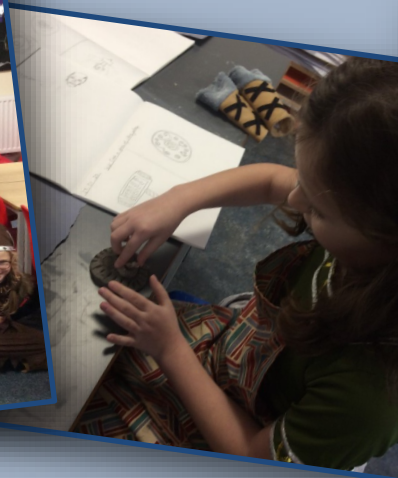


A group of **Y5 & Y6** children attended a hockey festival at Downlands yesterday, where they had fun developing their playing skills. Mr K was very proud of their behaviour & sportsmanship.

What's Been Happening?



Year 3 were extremely lucky to have a dyeing expert come in and teach us how to dye material using natural ingredients. We used onion skins, weld and madder to turn our cotton and wool orange, yellow and red, which we then used on our Viking day to weave with! Thank you to everyone who brought in onion skins!



On Monday **Year 3** spent a day in the life of a Viking! We created weaving using the wool that we had previously dyed, on boards that we strung ourselves. We learnt lots about how Vikings lived and what they would do and wear. Vikings wore amulets of Thor's hammer and brooches, so we created some of these using clay. We looked at runes and inscribed our pottery with Viking letters - these are being sent off to be fired!



Last week we had a visit from representatives of the **RSPCA**, one of our house charities this year. They presented a special assembly about their work, and introduced the children to Rafiki the dog and an eight foot python!