



# Southway Junior School Newsletter

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May 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,  
We have had a very exciting week to round off the first half of the Summer term with plenty of fun in the sun (and heavy rain).

The year 6 children and staff had a marvelous time at Chessington World of Adventures. Even though the rain came down it didn't dampen our spirit of adventure. The children have worked so hard all year to prepare for SATs week, they thoroughly deserved all the excitement provided by The Vampire, Mandrils Mayhem and Tiger Rock.

Mrs McConnell and her fantastic team also put on a brilliant assembly this week to help all children understand their emotions and feelings. It has been so wonderful to see and hear children using these techniques in the classroom and the playground as a result.

I was so delighted to hear about the children's achievements from their teachers today during Golden Awards assembly. There was so much to celebrate in all classes across the school.

And finally, thank you for your continued support this term. I feel very privileged to have joined such a wonderful school community.

Have a safe, happy and restful half term.

*Mrs Smith*



## Roman Roads

Year 3 were treated to glorious weather for their trip to explore the location of Roman roads in Burgess Hill. The children walked to St John's Park, where they enjoyed completing a range of activities to extend their knowledge of the Romans (and test out their chariot design skills!). In small groups, the children investigated pavement plaques showing where original Roman roads were situated. They enjoyed spotting the centurion's helmet and arrows revealing the direction of the road, before creating a wax rubbing of the plaque as a lasting memento of the trip.



## House Points

Hill	2198
Dyke	1967
Beacon	1962
Cliff	1819

## Attendance

Whole school attendance 95.6%  
(8/5/24 – 22/5/24)

Highest class attendance is:

★ Churchill (Year 6) – 98% ★



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## Science Week



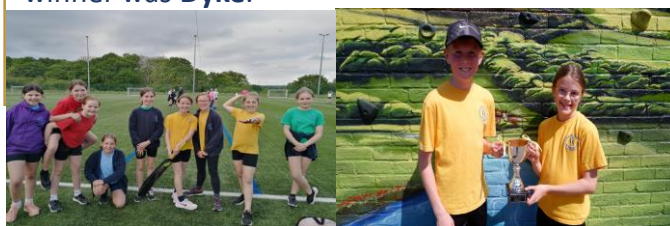
Science Week is fast approaching and there are plenty of activities and experiences planned for the week themed 'Time' (3<sup>rd</sup> June- 7<sup>th</sup> June). TBHA staff and Year 10 students will run a range of experiments for all year groups during the week.

A science Quiz will also be available for years 5 & 6 on the big playground and one for years 3 & 4 on the small playground. During the week, children will complete a Paper Plane Investigation in classes too. Year 3 children have a STEM Escape Room experience to look forward to on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Miss Ayres has also arranged for some of our budding scientists from Year 5 to visit TBHA for a Science Immersion Event.

## Sporting News

The girls in Years 5 and 6 recently represented the school in a street cricket tournament where they reflected great teamwork and resilience. Despite the fact they had never played street cricket before, they picked up the rules very quickly and used their teamwork skills to communicate with one another, resulting in them coming joint 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

We also enjoyed an afternoon of Inter house sports competitions on Monday afternoon. House teams competed in netball and football tournaments. Congratulations to all the team players and those that gave their tireless support. The scores were close but the overall winner was **Dyke**.



## Dates for your Diary

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May – INSET Day (school closed)  
 Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May – Half Term Holiday  
 Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Children return  
 Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June Science Week  
 Tues 4<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 Seven Sisters Trip  
 Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>-Fri 7<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Lodge Hill Residential  
 Tues 11<sup>th</sup> June – Boccia & Curling Festival  
 Weds 12<sup>th</sup> – Area Athletics at the BHA (pm)  
 Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> – Girls' Quick Cricket at Ansty (am)  
 Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Magistrates Visit to Y6  
**Weds 19<sup>th</sup> June Sports Morning & Family Picnic**  
 (weather permitting!)  
 Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – Y6 Brighton Museum & i360 Trip  
 Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – Curie Class Assembly 10am

## Noticeboard

Last week we said a fond farewell to Miss Harman who had been working with Mandela Class this year. We will miss her but we wish her all the very best in her new exciting role.

Our Friends of Southway **Summer Fair** is taking place on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 11-2**. We are looking forward to a fun event for all the family but .....

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

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# Achievements



Over the past few weeks, these children have been busy achieving in football, dance, rugby, karate and Cubs . Some have also been awarded their Southway Values and Star Reader certificates. Congratulations to them all!

