



# Southway Junior School

# Newsletter

Learning and Achieving Together



Dear Parents,

As we welcome the warmth of spring, I hope this message finds you all in good spirits. I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the joyous celebration of literature we experienced during World Book Day. Southway Junior School was alive with the magic of storytelling last week, as students and staff alike embraced their favourite literary characters and delved into the enchanting world of books. While it was lovely to see the fun and joy of dressing up as book characters, it was even more heart warming to see the creativity and enthusiasm that pupils brought to the day, showcasing their love for reading in such imaginative ways.

World Book Day serves as a reminder of the profound impact that literature can have on our lives. It ignites our imaginations, broadens our horizons, and instils in us a lifelong passion for learning. I encourage each and every one of our pupils to continue exploring the wonders of the written word, both inside and outside the classroom. The act of reading not only unlocks doors to knowledge but also fosters creativity, empathy, and critical thinking skills essential for navigating the complexities of our world.

Roald Dahl once said, "If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books." Through the pages of books, children embark on adventures that transport them to distant lands, introduce them to diverse cultures, and inspire them to dream beyond the confines of their reality.

Neil Gaiman aptly remarked, "A book is a dream that you hold in your hand." Reading not only stimulates the imagination but also nurtures a sense of wonder and possibility within our students. It empowers them to envision brighter futures and aspire to greatness.

While it is important to have a special day to celebrate reading, let us carry the spirit of World Book Day with us throughout the year, nurturing a culture of storytelling, literacy and curiosity within our school community.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend, filled with endless adventures between the pages of a good book.

Warmest regards,

Mrs Bondonno

## March Dates for your Diary

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> - Parent Consultations Kahlo & Einstein Classes 3.30-5.30

Weds 20<sup>th</sup> - Y3-Y5 Parent Consultations 3.30-7pm (Except Kahlo Class)

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> - Rocksteady Concerts to Parents (1.30 & 2.45pm)

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Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> - Parent Consultations Kahlo Class only 3.30-7pm

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> - Picasso Class Assembly from 10am

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> - Y4 Drumming Workshop

Weds 27<sup>th</sup> - Movie & Popcorn for House Team Winners 3.30-5pm

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of Term - **Children Finish at 1.30pm**

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> - Start of Easter Holidays

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April - Start of Summer Term

## Noticeboard

**Reminder** - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March is the last day of term. All children will have lunch in school and finish at 1.30pm.

**PE Kits** - If you have any PE kit which has been outgrown & is no longer needed, we would be very grateful to receive it in the school office, where it can be lent out to children if required. Thank you.

**Office Hours** - Just a reminder that the school office is open between 8.30am & 3.30pm each day. Phone messages & emails to [parentline@southwayjunior.co.uk](mailto:parentline@southwayjunior.co.uk) can be left outside of these times & will be dealt with during opening hours.



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# World Book Day





# Achievements



These children from Y5 & Y6 excelled themselves at a recent 'A' Team Netball Tournament at Downlands. They came 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall & even beat their arch rivals, St. Lawrence!



Ananya from Kahlo Class has been awarded her yellow belt in karate, after studying it for just 3 months!

Ben from Turner Class has been awarded a Star Reader certificate, after reading 45 books in our Book Challenge. He also won a football trophy for being a fantastic goalkeeper for Southdown Rovers!



Josh from Dickens Class received a certificate from the Science Museum after completing a pyramid challenge.



Olivia, Ben & Felix from Y4 received medals from BHRFC for their try-scoring, taking lots of tags & having excellent teamwork during a recent tournament.



Ollie from Kahlo Class was awarded a football boot trophy after scoring 2 goals in a match. He was also awarded the Player of the Week Trophy by his team, Southdown Rovers.



# Achievements



Lucia, Maisy, Ollie & Samuel recently attended a Maths Challenge at Christ's Hospital School. They had a great time doing puzzles & quizzes & came 12<sup>th</sup> place out of approximately 50 schools!



Samuel from Dickens Class received a certificate & medal after taking part in a GB & Japan Friendship Tournament in karate.

Joey from Rowling Class managed to bag a rare Golden Nose when he made a purchase for Comic Relief!



Alice from Picasso was awarded the Gymnast of the Week trophy by her club after doing lots of practising at home.



Freddie from Rowling Class was awarded a football trophy for being an excellent defender & kicking the ball from one end of the pitch to the other.



Harmonie, Leigh, Maisy & Mila from Y4 all took part in a dance show for VB Dance at the Hawth in Crawley. Here they are with their certificates & lanyards.