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SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER

Dear families

Yesterday I had the privilege of attending the annual Brighton College Education Conference with our Chair of Governors, Peter Izard. This was an opportunity to listen to a range of well respected speakers on a variety of education related topics. The list included Peter Tatchell (a human rights campaigner), Andreas Schiller (an internationally respected adviser on government education policy and the designer of the PISA tests used to rank OECD countries in terms of educational performance) and the former MP Alan Johnson (Labour Home Secretary under Tony Blair). Whilst I enjoyed listening to them all I was most captivated by Alan who spoke eloquently about his humble background (although grinding poverty would best describe it) and his rise to one of the most preeminent political positions in the country. His story is one of relentless energy and a refusal to allow his social background to prevent him from fulfilling any ambition he may have had. In his particular case his was a desire to make the world a better place for everyone and not just the few. His stories were both insightful, warm and humorous and I am now in the process of reading the first of his memoirs, all with the titles of well known Beatles songs. I thoroughly recommend them.

'He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else.' **Benjamin Franklin**

Have a lovely weekend Mr P Newbold

Diary Dates:

May

Mon 14th—Y6 SATS week
Fri 18th-Y6 Sir Teachalot Stone Age Workshop
Tues 22nd-Y6 Chessington Trip—Leaving at 8.55am
Fri 25th—Y5 Open Afternoon for parents from 2.15pm (changed from 18th July)
Mon 28th May—Fri 1st June—Half Term—School Closed

June

Mon 4th June—Inset Day—School Closed
Fri 15th—H S A Summer Fayre Donations & non uniform day
Fri 15th—Y3, Y4 & Y5 Disco - 5-6pm
Weds 20th-Dali Class Assembly to Parents 10am
Fri 22nd-Y6 Leavers Photos & Class photos for whole school
Weds 27th—Sports Day (am)
Thurs 28th—Reserve Sports Day (am)

July

Tues 10th & Weds 11th—Y6 Leavers production (times TBC)
Fri 20th—Y6 Leavers Party 5.30-7.30pm
Tues 24th—Y6 Leavers Assembly to Parents (time TBC)

Reminder

All trip & activity payments can be made securely online, via our electronic payment system -**www.scopay.com/southway**. Please let the office know if you need a reminder of your log-in details.

Thank you

Year 4 at the Planetarium

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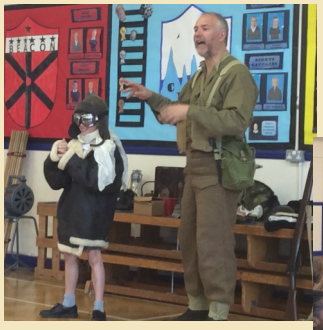
What's been going on?

Year 4 voyaged to Sussex Downs Planetarium in Chichester and experienced an awe-inspiring show of the stars. The children participated in a wide variety of activities and even got to hold some asteroids that were over 6 billion years old!



Year 5 had an exciting visit from Sir Teach A lot (dressed as a WW2 soldier) to teach us about the home front, air raids, evacuation and lots more.

The Southway Kwik Cricket Team took part in a tournament in Ansty yesterday. They played really well & came **2nd** out of the eight teams participating. What a great performance.

Out of School Achievements

Grace Arnold of Rowling Class was recently awarded her Goldfish 3 Swimming Certificate & badge.

Dhyanesha Dokula of Rowling Class has attained her Level 4 swimming certificate & badge. She has also earned her Animal Carer Badge, from the 5th Burgess Hill Cubs.

Bethany Tyrrell of Mandela Class got through to the Regional Finals of the Sussex Sports Hall Championships. She represented Sussex U11's & came 5th in relay, 2nd in hurdles, & 6th overall— a fantastic achievement!

Olivia Bell of Einstein Class has been working hard at her Gymnastics club & was recently awarded her Level 5 badge & Certificate.

Gus China of Turner Class took part in the 2018 National Street Dance Challenge. He came 1st in the Duos, 3rd in the Quads & 2nd in the Crew Competition.

Daniel Collard of Rowling Class took part in a taekwondo competition in Glasgow & won a bronze medal for TTA Sussex. His club was also mentioned in the Mid Sussex Times.

Sisters **Isobel & Abigail Thomas** (of Mandela & Einstein Classes) took part in the Mid Sussex Marathon last weekend, which required them to run a one mile course.

Charlie Laing of Mandela Class also competed in the Mid Sussex Marathon, finishing in 10th place.

George Cranfield (Dali) also ran in the Mid Sussex Marathon Fun Run last weekend. Here he is with his medal.

Y6 team-mates achieved a haul of trophies at the End of Season Presentations for Marle Place Wanderers Football Team. Here (in random order) are **Spike Webber, Ollie Bingham, Freddy Searle, Marco Bucciarelli, Henry Holland, Bradley Millington, Lloyd Mainwaring, Sam Vinall & Theo Thompson-Holt** with their collection of awards.

Eddie Grass of Churchill class recently took part in a rugby festival in Haywards Heath & was awarded a medal.

Evan China of Churchill was awarded a medal for participating in a recent football tournament for his club.

Natalie Montiel of Curie class ran in the Burgess Hill Fun Mile and was awarded a medal .