



Southway Junior School Newsletter

Learning and Achieving Together



Dear Families,

As you may be aware our Year 6 children spent last week sitting their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests). These are administered nationally of course and they generate a great deal of opinion, both within the education profession and amongst parents.

This year there has been a groundswell of negativity with regards to the reading test in particular and SATs and their true purpose, in general.

Schools minister Nick Gibb has said he will “look at” complaints from parents and teachers about the difficulty of last week’s SATs reading paper.

Teachers and school leaders reported that children had struggled with the test on Wednesday, warning it was far more challenging than those sat in previous years.

Pressed by journalists this week about

the reports, Gibb said he would “*certainly look at [the criticism] because I know that there has been concern expressed by some schools*”.

I am pleased to say that as usual the children at Southway took these tests in their stride and were thoroughly well prepared by all staff. I am also adamant that children who attend our school will continue to receive a broad, rich and well balanced curriculum that reflects their interests and aspirations. No child can realistically have their ability or intelligence ‘measured’ in a particular hour, on a particular day, on a particular week of the year.

‘Learning happens in the minds and souls, not in the databases of multiple-choice tests.’ Sir Ken Robinson

In the meantime have a lovely weekend

Warmest wishes

Mr P Newbold

Dates for your Diary

May

Fri 26th – Golden Awards Assembly to invited Parents – 10am

Fri 26th – Last Day of School – children finish at 3.15pm

Mon 29th - Fri 2nd June – Half Term Holiday – School Closed

June

Mon 5th – Back to School

Weds 7th – Y5 Seven Sisters Trip

Thurs 8th / Fri 9th – Y4 Lodge Hill Residential

Fri 9th – Y6 Trip to Brighton

w/c Mon 19th – Science Week

Mon 19th – Magistrates visiting Y6 at Southway

Weds 28th – Sports Day (am)

Fri 23rd – House Charity Fundraising

Tues 27th – France Meeting for Y5 Parents & Children – 3.20pm

Thurs 29th – RNLI visiting Y5 at Southway

Noticeboard

Please remember that children must stay off school for a **full 48 hours** following a bout of sickness or diarrhoea, so that we can try to prevent any stomach bugs from spreading.

We would also ask that any messages relating to changes to after-school pick-up, are notified to the School Office, (not the class teacher) before 2.45pm. This is to allow us time to relay the message before the end of the school day. Thank you.



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Achievements



Oscar from Kahlo Class was awarded a medal & trophy for being the Most Improved Player in his U8's Rugby Team.



Ollie from Kahlo Class was awarded a certificate by his teacher, for his fantastic effort in maths!

Eden from Curie Class is a keen equestrian & won this rosette for coming 2nd in a show jumping competition with her pony.



Finlay from Einstein Class has been awarded SEVEN Scout Badges recently! He also won a certificate for achieving 3rd Kyu in Karate!



Oliver from Einstein had a trip to Disneyland Paris recently, where he was lucky enough to meet film stars Chris Pratt & Zoe Saldana from the 'Guardians of the Galaxy' films. The trip was organised by Make-a-Wish UK & was featured in both the Argus & Mid Sussex Times.



Harmonie from Picasso Class is a super swimmer & recently received her Level 4 Learn to Swim certificate & badge.



Benedict from Turner Class plays football for Hassocks Robins. Here he is with the trophy he won after scoring the 'Goal of the Season' for his club.



Achievements



Lenny from Picasso Class was awarded this magnificent football trophy for being named as Hassocks Hawks' 'Players' Player' this season.



Seb from Shakespeare Class took part in a sponsored 'Mini Mile' Race for the charity 'Forward Facing'. Here he is with his medal, certificate & race number.

Leah from Hawking Class has become a Star Reader, after reading 25 books in our Reading Challenge!



Ansh from Einstein Class was awarded a green belt after a recent grading in Karate.



Oliver from Einstein Class has recently gained a certificate & badge for passing Level 4 Learn to Swim.



Isaac from Curie Class was awarded a certificate from BHRFC for being their 'Most Improved Player'.



Zach from Kahlo Class plays football for Southdown Rovers. He was awarded this fantastic football boot trophy for being their 'Most Improved Player' this season.





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Joe from Curie Class won this fabulous golden boot trophy for being the 'Most Improved Player' for his team, Southdown Rovers.



Zach from Dickens & Emily from Rowling Class were both given trophies at the end of season awards for Burgess Hill Football Club. Emily also has a medal for scoring her first goal!



These boys from Rowling Class were all awarded medals after taking part in an end of season fun day for Southdown Rovers.



Thor from Dickens Class was awarded a medal for scoring 2 of the 5 goals in a recent football match.



Josh from Picasso Class won a trophy from his Rugby coach for being the Best Player in his U8's team.



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Martha from Curie Class has made a ukulele from a science kit!



Ella from Shakespeare Class was awarded a 'Training Star of the Week' certificate & medal from Mid Sussex Netball Club.

Archie from Shakespeare Class was awarded a trophy & medal from H. Heath Football Club for being a fantastic team captain & scoring 20 goals during the season.



Jack from Shakespeare Class was awarded a trophy for being the Most Improved Player in his Rugby team.



Elvin from Einstein Class was awarded the Player of the Season Award by his team coach in Rugby.



Leo from Curie Class was awarded a medal & trophy for being the Most Improved Player in his Rugby team.



Ruby from Picasso Class was awarded her 9th Kyu certificate & belt in a recent grading in Karate!