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SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER



Dear families

I am sure you know that we take great pride in our sporting achievements at Southway and we regularly participate in local and regional competitions. Last week our Hi 5 Netball team went along to Downlands to compete against a large number of Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath schools. Hi 5 is slightly different to traditional netball in as much as teams are made up of girls and boys and there are only 10 players on a court at any one time. It is fast and often furious! In the competition we played schools such as Harlands Primary, Lindfield Primary, St Wilfrid's Primary, Manor Field Primary and St Lawrence Primary. You can imagine our delight when the children returned with the news that they had beaten all their opposition bar one school, had reached the final (which we had lost) and had therefore qualified for the regional finals to be held in East Grinstead in a few weeks. Over and above our sporting prowess I am constantly reminded about how well behaved, polite and respectful our children are when they are out and about. We talk a lot about this in school, of course, and I was brought up to believe that manners cost nothing but are invaluable. So it is gladdening to hear that this is recognised in our children by others.

'Sports do not build character. They reveal it.' **Heywood Broun** (American Sports Journalist)

Have a lovely weekend

Mr P Newbold

Diary Dates:

March

- Fri 16th**— Book Fair for Y3 Families from 3.30
- Mon 19th**—Y6 Bikeability All Week
- Mon 19th**—Book Fair for Y4 Families from 3.30
- Tues 20th**—Y6 Open Afternoon for parents from 1.45
- Tues 20th**—Book Fair for Y5 & Y6 Families from 3.30
- Weds 21st**—Book Fair for all Year Groups from 3.30
- Thurs 22nd**—Movie & Popcorn Night for Invited Children
- Fri 23rd**—H S A Quiz Night from 6.30pm
- Mon 26th**—Easter Parade
- Mon 26th**—Y4 Open Afternoon for parents (Mayan Feast)—time TBC
- Tues 27th**—Y5 Dance Workshop at Southway
- Weds 28th**— Silly Sock Day & **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**
- Thurs 29th**—**INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Fri 30th**—**START of EASTER HOLIDAY**
- April—Mon 16th—BACK TO SCHOOL**

Reminder

We would like to remind parents to come **into school via the front office**, if they need to access the building at the end of the school day. This is so that we can monitor all visitors to the premises and to ensure the safety of the children. Thank you.

Rugby Club

We would like to pass on our sincere thanks to Jenny Weller & Jason John, who ran our after school Rugby Club until recently. Their dedication & enthusiasm was an inspiration to our would-be rugby stars.



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Out of School Achievements



Megan Kemp of Picasso Class brought in her medal & certificate for passing her Dance Test 2 for Disco Freestyle. She dances with Livewire School of Dance.



Amber Bird of Rowling Class has been awarded 2 swimming certificates— for Rainbow Distance 25m & for passing ASA Level 6.

Dhyanesha Dokula of Rowling Class has entered the BBC Radio 2 500 Words competition. Here she is with her entry certificate.



Caitlin Benkinsop of Turner class was awarded her 'Brownie Buddy' badge for being a fantastic buddy to her friend Viola, whilst she settled in to her pack.



Isabelle Holter of Turner Class worked hard to gain her ISTD Dance Exam medal for the Social Dance Test 1, with Livewire School of Dance.



Evelyn Brotherton-Smith of Picasso Class proudly displays the certificates & badges she gained for her Level 5 & 6 Gymnastics awards.

Becca Frost of Picasso Class was awarded a certificate & trophy for passing her ISTD Under 8 Dance Test 2.



Gus China of Turner class won 2 trophies & a medal in a recent dance competition. He came 4th place in both the solo and duo sections, then came 1st place as part of a dance crew.



Elliot Newbery of Hawking Class was very proud to receive his A S A Level 5 Swimming Certificate recently.



Amelia Leesmith of Einstein Class recently took part in the Tunbridge Wells Dance Festival & The Eastbourne Music & Arts Festival. She came away with a fantastic total of 10 certificates & 4 medals, after competing in several different sections.

Out of School Achievements

Natalie Montiel of Curie Class was recently awarded her Level 3 certificate & badge for gymnastics.



Phoebe Awbery of Curie Class is a member of the Burgess Hill Marching Youth Band. They won this shield for being judged the smartest dressed band, competing against 7 other companies.



The Southway School Choir are pictured here with Mrs Hollingdale (Dickens Class Teacher), during a recent performance for their parents & the Y4 children.



Here are our Hi 5 Netballers, who are mentioned in Mr Newbold's message, at the beginning of this newsletter.



World Book Day at Southway may have been delayed by the snow, but we all enjoyed the celebrations in the end! Staff & children made a fantastic effort with their costumes—here are just a few of the book characters who visited for the day.

This week we say goodbye to Ms Beard, our Welfare & Admin Officer, who has been at Southway for a number of years. She will be missed by staff & children alike. We wish all her well in her new career with British Airways.



World Autism Awareness Week

This will be marked during the week beginning 26th March. We will be raising awareness by inviting children to wear 'silly socks' to school on **Wednesday 28th March**. We would like to raise funds for Autism Sussex, by asking children to bring in a donation of silver coins on the day.

THE ABANDONED HOUSE

Emerald leaves fell and eerie winds filled the forest, as the two boys made their way along the stony path. Henry was looking forward to exploring the mysterious forest; on the other hand, Charlie was very anxious and already regretted leaving his beloved book behind. The sun was glowing beyond the horizon, illuminating the sky. The fresh breeze hit his face relentlessly, sending cold chills down his spine.

Hearing muffled mutters, he made a split decision to follow the sinister sound which seemed to be drawing him further along the overgrown, gravelled path. Trailing behind Charlie felt a sense of unease within him, as he debated whether to follow the path-he couldn't leave his friend to carry on alone. Suddenly, Henry stopped: there in front of his eyes loomed a huge, derelict mansion covered in gnarled vines which twisted and turned making them look alive. The barren house creaked among the wind, sending menacing warnings to their surroundings. Looking over their shoulders, the trees towered above them, their skeleton-like branches reaching out to them.

Henry clutched hold of the rusty door rusty door knob: it felt rough, yet oddly cold, as he cautiously twisted it to the right. With a sharp jolt it clicked open, gingerly he entered the abandoned house. Swiftly the door slammed shut, leaving Henry choking on humid dusty air; Charlie who was outside, now stood alone, confused and scared. Seconds later Henry was frantically crawling around desperate for a way out.

Delicate cobwebs draped like dead fingers trying to encase him. "Help, Help "screamed Henry who was not so confident now. Hearing the panic and agitation in his friends' voice, Charlie stammered, "Hold on I will try to get some help and free you."

Although he was trembling like a volcano about to erupt, he knew he had to muster up courage to find help. Charlie forced his paralysed legs to move, so that he could make his way back through the mystifying forest. It was much darker now as the sun was beginning to set, causing strange shadows to lurk amongst the trees. In a blink of an eye, he saw to people walking in the distance, his booming voice reverberated across the colossal forest. They turned to answer his desperate cries.

Moments later they were outside the abandoned house. It took the two strong men to knock the door down to get to the whimpering Henry. Without hesitation the two friends made their way back through the malevolent forest, this time ignoring any disturbing noises; they were determined to get home quickly. Reaching the end of the forest, Henry and Charlie breathed a sigh of relief and vowed to always listen to their mums.

By

Joe Hooper

Year 6 Churchill