



# Newsletter

Learning and Achieving Together



Dear families

As we reach the end of our first half term of the year I would like to reflect on what a busy and productive time it has been at Southway.

A few weeks ago we had our annual Local Authority visit from a senior adviser. The purpose of this visit was to evaluate the work of the school and challenge any judgments the school is making about its own work. This falls in line with the four Ofsted foci of Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes (of children!), Personal Development & Leadership & Management. After a thorough process I am delighted to say that our adviser was suitably impressed and judged Southway to be highly effective in all areas. So much so that the Local Authority is recommending our school as a support school to advise other schools where appropriate. I am

extremely proud of this and cannot thank the staff enough for their work and professionalism that has led to this outcome. The full report is yet to be completed but when it is I will be sharing the main findings with you.

Thank you to all of the parents who were able to make it to the maths and GPS workshops the staff ran. We had a great turn out and if you were unable to come but are still interested, the materials can be found on our website

[https://southwayjunior.eschools.co.uk/web/gps\\_maths\\_parent\\_workshops\\_-\\_october\\_2022/625717](https://southwayjunior.eschools.co.uk/web/gps_maths_parent_workshops_-_october_2022/625717)

Don't forget that Monday 31<sup>st</sup> is an Inset day and children return to school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

In the meantime have a lovely half term break from all of us at Southway.

Mr P Newbold

## October Dates for your Diary

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> – Half Term – School Closed  
Mon 31<sup>st</sup> – Inset Day – School Closed

## November

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> – Back to School  
Weds 2<sup>nd</sup>- Y5/6 Girls Rugby at HHRFC 10am-12pm  
Weds 2<sup>nd</sup>- Y5/6 Boys Rugby at HHRFC 1pm-3pm  
Weds 16<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultations  
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need Spotacular  
Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> - Open Morning for Y2 & Reception  
Parents 9-10am

## Noticeboard

### Planned absences from school

Just a reminder that we require parents & carers to complete a 'Withdrawal from Learning' form **in advance** of all planned absences. These can be found on the School website, under the 'Parents' tab, or requested from the School Office.

Thank you.



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Southway Junior School



# Out of School Achievements



Oscar from Kahlo Class was awarded the U8's Player of the Week trophy by B. Hill RFC, for being the fastest runner & best tackler.



Lily from Einstein Class won a Rainbow Distance Award for swimming 1000m in under 40 minutes!

Martha from Curie is a budding scientist! Here she is with her latest creation – an electrical circuit game.



Leah from Shakespeare Class won an award for her floorwork in Gymnastics, when she came 5<sup>th</sup> place in a recent competition.



Lily from Dickens Class won badges from Brownies for yoga, doing a magic show & making sticker pictures.



Alberta from Dickens won an award from her rugby club for a fantastic tackle & good spacing.





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Ellie from Dickens Class has achieved her 5m Rainbow Distance Award in swimming.



Oscar from Kahlo won a medal from Rugby for his footwork & for scoring 2 tries.



Baxter (Y6), Luca (Y5), Josh (Y4) & Riaan (Y3) are all brilliant mathematicians & won the Times Table Award for their respective Year Group this week.



Samuel from Kahlo has been working very hard in his Karate classes & has recently been awarded his yellow belt.



Thomas from Kahlo Class won a football trophy for his outstanding performance recently.



## Book Bags

We now have a new supply of our popular **Southway Book Bags**, which are very useful for keeping reading books & homework safe. These will be available after half term, at a cost of £5.00 each. Please purchase via the MCAS app, or send cheque or cash payments via the class teacher.