



Southway Junior School

Newsletter

Learning and Achieving Together



Dear families

Last week we had our annual inspection from the Local Authority, designed to categorise the school against the current Ofsted Framework and determine how effective the school is.

'The focus of the visit was to look at the teaching and learning of writing and how the needs of all pupils are met. During the visit the Education Adviser toured the school and observed a calm, purposeful, vibrant and safe learning environment. Children's behaviours and engagement were exemplary and there were high expectations from all staff. There was complete consistency in what was displayed in classrooms to support learning. The school values and incentive systems were prominent and children could talk about why they are important.'

Learning outside the classroom is obviously a strength of the school and the curriculum is planned to take advantage of the many opportunities offered by the extensive site.

The promotion of quality books and reading was apparent in all classrooms and shared areas. Children have a range of reading opportunities throughout the day and teachers carefully select the books to read to pupils, so that they are both engaging and sufficiently challenging in language and subject. The pupils in Year 3 really enjoyed their independent reading time and had selected books for appropriate reasons. There was a wide range of choice, including fiction and nonfiction.

The profile of writing is being raised with an emphasis on engaging stimuli, relevant purpose and awareness of audience... This renewed focus was apparent in all writing lessons. Pupils in all classes visited could talk about the purpose and audience for their writing and were clearly well motivated by stimuli, which were linked to other areas of the curriculum, or personal experiences... children in all year groups were encouraged to discuss their writing and oral rehearsal was a valued part of the writing process... Approaches were consistent across year group classes and children were routinely using mini whiteboards to practise spellings and draft sentences.

Expectations for handwriting and spelling were clear and examples of writing by teachers and teaching assistants exemplified the high standards expected and the cursive style adopted by the school. There were other adaptations to support individuals, such as the use of sentence strips to record what children said and then cutting them up so children had to reconstruct the sentence.

The level of independence and confidence to write was clearly being built up progressively from year to year. Teachers were routinely using examples of pupils work to model successful writing and for pupils to self and peer assess, identifying effective devices and areas for improvement.'

*This school's category is: Category 2i: **Highly Effective** –*

Highly effective with evidence of significant strengths in school effectiveness'

In the meantime have a lovely weekend

Kind regards Mr P Newbold



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Achievements



Elise from Kahlo Class won a blue card for her resilience during football practise for her mixed team.



Morgan from Kahlo Class was awarded a Superstar athletics trophy for running a 2 mile race!

Eloise from Turner Class has already reached Level 5 in her swimming lessons at the Triangle!



Jack from Kahlo Class was awarded the Player of the Week Trophy from B. Hill Rugby Football Club



Freddie from Kahlo Class was awarded this football boot trophy for his tackling & goal scoring skills while playing for Marle Place.



Atti from Kahlo Class was awarded the 'Cub of the Week' trophy for being resilient.



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Ananya from Kahlo Class is very proud of the certificate & trophy she was awarded for her excellent story telling at her previous school in India.



Saul from Pankhurst Class took part in a swimming competition for Mid Sussex Marlins recently. He competed in 8 races over a whole weekend, achieving 6 personal bests & coming 2nd in his age group for the 100m breaststroke.



Friends Rupert & Elliott from Y6 have worked hard at Karate & were recently awarded their green belts. Keep up the good work boys!

Amelie from Picasso Class won the 'Top of the Month' Trophy for putting in the most effort at Hurstpierpoint Gymnastics Club.



Ivy in Shakespeare Class has lots of stars on her chart for working her way through the levels in Acrobatic Dance!



Kaitlyn from Dickens Class completed the B. Hill Library Summer Reading Challenge, by reading 6 books during the holidays.



Benjamin from Turner Class was awarded a TT Rockstars certificate by his teacher, for being the most valuable player in the class. He also completed 7 laps in a recent Mudder Run & is proud of the headband he was awarded for this achievement.