



Southway News

Spring Update

2017



'Keeping you informed'





Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring term has been very busy and productive and I would like to share a few of the headline moments with you.

West Sussex Local Authority Visit

As part of the local authorities annual evaluation of all schools we received a visit from two experienced senior advisers in February. The report we received was glowing and included quotes such as... *'Many aspects of leadership are at least good with outstanding features. Inexperienced teachers show a remarkable ability to speak with clarity, confidence and pedagogical awareness beyond their career stage.*

All school leaders and class teachers have shared, strong, high realistic expectations for all pupils including those with SEND and other vulnerable groups. These expectations are based on rigorous baseline assessment, monitoring and tracking of pupil progress at all leadership levels. Evidence of this can be seen in the classroom, books and monitoring and tracking of steps of progress towards targets made by all pupils. Foundation subjects are given equally high weighting e.g. art sketch books. The learning walks identified outstanding teaching of foundation subjects including opportunities for food technology'
We are very proud of the local authorities views and continue to work hard on improving all aspects of school life.

Science Week at Southway

In March we spent a week immersing the children in all things scientific and the school was full of experiments, tests and research. Hopefully we have inspired the next crop of Einstein's!

Visits from West Sussex schools

Over the course of the term we hosted the staff from schools such as Warninglid Primary, Turners Hill Primary and Birchwood Grove Primary to come and see our excellent teaching practice as part of their own school development. Next term we have further requests from schools which we will be arranging in due course.

School visits and trips

I have lost count of the number of school trips and visits our children have taken part in but they include numerous Rainbow Theatre appearances, trips to the British Museum, a Hindu Temple and the Seven Sisters.

Sussex Champions!

We took part in numerous sporting tournaments in spring but by far and away the girls being crowned Sussex football champions is the highlight. To represent the County at a national tournament was an honour and we did Sussex proud losing just one game. We hope to continue to build on our successes in the future.

There are of course many things I have not been able to mention but I am very proud of the hard work our staff put in to provide such a positive experience for all children.

I wish you all a very happy Easter break.

Best regards

Mr P Newbold, Headteacher

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

Year 3 – Scoundrels at Sea

A pirate day involving a treasure hunt around the school started off the Spring term learning journey for year 3.

Dressed as Long John Silver and parrots on shoulders the children thoroughly enjoyed the start to the term.

On a glorious sunny day, year 3 brought out boats on floated them on the small pond with great success. Year 3 also learnt

the importance of brushing their teeth when they use a special paste



Year 4 – Mysterious Maya

A visit to a Hindu temple, chocolate making and a Mayan feast have all been part of the year 4 learning journey. The children visited the temple

to enhance their knowledge of other religions. The end of the term saw

the children making and eating their Mayan feast with salsa, couscous, guacamole and flatbread.



Year 5 – Seas, Storms and Survival

A visit to the Seven Sisters Country Park with a long walk to the sea

Showed the children how the river and land affect each other. The

children had to replicate the river's path using stones. Continuing with



the water theme, RNLI paid the school a visit to explain about their rescue service and talk about

safety in and around the water. The

children spent a day with Mark Chorley

from Bedelands where they learnt all about knots and ropes utilising the school's amazing grounds.



Year 6 – Walk like an Egyptian

The children were truly thrown back in time to ancient Egypt with an amazing visit to the British

Museum. The children have made cartouches, canopic jars and invited their parents into see

their learning first hand.





Parent View Questionnaire. We would be grateful if you would take 10 minutes to complete the Parent View questionnaire on the Ofsted website, which can be found on the Southway website, Parents, Ofsted section or by searching for Ofsted Parent View.

*Enjoy your Easter Holidays and see
you on April 24th*

