



Headteacher Newsletter

Believe in yourself, Value others, Be proud of your achievements, Smile, Shine, Be happy.



So we are already a month into our new academic year, how is that even possible?

What a wonderful start to the year we have had. There has been some incredible learning already going on throughout the school and the children have all shown how well they have adapted to their new classes, one proud Headteacher here!

So what has been going on in school this past month? As you know the KS2 pupils jumped straight in with a performance from M&M Productions of the Jungle Book. I have seen some great pieces of post work based on the production, I think we may have some budding performers in KS2. The KS1 children will not be missing out as they have a production this month by the Little Blue Monsters productions (formally the Blunder Bus productions group), I can't wait to see how this inspires their writing too. Enrichment began for both Key Stages all very steadily across the school, although there has been a slight change to the timetable for Year 6 pupils. After many years of enrichment in our school we have taken the decision to do something a little bit different with our Year 6 children to support us in developing our writing. Year 6 children now take part in Magpie every Thursday afternoon with myself, Mrs King and Mrs Payne looking at immersing ourselves in a different topic and genre each half term. We have thoroughly enjoyed our first topic looking at the rainforest with tasting fruits from the rainforest and cracking coconuts, we have had a great time. Now we are onto writing our stories set in the Rainforest. I will share some of the finished pieces with you once the children have edited and produced their final pieces but I can tell you now, we have been blown away so far.

Already this year we have had several trips out to enhance the children's curriculum, Year 5 went to the Space Centre and Year 6 to the Living Rainforest. Both year groups had a brilliant time and have brought lots of ideas home with them to use in their work back at school. Many of you will know that the poor Year 6 buses had a bit of trouble getting back with road closures and then bus drivers legal driving hours. We just wanted to say a huge thank you to the parents for understanding, this was obviously completely out of our control and we appreciate your patience in their return. On a positive note, the children all thought it was a great adventure and had a great time stopping off at the services for a short break before getting back on the coaches and singing their way home. A huge thank you must also go to all of the staff members who went on this visit who were all due a well earned rest on returning. In addition to these visits out of school, the Year 5 pupils also had the mobile Planetarium visit them in school. It is something that has always interested me, watching the stars and looking for constellations, there is something so peaceful about it.

Clubs all got up and running and once again we had a high volume of children popping their names down. If you were unlucky enough to get your first choice this year, don't worry we have got you down on our register for either Spring or Summer and letters will come home accordingly during that time.

We had our first Parent Cafe on handwriting which was very well attended. We are hoping to make our way through lots of curriculum areas throughout the next few months to give you all support at home in how we teach different aspects in school. I would defiantly recommend coming along and getting actively involved in these sessions. Thank you to all of the staff members behind the scenes planning, preparing and leading these sessions.



Highlights from the past month

Enrichment began again and all of the pupils from Reception to Year 5 have all got stuck in to some new learning

Year 6 pupils started their Magpie expeditions with Mrs Martin, Mrs King and Mrs Payne

Clubs all got off to a great start and the majority of children are taking part this year :)

We had a very successful and well attended Handwriting workshop for parents

Year 2 Parents came to find out about the residential to Stibbington Eco Centre

Year 5 had a visit from the mobile Planetarium and had a look at all of the constellations

Year 5 went on a rocket to the Space Centre and found out all about Tom Peake

Year 6 went on a journey to the Living Rainforest

Congratulations

We are so happy to announce that Mrs Pardoe welcomed her beautiful baby boy Joshua to the world, a little after his due date, on the 9th September weighing 10b 4oz. Mr and Mrs Pardoe are enjoying spending time with their new addition to the family and we all send big hugs and well wishes...I can't wait for snuggles!



What's coming up in October 2017

Well what a busy month we have ahead of us. Already in these first few days of the month we have already had a visit for the Year 3 children to Flag Fen, the Reception classes have all visited the library and SRE began for the Year 6 children. Coming up we have another Parent Cafe this time to do with Spelling, the Little Blue Monsters Productions are in with KS1, Year 2 will visit Nene Valley Railway, Year 4 are having a Roman Day in school all before our half term break. In between all of this, most year groups will be inviting parents in for workshops and breakfast sessions to see what it is like in the classroom. So much to look forward to in such a short space of time. I love this time of year when all of the colourful leaves start to fall, the cooler air and darker mornings can only mean one thing...we are getting closer to Christmas! Of course we have a lot more to do before that and I am sure at the end of this month lots of you will be getting ready for spooky Halloween. Please be careful if your children are planning on going out trick or treating, remind them of how to stay safe and what your expectations are as a parent.

Morphus and Nonsense

Many of you will have seen and know all about our Morphus and Nonsense shop in the Upper Key Stage 2 corridor. Well what you may not know is that the shop has been taken over by new management! The shop has had an upgrade and will continue to transform during the year, with many new items to inspire children creative writing. I would like to say a special thank you to all of the wonderful fairies who helped the new management get the shop up an running, we are all really excited to see how it morphs throughout the year...watch this space!

Parent and Pupil Voice

Here at Southfields, we truly value the voices of both Parents and Pupils. As with every year, we have a variety of different groups set up for pupils to voice their opinions and I am looking forward to seeing how those groups work on impacting their own educations. After speaking to Mrs Paterson, I am so happy to hear that the new Parent Representative group has got off to a flying start. Soon you will have a letter come home from your Class Rep to introduce themselves and explain their role so I won't go into too much detail now. If you do have time that you can spare and you would like to get involved in school, not necessarily as a Parent Rep, please let the office know and I am sure we can find you something to do to support us in school.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

Punctual Achievement:

Amelia A, Corey A, Alexandra A, Bella A, Dexter B, Ruby AB, Georgio AP, Zoe B, Marlie B, Evie C, Isabelle B, Anaya A, Edward B, Charlie A, Holly B, Oliver A, Dorian D, Eva B.

Achievements KS1:

David F, Simba T, Lukas G, Kian L, Holly B, Wilson Z, Rocco R, Paige G, Lucy AB, Evie C, Meghna K, Millie M, Amber N, Kaden R, Amelia R, John Junior R, Jenson R, Elsie-May M, Amelia RH, Callen S and Kaden P.

Achievements KS2:

Trinity G, Tobius H, Logan M, Jack P, Bradley M, Chloe P, Amelie C, Kobe F, Sophie C, Joshua P, Dana L, MaKenzie P, Luca P, Faith B, Kaiden S, Neo B, Lewis C, Willow M, Aston R, Nieve B, Amber G, Seren M, Sally N, Jack T, Ellie W, Evan Q, Katelyn J, Jamie S, Reuben B, Georgia-May TG, Charlie M, Amelia D, Liliana S, Amy F, Dana L, Marco S, Modestas, Gemma B Luca S, Freya B, Henry T, Amelise W, Filip K, Henry C, Keana M, Isobelle V, Mia R and Prathika K

Marvellous Manners:

Amelia R, Macey C, Luca P, Leonie C, Evan H,

Mathlete of the week:

Kaden P, Eva B, Jools S, Wiktorina N, Adam Y, Shyla J, Fatou T, Layla P, Cameron P, Erin S, Thomas M and Ousman N.





BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Jason K, Filip K, Charlie S, Amelia A, Daniel J, Maddie H, Sally N, Adewonuola O, Jaiden P, Sophie L, Lucas M, Thomas M, Charlotte SH, Ashley P, Anda R, Alex S, Eva BH, Evie C, Sophie Z, Alfie J, Elizabeth P, Kyla M, Imman Q, Kieran TP, Kady C, Ella H, John R, Luka S, Jindrich S, Mia R, Rocco R, Aisha S, Jack S, Ella M, Anna G, Charlie H, Jonah S, Keeley R, Shea F Rohan P, Isla S, Wilson Z, Taylor G, Ejjiah H, Marcus L, Phoebe W, Lukas G.

HOUSE POINTS

September House points results are as follows:

1st Robins	382
2nd Canaries	287
3rd Kingfishers	278
4th Parrots	193



PARENT'S COMMENTS TO THE HEAD

As always we really value your opinions about our school. Please add your comments here for the Headteacher. You can return them in an envelope if you would prefer them to remain confidential.

Please use the remaining space to make any further comments about things you like, the things you think we need to develop or any ideas you may have and we will try to use them in school.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2017

Wednesday 4th - Reception visit the library
 Friday 6th - Year 3 to Flag Fen
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 Tuesday 10th - NHS Nurses in for Flu Vac - YR-4
 Wednesday 11th - SEND Parent Cafe 2:30-3:10
 Wednesday 18th - Year 2 to Nene Valley Railway
 Wednesday 18th - Year 4 Roman day in school
 Friday 20th - Little Blue Monsters Productions for KS1
 Half Term Monday 23rd to Friday 27th

November 2017

Thursday 2nd - Year 5 Puberty Talk - School Nurse
 Friday 3rd - Harvest Festival
 Monday 6th - Parents Evening
 Wednesday 8th - Parents Evening
 Wednesday 8th - SEND Parent Cafe 2:30-3:10
 Friday 17th - Children in Need day
 Monday 20th - School Photography Day - individual and siblings