

THE COMPASS

Southern Road Primary School Newsletter

Headteacher's Update

Friday 15th October

A very sporty week indeed at Southern Road. Some of our pupils attended the Panathlon Challenge at Newham Leisure centre. They participated in a range of sporting activities and the pupils did really well with most winning a medal!

It was also the first Newham Cross Country event (and our first off site for a long time!) at West Ham Park. Children from Years 4 - 6 took part in the event and did incredibly well bringing back lots of individual and team medals.



You may have seen our new school film promoting Southern Road but if not you can do so [here](#)

Have a lovely weekend

Mr MacGregor



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TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Congratulations 6MC, you're top of the charts! Just as well, with all the long division you're having to do! Here are SRPS's fastest five from all of the year groups:

1. Yousuf 6NA (0.56s)
2. Sammy 6MC and Gehazi 6LT (0.58s)
3. Abi 6MC (0.61s)
4. Alex 5VP (0.62s)
5. Mohammed 4LV (0.64s)

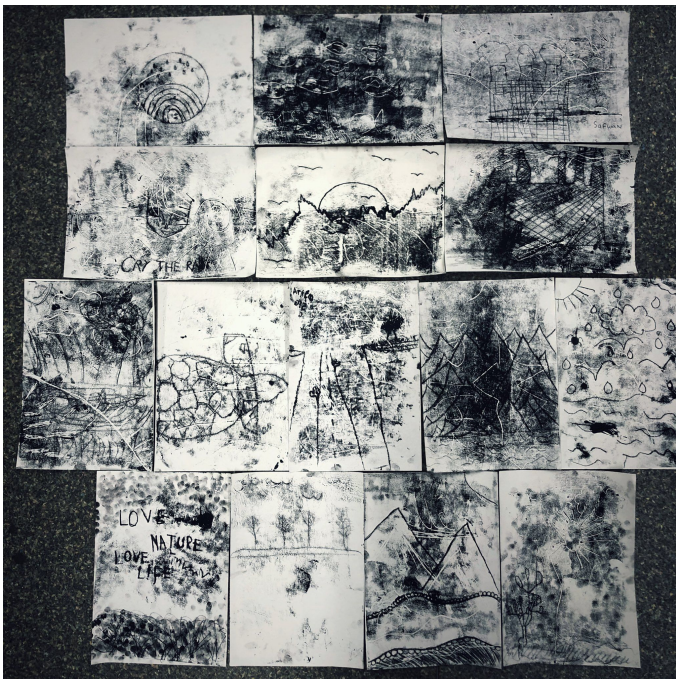


Southern Road Most Played!

1. 6MC 100%
2. 5VP 97%
3. 4DL 97%
4. 6NA 97%
5. 5CW 96%
6. 3TP 96%
7. 3CD 93%
8. 6LT 90%
9. 5PG 83%
10. 4KB 77%
11. 4LV 60%

Classwork shout out of the week

The amazing artwork produced by year 5 for the young London print prize was truly inspiring and also a shout out to our school ambassador Hanifa in 4LV who designed the poster for our Non Uniform day on Friday 22nd October.



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Safeguard question of the week

How would you keep yourself safe if a friend asked you to do something you weren't comfortable with?



Well done to this week's winning class: 1LH. The question was 'How can you stay safe even when someone is shouting at you?'

They decided they would stay calm and not shout back! Great answer



**Don't forget
school gates
close at 8:50am
every morning!**



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Some of you may have met Nasrin already but we are pleased to announce that Southern Road have partnered with the Schools Counselling Partnership of which Nasrin will be the therapeutic lead in school

The Schools Counselling Partnership (SCP) offers a whole school approach to emotional health and wellbeing. We offer a safe space for children, young people, parents and teachers to get the support that they need.

Why might someone need support?

No-one has been untouched by the covid crisis, many suffering from bereavement, family breakdown, job loss leading to financial difficulties and anxiety all of which can impact on our ability to concentrate, make decisions, sleep and may see us withdrawing from others.

How can Schools Counselling Partnership help?

We offer a safe, non-judgemental space where children, parents and staff can get the support they need, be heard and learn strategies to help them cope better.

The offer

One to one therapy for Children

We can offer one to one therapeutic support for children which includes a combination of talking, art and play therapy to help them express themselves.

Parental consent must be given before we can undertake any therapy with children.

Talk Time

This is a lunch-time drop in which children can self-refer to. This offers them an opportunity to talk about any worries or concerns that they may have. If you don't want your child to attend please inform the school.

Parents Drop In

This is a space in which parents can get support. Perhaps you are concerned about your child, maybe you have noticed a change in their behaviour and you just want to talk to someone and get some ideas to know how to support your children.



Nasrin is in school every Tuesday and Wednesday when you can arrange to meet her in school or on the phone.

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SCARY CHALLENGES ONLINE

What parents and schools need to know to keep children safe from the latest dares, scares, threats & challenges

There are always stories going round about nasty things online and you may be asked to share warnings about them. The ones with clever names and funny pictures are usually fakes and hoaxes, but of course bad things happen online too and we all want to keep young people safe from them.

Whether a scare is real or not, we would advise against sharing warnings about specific challenges or even 'bad apps', sites or games. Read on to find out why...and what to do instead.

Insert scary picture here.
Is that a good idea?



NO NEED TO
SHOW SCARY THINGS

Why shouldn't we share specific warnings?

Scare-shares can cause:

1. A false sense of security
2. Free publicity
3. Unproductive panic

What can we do instead?

1. Talk about **GENERAL** risks and what can go wrong online wherever you are
2. Use **NON-SCARY EXAMPLES** to talk about how to respond to dares, challenges, scares and threats
3. Make sure children and young people know who to talk to and where to get **HELP** from different sources
4. Focus on the **POSITIVES** – after all, if we say it's all bad, they won't listen to us

Top tips



There has been a lot of media reports this week about Netflix's Squid Game TV programme. This is currently the most watched show in 90 countries and nearly all episodes of the '15' rated show contain violent and gruesome scenes. Some children have been mentioning this in school and there are also reports in other schools of games and challenges linked to the programme. Please ensure you know what your child is viewing on these channels and that this show in particular should not be watched by primary school children



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