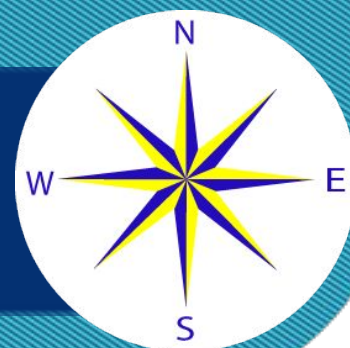


Friday 15th September 2023

THE COMPASS

Southern Road Primary School Newsletter



Message from the Headteacher

What a week at Southern Road! I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff, pupils, parents/carers and governors for all their support during the Ofsted visit. We are now awaiting the official Ofsted report which will provide an evaluation of our school's performance. As soon as it is published, we will make it available to all parents and carers. We are confident that the report will reflect the dedication and excellence that defines our school.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all the families and pupils joining our Nursery and Reception classes this year. It's an exciting time as your children begin their educational journey with us and we are committed to making this experience enriching and memorable for both you and your little ones.

This week some of our Y5 pupils took part in a bikeability project, aimed at teaching young children essential bike riding skills in a safe and supervised environment. This project is designed to instill confidence and safety awareness in our young cyclists while having fun on two wheels.

It was great to see so many parents and carers attend the 'meet the teacher' meetings and next week we are looking forward to welcoming our families from Y2, Y3 and Y5.

Have a restful weekend and see you on Monday!

Best wishes,
Mr Aloum



School Values

Please keep reminding the children about how our school values will help them succeed in school and in their everyday lives.

- Strive

Always try your best

- Resilience

Never give up

- Pride

Be proud of your achievements and those of others

- Success

Aim high and you will succeed!



Meet The Teacher

Remind about our upcoming 'Meet the Teacher' parent/carers meeting, which will be held in the KS2 Hall at 8.50am until 9.20am. A new date for the 'Reception meet the teacher' meeting will be shared soon.

Year 3 - Monday 18th September

Year 5- Tuesday 19th September

Year 2- Wednesday 20th September



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www.southernroadprimary.com



Contact:

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Email:

info@southernroadprimary.com

School Uniform

We expect all children to wear school uniform which consists of:

A white shirt or blouse

Grey or black trousers

Grey or black skirt or dress, or blue checked summer dress

A royal blue jumper, fleece or sweatshirt with the school badge on it

Black trainers or shoes only

Head scarves if worn for religious reasons should be black, white or school blue in colour.

Only studded earrings are allowed and jewellery worn for religious purposes.

Southern Road PE Kit

Black shorts or black jogging bottoms

Plain white PE T-shirt

Black plimsolls or trainers

Please ensure that all articles of clothing are clearly labelled with the child's name especially school sweatshirts and coats as it does make returning lost property much easier.

School uniform can be purchased from [Southern Road Primary School | Ian Howard Schoolwear](#)



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Safeguarding

What to do if you are concerned about a child?

Adults have a responsibility to share any concerns they have, even when they may have some doubts as to whether a child is being harmed. If you are concerned about a child, speak to someone. This might be a health visitor, teacher, family doctor, social worker or police officer. You can also contact the school and request to speak to one of the safeguarding leads who are: Ms Yearnshire, Ms Lawrence, Ms Crozier, Ms Bobat and Ms Henna.

Please do speak to your child about our weekly safeguarding question.

Our safeguarding question for this week is:

**How do you keep yourself safe
in the classroom?**

**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**



Attendance

Regular attendance is vital to academic and social success. It ensures that children are always learning new skills and knowledge and have the opportunity to build strong relationships with their teachers and friends.

Well done to 6VP with an incredible 100% attendance on the first week back!.
Which class will be the winners next week?

Top 3 classes with the best attendance:

1. 6VP	100%
2. 3MC	98%
3. 3GT	96%



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TTRockstars

Well done to **3MC** and **6LT** who had 100% of their class playing TTRockstars this week.

Which class will be on top next week?

Biggest improvement in their studio speed



**Blessing in 4CW is
8.42s faster!**



**Miguel in 4CW is
5.11s faster!**



**Mofeoluwa in 3TP
1.09s faster!**

Most played

1. **3MC & 6LT (100%)**

3. **6VP**

4. **4CW & 5NA**

6. **3TP**

7. **3GT**

8. **6WJ**

9. **5LV**

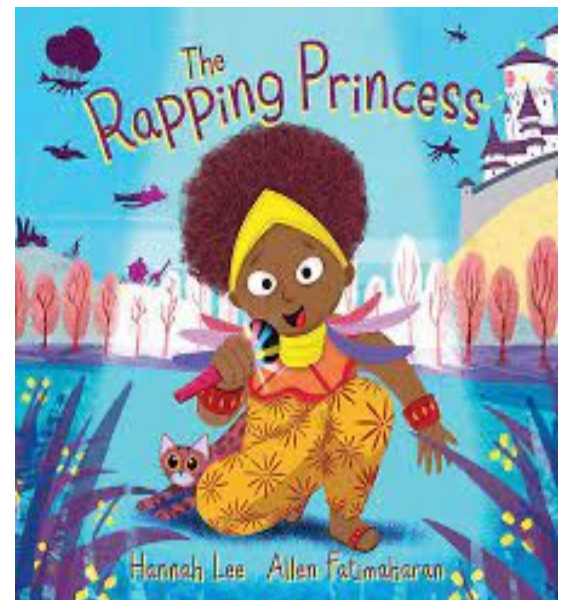
10. **4DL**

Book Review

The Rapping Princes

Shiloh is a princess and has everything a princess could possibly want – a huge castle to live in, a swimming pool, and even a magic mirror. But there's one thing she doesn't have: a singing voice. You see, all the other princesses in the kingdom can sing: there's Adanna, who can really belt out a tune; and Shaya, whose voice is full of soul. Then there's Sade, Thandie, Shanique and Kenya, who can all sing beautifully too. What Shiloh can do is rap – in fact, she has better flow than all the princes of the land put together. But she's a princess – she's supposed to sing, not rap.

From the creative duo who brought us the award-winning *My Hair*, this is a hip- hopping fairy tale about standing out and accepting your uniqueness. The book is bursting with energy and joy, making it perfect to read (or rap) aloud and enjoy together.



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Diary Dates

Meet The Teachers

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Parents Evening

Wednesday 18th October 2023 - School closes at 1:15

Half-Term Holiday

Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2023

Christmas Holiday

Wednesday 20th December 2023 - School closes at 1:15

Thursday 21st December to Wednesday 3rd January 2024

INSET Days

Thursday 4th January 2024

Friday 5th January 2024

School re-opens for pupils on Monday 8th January 2024

Our school term dates for 2023-24 can be found on the school website:

[Term Dates and School Times – Southern Road Primary School](#)

Chill & Chat

Come and join Ms Henna and the parents of SRP to chill and chat over at the Rainbow Cafe next to Lister School.

Date: Wednesday 20th September at 9.15 to 10.15am.

Please wait for Ms Henna outside the main entrance.



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MINECRAFT

AGE RATING
7+

Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming. First released in 2011, this open-ended 'sandbox' game of building and exploration still has over 140 million players who happily return to play it at least once every month. Minecraft has also been utilised for much more than just entertainment: it's sometimes used in schools to teach children coding, and it's also employed as a tool for computer-aided design, which is another valuable skill. Encouraging creativity and problem solving, Minecraft has plenty to offer gamers of all ages, and it's available on almost all video game platforms.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PUBLIC SERVERS

Joining a public network (called a server) lets your child potentially interact with strangers through text chat. Some servers focus on building, while others are dedicated to role-playing – encouraging direct player interaction. Anyone can join public servers and connecting to one is relatively simple. Public server IP addresses (and therefore someone's location) are easy to find with search engines.

GRIEFING

Some people in Minecraft delight in purposefully damaging or destroying another player's creation. This is called 'griefing' and is a form of bullying: it intentionally spoils someone else's experience in the game by deleting hours of their work and forcing them to start from scratch. Many public servers treat griefing as a severe offence and frequently ban offenders.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's gameplay is relatively simple, and the outcome (when a child has built something new, for instance) can be extremely gratifying. This can make the game highly addictive. It's easy to lose track of time while playing Minecraft, causing committed young players to forget about other activities like homework or enjoying family time.

SCARY ELEMENTS

The visual design and gameplay of Minecraft is purposefully child friendly, so there's nothing too untoward in the game. However, some of the 'baddies' that can be encountered might prove a little too scary for very young players. In the game, certain enemies come out at night and are accompanied by audio – such as zombie moans and skeleton bone rattles – that may unnerve young ones.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

After initially buying the game, players can make optional extra purchases for cosmetic items and other bonuses. Minecraft Realms is an optional online subscription (requiring regular payments) that lets users run a multiplayer server to play with their friends. Most games consoles also need an active subscription to enable online play – so online gaming can quickly become an expensive hobby.

Advice for Parents & Carers

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

There are a lots of Minecraft content creators who release helpful videos about the game on YouTube and Twitch. Not all of these, however, are suitable for children. Watching these content creators' channels yourself first is a safe way to find appropriate Minecraft videos to share with your children. This also helps you learn more about the game itself, and how your child plays it.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting 'Creative' or 'Peaceful' mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of moaning zombies or creepers damaging your build.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for your child to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given the necessary joining details. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – to ban someone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

It's easy for the hours to fly by while your child is playing Minecraft, so reminding them to take regular breaks is essential. This is a useful way for them to learn good time management, which they'll benefit from as they get older. It will also teach them to play their favourite games in moderation – limiting addictive behaviour and allowing them to manage their day better.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone needs to have contact with a stranger online. Talking to your child about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan in place for dealing with any hostile or difficult strangers. Ensure that your child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online, and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday



Training for Parents/Carers: Core Vocabulary Boards (CVB)

About this Course:

You will learn what a Core Vocabulary Board is and why and how to use it at home with your child. There will be opportunities to ask questions about topics covered with the Speech and Language Therapists.

Core Vocabulary Board: CVB is a form of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC). It is made up of colour-coded core words and aims to support the understanding and use of words to communicate.

This training is appropriate for parents/carers of children and young people **where a Core Vocabulary Board (CVB) is being used in school or has been recommended by a professional**

- For parents/carers of children with social communication needs or a diagnosis of Autism in Reception to Year 11.
- Parents/carers must be Newham residents or child must attend a Newham school.
- 1 parent/carer to register per child (but more than 1 parent/carer can attend on the same link).

Click here to book a place:

<https://forms.office.com/e/pUaUBWvCx8>



Friday 6th October

Registration 9.15, course runs 9.30-11.30am

Venue: Tunmarsh Centre, Tunmarsh Lane, E13 9NB

***Parking not available**

LCIS: Family Training & Support for Autism/Social Communication Autumn 2023

In addition to our school service offer, LCIS provides a range of courses for **families** of primary and secondary-aged children and young people in Newham who have a diagnosis of autism **or** social communication difficulties. We have a training offer for Early Years parents, and School-Aged for parents of children in Reception-Year 11.

Early Years training for parents/carers of children in Nursery/Pre-school



A series of 4 online sessions for parents and friends / family members to understand their child's needs and find out strategies to support their child's communication and development on Thursdays from 1:00 – 2:00pm and Mondays 7-8pm (Term time only)

- Session 1: **Developing Communication**
- Session 2: **How children with social communication needs think & learn**
- Session 3: **Understanding sensory needs and supporting emotional regulation**
- Session 4: **Problem solving; further support in the community; next steps**

For more information about LCIS Early Years courses and to book a place please email: Kari.Askey@newham.gov.uk or Androulla.Kyriacou@newham.gov.uk

Parents can also attend Little Champions SEND Stay and play Sessions in Children's Centres with Family Support workers, LCIS Staff and Area SENCO team for further support and advice.

Location	Date and time	Contact details
Edith Kerrison Children's Centre, Sophia Road, E16 3PB	Every Monday 10am - 11:15am	Email: Cheryl.callender@edithkerrison.newham.sch.uk Telephone: 0207 473 2761
Altmore Children's Centre, Altmore Avenue, E6 2BX	Every Tuesday 1.30pm-2.30pm	Email: childrenscentre@alfederation.com Telephone: 0208 8472 3555
Beckton and Royal Docks Children's Centre, Tollgate Road, E6 5UP	Every Wednesday 10:30am – 11:30am	Email: info@becktonandroyaldockschildrenscentre.org.uk Telephone: 0207 474 0654
St. Stephen's Children's Centre, Whitfield Road, E6 1AS	Every Thursday 9:30am- 10:30am	Email: wendy.campbell@st-stephens.newham.sch.uk Telephone: 0208 472 7575

SCHOOL-AGED Training for parents/carers of children in Reception-Year 11



SCERTS® Parent/Carer Training

This is a four-part training course run over four weeks during term time for parents/carers of children with social communication difficulties from Reception to Year 11. The course gives an opportunity for parents/carers to learn more about autism/social communication through SCERTS®, an educational framework used to identify the highest priority needs for support for autistic individuals to provide the best quality of life outcomes. It is a great opportunity to share experiences and advice with other parents and carers on a similar journey.

Course dates: 6.30-8pm, Wednesdays Nov 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Venue: online (Microsoft Teams)

Click here to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/etgYkVGGBr>



Parent/Carer Workshops



Intensive Interaction:

For parents/carers to learn more about Intensive Interaction – an intervention commonly used in schools to help build children's fundamental communication and interaction skills.

Course date: Monday 2nd Oct 9.30-11.30am
Venue: Tunmarsh Centre, Tunmarsh Lane E13 9NB

Click here to book:
<https://forms.office.com/e/m1b7Lhc7eR>

Core Vocabulary Boards:

For parents/carers to learn how to use this communication system, which aims to support their child's understanding and use of words to communicate.

Course date: Friday 6th Oct 9.30-11.30am
Venue: Tunmarsh Centre, Tunmarsh Lane E13 9NB

Click here to book:
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Course dates and booking information are circulated to schools and shared on the Newham Local Offer on a termly basis.

Training for Parents/Carers

Intensive Interaction

About this Course:

Intensive Interaction is an approach that involves following your child's lead and facilitating motivating interactions in order to develop the early fundamental skills of communication including joint attention, turn-taking, increased vocalisations and enjoyment of interacting with another person.

We will cover what 'Intensive Interaction' is, how it can help your child and how you can use the key strategies at home.

There will be opportunities to ask questions about topics covered with the Speech and Language Therapists/Specialist Teachers/Practitioners delivering the course.

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