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Southern Road Primary School Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2024

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an extremely blustery week weather wise and I am glad that everyone has managed to stay safe during the recent storms. On Tuesday we had the first *Read With Me* session in Reception, which was a roaring success! We would like to thank all of those parents who attended and there are more details further on in this newsletter.

At Southern Road Primary School, we really believe in the importance of educational visits, as a way to broaden the children's horizons and bring learning to life in as diverse and exciting a manner as possible. This week was no exception, with the year 5 children having the opportunity to visit Cody Docks. They were invited to participate in the RSPB's annual bird count, which they both thoroughly enjoyed and learned a lot from.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ms Lawrence & Ms Yearnshire

Dates for Diaries

Monday 12th -Friday 16th February 2024 - Half term

Tuesday 6th February -Reception Read With Me Session (8:45am-9am)

Tuesday 6th February- Year 4 Internet Safety Parent Assembly

Wednesday 20th March - Parent Consultation Meetings (school will close at 1.15pm)

Thursday 28th March- Last day of Spring Term. School closes at 1:15pm

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April 2024- Spring break



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Please Be On Time For School

There have been a number of children who have been arriving late for school every day. Please can we remind all parents that the gates open by 8:40am and the children must be in school by the time that the gates close at 8:50am.

Punctuality and attendance are extremely important and have a direct impact upon your child's chances of academic success. Even if your child is only 5 minutes late each day, they will miss 25 minutes of learning across the week.

The school does operate a Breakfast Club, please see the school office if you wish to apply for a place. More information is also available on the school website.

Attendance

Just a reminder that holiday requests during term time will not be authorised. If parents do take their children out of school during term time (including to visit sick relatives abroad or for medical reasons) then in line with the local authority's strict guidance they should expect to receive a penalty notice. Currently this is £60 per parent per child. All travel information (i.e.outbound and return tickets) should be submitted via email to info@southernroadprimary.com in order to avoid your child being reported as missing from education during their period of absence.

Well done to 5NA (for the second week in a row)! 98.1% of the class came to school every day!

Which class will be the winners next week?

Top 3 classes with the best attendance:

1st- 5NA (99.6%)

2nd - 3MC (98.3%)

3rd - 2PG (97.5%)



Early Years Update

Welcome to Red class.

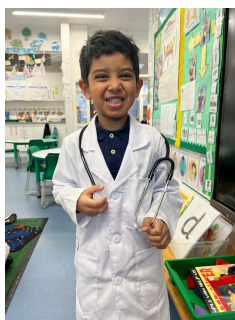
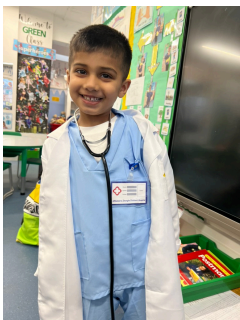
We would like to welcome all the new children who have started with us in Nursery. Many of the children have come in really excited and have settled in really well. The different activities are keeping the children engaged and excited to learn.



When I grow up.

Reception children were learning about all the different people that help us and are important to us in the community.

To make the topic interesting the children were asked to dress up as who they wanted to be in the future. They had a great time coming to school in their different outfits. They obviously have very high aspirations, as we had lots of doctors and nurses.



Thank you to all the parents who attended the Reception reading morning. It was a great success and we look forward to seeing you again on **Tuesday 6th February.**



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5NA's Bird Count at Cody Dock

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) launched its annual bird count in England for another year and 5NA were invited to Cody Dock on Thursday 25th January to see what it is like to do some bird watching.

The children were given an introduction to the importance of taking a bird count each year in an indoor classroom. The children enjoyed a fun game of snap where they learned the names of the different species found along a stretch of The River Lea.



The excitement began with an introduction to using professional binoculars and the geography of The River Lea by the co-founder of Cody Dock, Julia. The children used their bird spotting sheets to make a tally and record birds that regularly visit this part of the river such as Herring Gulls, Cormorants, Robins and Teals. All of these were spotted by the children and working in pairs they recorded numbers diligently.

Julia and workshop leader Evie explained the importance of keeping an annual count of birds, to measure the impact of climate change, lack of food and disease on the bird population of Britain. The children continue to make Southern Road very proud because of their enthusiasm, engagement in learning and outstanding behaviour which was noted by the workshop leaders. Well done 5NA!



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Big Garden Birdwatch

26-28th January 2024

Big Garden Birdwatch is back

Join half a million nature lovers this January and help us understand how birds are faring. Together, let's make it count.

Most spotted in 2023

1



House Sparrow
1,401,338

2



Blue Tit
904,637

3



Starling
904,079

4



Woodpigeon
750,251

5



Blackbird
716,734

These children had the biggest improvement in their speed sounds



Naafiah in 3MC by 3.03s!



Fatiha in 4DL by 2.87s!



Shafia in 3TP by 1.59s!



Southern Road Most Played

1.3MC 100%

2. 6LT 93%
6VP 93%

3. 6WJ 90%
4DL 90%

4.5NA 89%

5. 3GT 87%
4CW 87%

6. 3TP 79%

7. 5LV 59%



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