

# South End Echo



Keeping you informed: Miss Kaur—Headteacher

Friday 14th February 2020

Dear parents & carers

Welcome to our new, edited version of 'South End Echo' news.

We have decided to give you an overview of the term including visits, and special events in school. As you will all by now be aware, all curriculum information is parent mailed to you prior to the half term's learning. The new curriculum projects in every single year group have gone down really well. The children are buzzing with excitement, and the adults too!

## Open afternoon

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who joined us for the open afternoon last week. It was super to see so many of you visiting our classrooms. The children all really enjoyed showcasing their learning. The new curriculum is proving to be incredibly exciting and popular. We do hope your children are being encouraged to look at optional homework opportunities, too. Projects covered this half term were 'Mighty Metals' in year 3, 'Road Trip USA' in year 4, 'Alchemy Island' in year 5 and 'A Child's War' in year 6.



## School Visits

Year 3 have visited Hall Park. They hunted for metal structures and magnetic materials. In the playground, they explored forces and gravity to find out how the equipment moves. They finished off the afternoon by playing a game with the parachute to see if they could guide the ball using different forces. As always, the children showed our values and did us proud.

Year 6 had a super day at Duxford Museum. They all had a brilliant (if not a little chilly) day! Well done Year 6, you have all shown your values and been great SEJ ambassadors.



We have wrapped up our value of aspiration and even managed to squeeze in an Aspirations day! A huge thank you to all the guests who made this day special. Our South Enders have so many ideas of what could potentially be a career in the not so distant future!

## Aspirations day

South Enders were very busy on Friday 31st January as they immersed themselves in aspirations day! The children were treated to lots of visitors who kindly gave up their time to share experiences of their different careers.

Northants Fire and Rescue Service visited and showed the children around the fire engine, and two officers from the Northants Police Team spoke to the children about their careers. They also put the police car on the playground at lunchtime and had fun with the flashing lights and sirens! Paul from Jardine Motors Group UK spoke to the children about his work in the car industry and worked with the children on their growth mindset. Luke from FireSparkle Productions gave the children an insight into the world of TV, filming and photography, including the work he does with BT Sport. Jim, Chief Medical Officer at Santa Pod Raceway, shared his experiences in the world of medicine and racing cars. Mr Lucas showed the children his other job – working with a pyrotechnics company at big events such as the NYE fireworks in London. Miss Kaur also spoke to Year 5 and Year 6 about her experience of being a teacher and a head teacher.

The children were very excited, and there was a fantastic buzz around the school. Children who are still unsure of their future careers took the opportunity to consider other aspects of their lives such as travel and qualities they wish to have. Once again, we would like to say a massive thank you to all of the visitors for giving up their time and inspiring the children. You were all awesome!

Our aspiration value ambassadors for this half term were Arabella P, Shannon K, Reece M and Daniel M. You all clearly impressed the adults with your aspiration. A huge well done to you all.



Have a great half term break and enjoy quality time with family and friends. Let's hope the weather is kind! We return next half term to launch our new value of Pride.

See you at the gate.



**Safer Internet Day 2020** took place on Tuesday 11th February with the theme 'Together for a better internet: Free to be me – exploring identity online'.

We took part in a range of classroom-based activities and Miss Hill led a special assembly; discussing how we behave online and how to keep our personal information safe.

The day offered the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community.

Year 3 became identity detectives; discussing stereotypes online and what we can learn about people through what they share.

Year 4 explored what it meant to be able to express yourself safely. Even though people can represent themselves how they wish online, they should still be kind and respectful.

In Upper Hub, Year 5 discussed equality and differences online, and how they would deal with something, or someone who upset them. In Year 6, children further explored diversity and celebrated everybody's differences in our online world.

We also held a parent's workshop during our open afternoon which outlined how to keep your children safe in the digital world.

### Junior Leadership Team

Our JLT have been continuing to look at Mental Health and Wellbeing as part of this year's Cluster Council focus. At the beginning of this term, Miss Ryan relaunched The Retreat for the pupils of South End to enjoy and have a quiet space to go at lunchtimes.



On Friday 17th January, JLT led a Global News assembly where they spoke to South Enders about what mental health is, and some of the things we can do to help look after our mental health. During this assembly, the children spoke about some

of the common mental health problems both adults and young children may face in their lifetime.



On Wednesday 29th January, Head Boy and Girl attended their last cluster council meeting before handing over the reigns to the new Head Boy and Girl at the end of the term.

### Growth Mindset at SEJ

We are so proud of the South End pupils and their dedication shown to the Growth Mindset challenges from last term. The challenges for this term have been revealed, and we hope that even more children will be willing to give them a go. It's great to see the happiness across a child's face when they have achieved the challenge, and how excited they are to share their story. Having a Growth Mindset helps children to build their resilience, which is a great life skill and helps children to accept that mistakes are a way of learning. When supporting your children at home, please try to remind them that making mistakes is



ok and that is how we learn. Encouraging children to have a Growth Mindset can have such a great impact on a child's outlook in life. We look forward to seeing this term's challenges.



# Diary Dates- Term 4

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>24th February</b> School re-opens 8.40am	<b>25th February</b> Shrove Tuesday	<b>26th February</b> SATs info meeting for Yr 6 - 5pm	<b>27th February</b> Yr 5 Swim	<b>28th February</b>
<b>2nd March</b> Secondary school allocations	<b>3rd March</b>	<b>4th March</b>	<b>5th March</b> Yr 5 Swim World Book Day	<b>6th March</b>
<b>9th March</b>	<b>10th March</b>	<b>11th March</b>	<b>12th March</b> Yr 5 Swim Parents' Evening & Book Fair	<b>13th March</b>
<b>16th March</b>	<b>17th March</b> St Patricks Day	<b>18th March</b>	<b>19th March</b> Yr 5 Swim	<b>20th March</b>
<b>23rd March</b>	<b>24th March</b>	<b>25th March</b>	<b>26th March</b> Yr 5 Swim	<b>27th March</b>
<b>30th March</b>	<b>31st March</b>	<b>1st April</b> Yr 4 Production 1.45pm and 6.00pm	<b>2nd April</b> School Disco - TBC	<b>3rd April</b> School Closes 3.00pm
<b>Easter Break</b>				
<b>20th April</b> Training Day	<b>21st April</b> School re-opens 8.40am	<b>22nd April</b>	<b>23rd April</b> Yr 4 Swim	<b>24th April</b>

### SAFEGUARDING AT SOUTH END

At South End Safeguarding all children remains our priority. If you have any worries or concerns, please see one of the following members of staff:

Miss Kaur- Lead Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Gibbs & Mrs Izycky- Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.