

South End Echo



Keeping you informed: Miss Kaur—Headteacher

Friday 20th October 2023

Dear parents/carers

The first half term of the school year has flown by!

Year 3 have all settled at speed and made us all feel super proud! They have quickly adjusted to being a 'South Ender' and are following our school values.

We launched our first value of 'Respect' at the start of the term. We have been overwhelmed by how the children have shown respect, not only to each other, but respect for their learning too. Well done everyone! Value stones have been collected in the hundreds. Next term, we will launch our second value of 'Courage'.

Here are our 12 respect values ambassadors for this term. A huge well done to you all.



We now have 12 new Junior Leadership Team members. Manifestos were written and ballot boxes were used! Well done to all of our 12 new school councillors who have all been awarded their JLT ties. Our JLT are busy deciding which charity to support for this academic year. They will also be leading our 'Can Campaign' to collect food for the Rushden Foodbank. Children In Need will also be supported in November.

It was great to see so many of you at our parent consultations this week. We hope you all shared the information with your child and celebrated their successes.

Our linked PCSO visited yesterday to remind the children about keeping safe over the half term break. There was a particular focus on being safe if out at night, and the children have been reminded to not knock on any strangers' doors on Halloween night.

Next term, we look forward to many festive events, both on and off the school site. Year 6 will be representing SEJ at the service at the Rushden War Memorial to remember Armistice Day. Additionally, we have been brave enough to book a whole school visit to the theatre in Milton Keynes. So many children have never experienced a pantomime in their life; visiting with their entire school will be an experience that they will never forget!

Safeguarding our South Enders continues to be our priority. Any safeguarding concerns over half term can be reported to gkaur@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk.

We wish you all a happy and safe half term break with your family and friends. See you at the gate!

G Kaur

Head teacher

Parking

If you are parking in the streets and roads around the school, we must ask you please to consider whether you are driving and parking safely.

Please let's try and keep everyone safe. Not just our children but cyclists, wheelchair users, pram users, local residents and other members of our community.

We remind you that parents and carers are not permitted on site to drop children off in the morning unless they have been given permission from the school. Also, when clubs are on after school, the barrier will not be lifted for you to collect your children. You will need to park off site and walk in.



Thank you in advance of your co-operation.

Due to the fact that we have a number of children in school with a nut allergy, we remind you (and advise any new parents/carers) that we request you do not send your children into school with nuts or a product that has pieces of nut in it. This will include peanut butter and Nutella.

This does not mean you cannot send your child with products that have been manufactured in a place where nuts have previously been contained.

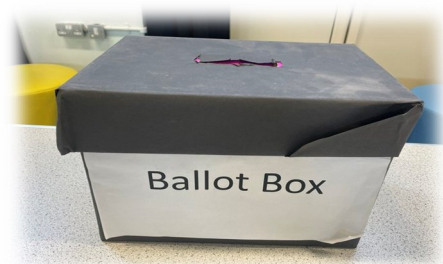
We thank you for your understanding and appreciate your co-operation in helping to reduce risks and keep everyone safe.



W i n t e r approaches

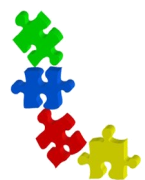


Throughout the school year the children will have PE lessons both inside and out. Please make sure your child has warm clothing for the colder months. This includes long tracksuit bottoms and a long-sleeved sweatshirt or hoodie — ideally plain black with no logos other than the school logo please.



JLT

The new Junior Leadership Team (JLT) have now been elected. Congratulations to the 12 new members of the team. We had our first meeting last week, in which we discussed our plans for the year ahead. The JLT's first job is to decide upon a charity for us to support this year, following a discussion with their class. They are very excited about their roles and look forward to helping everyone throughout the year.



SEJ Online Safety

School Photos

With the excitement of a new school year, our new school photographs taken, and your child reaching a new milestone, many of us share photos of our child online without thinking about the associated risks. If you post online, then try following these basic rules:



- Don't post any photos of your child that show their school logo/name or recognisable places by where they live that can make it easy for people to find out their location.
- Never include your child's full name.
- Are there any other children in the pictures you share online? If yes, do you have permission from their parent/carer to upload it?
- Would your child be happy for your comment/photo about them to be online – remember what might be 'cute' now may be embarrassing to them in the future.
- Make sure appropriate privacy settings are on.

Alternatively, you could just share photos with those who you really want to share the photo with (grandparents etc.) via WhatsApp or iMessage rather than via social media.

For further information, CEOP have published this article which includes advice on sharing photos of your child online:

[Sharing pictures of your children \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/sharing-pictures-of-your-children/)



This half term has seen Real PE begin with our 'Personal' cog.

We have focused on positive communication, teamwork, interpersonal skills and applying these in both competitive and non-competitive games.

We have had two extra curriculum football competitions this half term. SEJS came 2nd and 3rd respectively. The teams focused on using a short passing game and, where possible, utilising the personal skills from Real PE, with a focus on positive communication and being a supportive team.

Years 3 and 5 have been learning how to play field hockey. Year 4 have been learning how to play netball. Year 6 have been learning to improve their swimming skills this half term.

We have also seen a 3rd weekly PE lesson begin. This has had a dance focus this half term with the children learning how to move their bodies in space with a clear focus on control and timing.

Black History Month

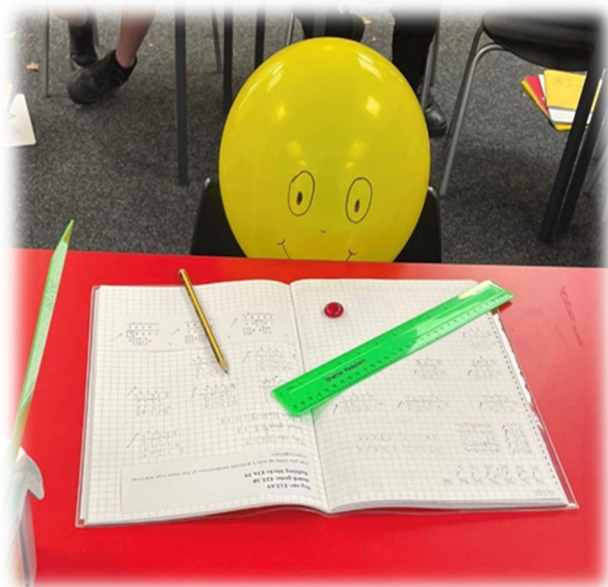
Black History Month runs for the whole of October.

Mrs Roberts launched Black History Month on Monday 3rd October by leading an assembly about the importance of black history and how society has changed because of it.

Children at SEJ have been learning about a variety of inspirational black icons who have faced many challenges during their lives and have worked to change how they are treated. These icons include Barack Obama, Rosa Parks, Floella Benjamin, and Olaudah Equiano.

Children have completed a variety of activities, from research to art.

Miss Ryan rounded off Black History Month with a showcase assembly this afternoon.



Mental Health Awareness Day

Tuesday 10th October 2023 marked Mental Health Awareness Day.

Mrs Moody launched this assembly on 9th October and talked about what she would have in her 'mental health' bag to ensure she looked after her mental health – items included water to stay hydrated, fruit to stay healthy, a teddy bear to cuddle if she was feeling down and a phone to call her loved ones.

Mrs Gibbs tasked each class with looking after a mental health balloon for the day. We used the balloon to signify our mental health and wellbeing. It needs consideration and nurture to end the day as it started. We learnt that it's okay if the balloon deflates or 'bursts' – we just learn from it and do something differently the next time!

Children loved caring for their mental health balloons, and the balloons got up to all sorts during the day including reading, maths and PE!



Diary Dates- Term 2 echo

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OCTOBER BREAK				
30th October TRAINING DAY	31st October Yr 6 Height and weight check	1st November Flu immunisations	2nd November Yr 4 swimming Yr 6 History off a page	3rd November FAB Friday
6th November	7th November	8th November	9th November Yr 4 Swimming	10th November FAB Friday
13th November Anti-Bullying Week Diwali celebrations this week	14th November	15th November	16th November Yr 4 swimming	17th November FAB Friday VIP Children in Need
20th November	21st November	22nd November	23rd November Yr 4 swimming	24th November FAB Friday
27th November	28th November	29th November	30th November Yr 4 swimming	1st December FAB Friday
4th December	5th December	6th December	7th December Yr 4 swimming	8th December FAB Friday
11th December	12th December Choir sing at SERVE	13th December	14th December Whole School Theatre trip	15th December FAB Friday VIP
18th December Yr 3 Christingle	19th December Winter Catwalk Christmas Lunch Disco	20th December School Closes at 3pm		
Christmas Holiday				

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.**