

South End Echo



Keeping you informed: Miss Kaur—Headteacher

Spring 2—Thursday 28th March 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Where did term four go?

We have had a busy term celebrating World Book Day, Red Nose Day and taking part in British Science Week activities. Our South Enders also enjoyed taking part in a Skipbeatz session. Year 5 enjoyed their 'faith tour' around Bedford and Year 3 loved their craft session at St Mary's Church.

Our value of 'Independence' has been demonstrated daily by our South Enders. We have celebrated by announcing our 'Independence' ambassadors in assembly this week, and an additional values break was awarded this afternoon in recognition of the tremendous number of values stones the children collected this term.



A huge well done to our Year 6 team who represented SEJ at the Annual Rotary Club Quiz competition. Their general knowledge was put to the test and they won the cup! All four children have made us feel very proud as the cup returns to SEJ. We were last awarded it in 2019.

Next term, we launch our new value of 'Perseverance'. What does your child persevere with out of school? How do you encourage it? If your child shows real 'grit' in an activity out of school, share it with their class teacher so that we can reward them with values stones.

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who attended our parent-teacher meetings this week. It was great to share and celebrate successes, and discuss areas of improvement.

After the Easter break, we will continue to nurture and grow all our South Enders and prepare Year 6 for the upcoming SATs and residential trip away from home.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation this term. The new term begins on Tuesday 16th April at 8:40am.

Please report any safeguarding issues to gkaur@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk Alternatively, MASH can be contacted on 0300 126 1000.

Have a safe and relaxing Easter break. Enjoy your Easter treats!

See you at the gate!

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Head teacher

If you are parking in the streets and roads around the school, could I 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, local residents and other members of our community too.

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.

Term time absence Sept 2024

As part of a government drive to return attendance to pre-pandemic levels, fines for parents taking children out of school without permission will rise across England from September.

The minimum fine will increase from **£60 to £80** per parent, per child.

If parents fail to pay their fine within 21 days, it doubles.

Also, the maximum number of fines that can be issued before legal action is considered will be two in three years.

NHS School Nurse

Did you know that every school has a named NHS school nurse? We are a team of Qualified School Nurses, Community Staff Nurses, Healthy Child Practitioners and School Nurse Assistants. We work all year-round Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays). We are happy to provide information, advice and guidance on a range of health needs from reception to Year 13.

We can be contacted:

- By phone 0800 170 7055 option 4
- Live Chat: <https://www.nhft.nhs.uk/0-19>
www.nhft.nhs.uk/childrenshub
- Chat Health (our text-based School Nurse messaging service) for parents and young people aged 11 and over. Monday to Friday 8.30-4.30 pm - 07507 329600
- On "X" (was Twitter) SchoolNursesNHFT

You can also contact us for any school aged immunisation queries.

- By phone: 0800 170 7055 option 5

Website: [Children's resources, tips and advice hub | NHFT](#)

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March we celebrated World Book day and we welcomed the illustrator Anna Doherty. She introduced herself during our morning assembly and shared how a book is made. We were all surprised at how many people are involved in this process. She shared one of the books she has written and illustrated with the children. Throughout the day, she worked with each year group to make their own mini book.

During the day, the children completed various book-related activities. These included designing and making bookmarks, creating new front covers for books they had read, completing quizzes online and sharing their favourite stories. Some classes also joined illustrators' online workshops and drew their own versions of book characters.



Cluster Council's PE project

This year, the Cluster Council have been given the theme of 'respect' to carry out a school project. The 4 members of JLT chosen to help with this project have been working hard to try and tackle the ongoing problem of the missing PE kit!

They have noticed that there is a decline in the number of children taking part in PE across the school because they have either forgotten their kit or don't have the correct items; there are always plenty of excuses as to why it has been forgotten given along the way.

The council have decided to run a school-wide competition where the class who brings their full PE kits in all the time can win an extra break! They have also been busy putting together some information for parents/carers explaining the benefits of having a full PE kit in school every day. This will be sent out to you soon.



This term, the JLT have been focussed on a new project. They have been advising the in-school community of the issue that we currently have with unacceptable and dangerous parking outside of school. To help bring the problem to the attention of those that are parking outside of our school, we are going to have signs printed that say, 'Think before you park!' on them. These will be made from a child's design.

The JLT representative from each class launched a poster competition that will see one child from the lower and upper hub win a prize for the most eye-catching poster. The winner will be announced shortly, and their poster will be printed on a large metal sign that will be displayed outside of school.



We had an amazing British Science Week 2024.

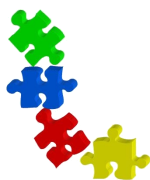
The week started off with a visit from Atomic Tom, who carried out some experiments in the Plaza for the whole school! Across the week, in each year group, the children have been conducting investigations and debating some important topics.

Year 3 built rockets with the help of Sam from Wrenn School and launched them with a compressed air pump, as well as investigating which materials make the best boats in the classroom. They also researched and debated whether having a diet of only fruit and vegetables, no nuts or other protein sources, could be considered healthy for humans.

Year 4 investigated which materials would make the best parachutes by making parachutes out of different materials and attaching a weight to them to try out. They also researched and debated if all plants need the same things to survive and thrive. They concluded that they all need the same things to survive but they need these in different quantities to thrive.

In Year 5, they wrote a balanced argument based on whether life would be better without electricity and have completed a few investigations including the highly energetic: Does the taller you are mean the more skips you can do in a minute?

Year 6 have spent Science Week debating whether Xenotransplantation should take place. After researching scientific opinions and gathering facts, they then held a debate - representing the proposition and the opposition. They also spent lessons investigating which fruits and vegetables could power an LED bulb. Their research suggested that citric fruits would help loosen the electrodes and conduct electricity - which their investigations found to be true!



Diary Dates- Term 5 *echo*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<u>15th April</u> School Closed - Training Day 5	<u>16th April</u> School re-opens 8.40am Netball Event Yr6- Condover Meeting for Parents 5-5.30pm	<u>17th April</u>	<u>18th April</u> Yr 3 Swimming RSE parent info session 2.30-3pm	<u>19th April</u> VIP
<u>22nd April</u>	<u>23rd April</u> Yr 4 Hazard Alley trip for half Y4	<u>24th April</u>	<u>25th April</u> Yr 4 Hazard Alley trip for half Y4	<u>26th April</u>
<u>29th April</u>	<u>30th April</u> Y4 Bikeability for those who have signed up	<u>1st May</u>	<u>2nd May</u>	<u>3rd May</u> Family maths session 2.15-2.45pm
<u>6th May</u> School Closed- Bank Holiday	<u>7th May</u> Group Photos	<u>8th May</u>	<u>9th May</u>	<u>10th May</u>
<u>13th May</u> SATs week	<u>14th May</u> SATs Week	<u>15th May</u> SATs Week	<u>16th May</u> SATs Week	<u>17th May</u> VIP
<u>20th May</u>	<u>21st May</u>	<u>22nd May</u> Y6 residential trip to Condover Hall	<u>23rd May</u> Y6 residential trip to Condover Hall	<u>24th May</u> Y6 residential trip to Condover Hall School Closed 3pm
May 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.