

South End Echo



Keeping you informed: Miss Kaur—Headteacher

Friday 25th October 2024

Dear parents/ carers

Where did that first half term go?

Year 3 have all settled at speed and are already part of the furniture! They have quickly adjusted to being a 'South Ender' and are following our school values beautifully. Well done Year 3; this is a super start to your SEJ learning journey.

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. The values jar is full! 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 them all.

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.

Next term, we look forward to many festive events, both on and off the school site. Year 6 will be representing SEJ at the remembrance service at the Rushden War Memorial to mark Armistice Day. Year 3 will be participating in a Christingle service at St Mary's Church and Year 4 will be leading a carol service at school. There will of course be many more festive events; watch this space!

Congratulations to Miss Ryan who gets married over the half term break. We wish her lots of happiness and look forward to hearing all about it from the new Mrs Green!

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
Headteacher



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, including airborne, we remind you that you must 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.



As winter 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.



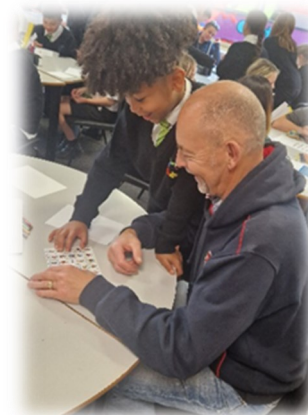
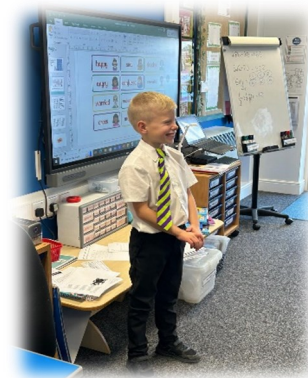
World Mental Health Day

On Thursday 10th October, SEJ marked World Mental Health Day.

We discussed our emotions and strategies for when we feel sad, nervous and angry: even playing emotion charades!

Children wrote positive affirmations about themselves too.

Thank you to all the parents/carers of Upper Hub children who attended in the afternoon and for listening to our online safety presentation.



JLT Congratulations to our new JLT !

The new Junior Leadership Team (JLT) have now been elected.

We invited our local MP, Gen Kitchen, to come and talk to the children about democracy. They had the opportunity to ask her several questions too!

Then the voting began...

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 was to decide upon a charity for us to support this year. They have decided to support the Air Ambulance. They are very excited about their roles and look forward to helping everyone throughout the year.

The first fundraising event was today! The JLT asked everyone to wear yellow and all coin donations were welcome.

Next term, we will be supporting Children In Need as well as the Rushden Food Bank.



Black History Month runs for the whole of October every year.

Mr Hodgkins introduced Black History Month '24 by leading a school assembly about the importance of black history and how society has changed because of it. Each year, Black History Month has a different theme and the theme of 2024 has been 'reclaiming narratives'.

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 and Michelle Obama, Rosa Parks, Lewis Hamilton, Floella Benjamin, Jackie Robinson and many more.

Children have completed a variety of activities - from research to art - to learn about the true stories of these individuals and their importance in black history.

Mr Hodgkins rounded off Black History Month with a showcase assembly this afternoon.

