

# South End Echo



Keeping you informed: Miss Kaur—Headteacher

Summer 1— Friday 26th May 2023

Dear parent/ carers

Here we are, almost approaching the end of yet another school year! One more term to go with plenty of events to come!

Year Six children all need to be congratulated on their perseverance and resilience. Each and every one of them impressed us with their determination to do their best in the SATs tests. I hope they have enjoyed their residential visit to Condover Hall, or their staycation back at school.

Our twelve values ambassadors from across the school have once again been praised and celebrated. The value of perseverance has earned a huge pile of value stones!

Congratulations to each of them for demonstrating their perseverance in so many different ways.

Next term, we will also be launching our final value of 'Pride'. We will also be looking forward to a joint, South End site sports day; a Year 6 graduation; a Year 6 production; a Summer concert; and the end of year outdoor disco.

Have a safe half-term break and we will see you all return on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

If you have any safeguarding concerns in the meantime, please report these to [gkaur@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk](mailto:gkaur@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk).

Alternatively, MASH can be contacted on 0300 126 1000.

See you at the gate!



Miss G Kaur  
Head Teacher





## History Festival

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May saw the start of our school history festival. This means a fortnight of being fully immersed in a period of history for each year group.

- Year 3 have been studying Romans, and have learned about Roman emperors, the Roman army and Roman daily life. A particular highlight for them was creating a 'tortoise shell' defence with their shields to protect against invasion. They also loved voting for Rome's worst ever emperor. Nero was a clear winner!
- Year 4 have been learning about Saxons and Vikings and have learned about Gods and Goddesses, Yggdrasil (the nine Norse worlds) and some significant historical figures.
- Year 5 have been studying Ancient Greece and have painted Greek pottery designs, created their own Olympic games and have practised being historians by looking at sources of evidence.
- Year 6 have been studying Mexico and the ancient Maya. They have been writing an information text about 'The Day of the Dead'; researching Mayan beliefs and rituals; and playing Pok a Tok, a Mayan ball game.

We have showcased all their fantastic work for all pupils to see this afternoon.

### Science Selfie Competition

Thank you to everyone who submitted their 'science selfies' for our competition. It looked like you had great fun experimenting, observing and asking all of your curious questions. This made it very hard to pick a winner! We clearly have lots of scientists in the making here at SEJ, and we are extremely proud of your effort. Please keep on exploring and always asking those important questions.

Year 5 were transported back in time to the Ancient Greeks where they enjoyed an immersive day making pottery vases, sending messages on wax tablets and crushed olives to make the fuel to light lamps. In the afternoon, they revelled in a Greek banquet where the slaves served bread, cheese and fruit to the guests. Everyone raised their goblets high to toast the Gods while partaking in the festivities. The children performed classical Greek myths through the art of dance and drama; it was a fantastic day of learning about the Ancient Greeks.

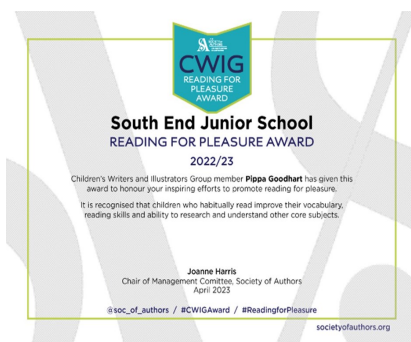


# CWIG Reading for Pleasure Award

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We are delighted to announce that Pippa Goodhart was so inspired by our commitment to reading for pleasure, that she has recommended us for an award:

*“South End Junior School has a wealth of books, available to children in a wealth of imaginative ways beyond the standard school provision. A free choice of books to take home are temptingly displayed in an Old Curiosity Shop window, sometimes wrapped as presents so that children take home a surprise which might take their interests into new directions. Amazingly, there is a whole room Old Curiosity Shop full of books and interesting objects, kept tidy by book monitors. There is a decommissioned bus in the playground, used as a place for sharing stories and books. And more. But, above all, it’s clear that both staff and children enjoy books and enjoy creating new stories of their own.”*



This was a wonderful surprise for the school. We will continue to promote our reading for pleasure ethos in school and our certificate will proudly be displayed.

## Cultural afternoons:

### Year 3 and 5

To celebrate Eid, Year 3 and 5 learnt about how it is celebrated across the world. In Year 3, they created a moon and star which are special symbols used throughout the celebrations. They also had a go at creating their own henna designs.



In Year 5, the children had a go at creating a shadow picture of mosques and used pastels to create the background. They also made small celebration boxes which are used to hold gifts for the children.

JLT have kept in contact with the school in Japan and are hoping to get some more letters sent over to their peers there in Summer 2.

We will also be holding another merit shop sale following the success of the last one, this time raising money for Cancer Research UK. The date for this will be Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June, at lunchtime only. Prices again will be 10p, 20p and 50p per item.

Meetings this term have focussed on the year ahead and what they want their legacy to be as this year's JLT. There have been lots of discussions about the uses for the Retreat and the Huddle and how we can encourage more people to use them. If pupils have suggestions, they can let your class JLT representative know.



## Y6 Grow A Pound Enterprise Project

From the middle March to the start of May, Y6 pupils were busy running a mini enterprise project called 'Grow a Pound'! Quite simply, this entailed SEJ loaning each pupil £1 to use to start a mini business of their choosing out of school.

To give the children a purpose for joining in with the project, the aim was to make enough of a profit across the year group to fund an end of year celebration for the entire Y6. They had some BIG ideas including trips out and about!

Luckily, pupils didn't only have grand party plans, they also had some huge enterprise ideas! As a result, Y6 managed to make a **collective profit of £1923.68!** Such a staggering amount that reflects the perseverance of so many pupils. We have celebrated every penny that was raised by every pupil. Some of our top earners were:

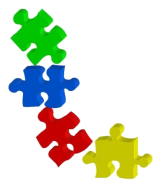
- Madi - £100 for running a 'guess how many sweets in the jar' game
- Arabella - £100 for running a 'guess how many sweets in the jar' game
- Rebecca, Ellie S, Madi & Arabella - £90 by running a bake sale
- Freya - £50 by baking cakes and selling them on
- Toby - £40 for running a message in a bottle initiative
- Maycee - £250+ by organising a disco and various other things
- Amelia - £30 by making and selling Easter decorations
- Tom, Callan & Noah - £250 by selling sweets
- Aiden - £100 by running a raffle
- Ellie Y £30 through selling chocolate
- Connor - £125 by selling sweets
- The Kenyons - £65 for selling seeds
- Maia & Lilianna - £70 baking and selling a range of bakes
- Maddie - £40 for selling on her homemade muffins
- Vlad - £50 for selling pancakes and pizza
- Oscar Z - £50 for selling cookies and sweets
- Jessica - £40 by running an Easter egg brownie business
- Oscar T - £50 through baking and selling cakes
- Chloe Ali, Jess & Eve - £50 through selling dog treats
- Olivia - £35 by baking goodies and selling through her mum's work



The Y6 team are extremely proud of the efforts and determination of all the pupils who participated, and they would also like to thank all of the parents and carers who supported the children with their money-making ideas.

Party planning and bookings are underway...!





# Diary Dates- Term 6 *echo*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>5th June</b> Y4 MTC begins today	<b>6th June</b> Archery Comp	<b>7th June</b> Yr 4 Seaside Trip	<b>8th June</b> Yr3 Swimming Girls' cricket	<b>9th June</b> <i>FAB Friday</i>
<b>12th June</b>	<b>13th June</b>	<b>14th June</b> Rotary Club trip Mini Tennis Event	<b>15th June</b> Yr6 Extra Swimming for some pupils Development Cricket	<b>16th June</b> <i>FAB Friday</i>
<b>19th June</b>	<b>20th June</b> JLT Trip	<b>21st June</b> New Yr 3 Intake Meeting	<b>22nd June</b> Yr6 Extra Swimming Summer Concert	<b>23rd June</b> <i>FAB Friday</i>
<b>26th June</b>	<b>27th June</b>	<b>28th June</b>	<b>29th June</b> Yr6 Extra Swimming District Sports	<b>30th June</b> <i>FAB Friday</i> Whole school diversity day
<b>3rd July</b>	<b>4th July</b> Sports Day	<b>5th July</b>	<b>6th July</b> <b><u>No Swimming</u></b> Rushden and Higham cluster transfer day 1	<b>7th July</b> <i>FAB Friday</i> Rushden and Higham cluster transfer day 2
<b>10th July</b>	<b>11th July</b> Yr 6 Leavers show	<b>12th July</b> Y3, 4 & 5 disco 5:30— 7:00	<b>13th July</b> Yr6 Extra Swimming	<b>14th July</b> End of year reports sent out for Y3-5
<b>17th July</b>	<b>18th July</b> SATS results day End of year reports sent out for Y6	<b>19th July</b> Yr 6 Party Day	<b>20th July</b>	<b><u>21st July</u></b> Yr 6 Graduation <b>Closes 3.00pm</b>

## Summer Holidays

### 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 Izzycky- Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.**