

South End Echo



Keeping you informed: Miss Kaur - Headteacher

Friday 21st July 2023

Dear parents/ carers,

It is hard to believe another academic year is over! This year seems to have flown by! Discos, graduations, leavers' concerts, end of year celebrations and new teacher meets. A busy last few weeks had by all!

Once again, our South Enders have demonstrated resilience by working hard and following values.

This week, we announced our twelve overall values ambassadors for the year. This is always tricky as teachers often say there are several pupils who could be selected. Well done to all who were chosen for following our six values on a daily basis. You have made us all feel so proud!



It is time to say goodbye to our amazing Year 6 children. The SEJ team are always proud of sending off 90 children, who will continue to work with pride and perseverance, to several Year 7 settings. I know each and every one of them will be amazing!

Today saw our Year 6 leavers walk through the famous 'South End leavers arch'. Thank you to all adults who joined us for this event. This event seems to get bigger and bigger year on year!

Our new year 3 children are waiting in the wings! They had an awesome transfer day and are now all awaiting their tie ceremony in September. We cannot wait to get to know them all! Tie ceremony instructions have been sent to all parents/ carers of our new year 3 children.

September will bring two changes to our SEJ team. (Please see over the page for our structure.) We say goodbye to Miss Kay and Mrs Taylor. We wish them both lots of luck in their new settings. We welcome Mrs Carey to the SEJ team who will be teaching in Year 4.

Any safeguarding issues over the break can be reported to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0300 126 7000. We have spoken to all the children about keeping safe over the break, including online safety too. Our local PCSO has also delivered a presentation about water safety.

Any queries can also be emailed to gkaur@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk

I hope you enjoy plenty of quality time with family and friends over the summer break. We look forward to welcoming the new Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 back on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

Have an amazing summer holiday and see you at the gate in September!

G Kaur

Headteacher

Staffing structure: 2023/2024

Year	Class	Teacher	Head of Year
3	Matisse	Mrs Pixton	Mrs Pixton
3	Ayres	Miss Ryan	
3	Picasso	Mrs Barry	
4	Dahl	Mrs Farrar-Williams	Mrs Lewis
4	Lewis	Mrs Carey	
4	Rowling	Mr Hodgkins	
5	Engelbart	Mr Woodcock	Mrs Moody
5	Da Vinci	Mrs Jennings & Mrs Lewis	
5	Archimedes	Mrs Moody	
6	Einstein	Miss Watt	Mrs Roberts
6	Galileo	Mr Carter	
6	Aristotle	Mrs Roberts	
Head Teacher - Miss Kaur			
Deputy Head Teacher - Mrs Gibbs			
Director of Inclusion - Mrs Izycky			
Lead Practitioner — Mrs Lewis			

Healthy Eating Week

Healthy Eating Week ran from Monday 12th – Sunday 18th June. To mark this occasion, children were encouraged to make healthier meal choices with their families. Miss Ryan worked with a small group of children from each year group to design and make a variety of healthy snacks which they sold at break time on Friday 16th June. It was great to see lots of children purchasing a healthy snack and some even asked if it was going to be a regular event!

Miss Ryan also launched a healthy eating competition where children had the chance to design or create a healthy snack, breakfast, lunch or dinner. Across the school, lots of children submitted entries to be in with a chance of winning a £10 Rock Up gift voucher. The winner for Lower Hub was Sky and the winner for Upper Hub was Hetty. Have a look at some of the meals created below:



JLT ran their final Merit Shop sale this half term during Healthy Eating week and, between that sale and the healthy snacks sale, they raised around £50 for Cancer Research UK.

JLT, along with this year's head boys and girls, also enjoyed an afternoon at Rushden Lakes with Miss Kaur, Mrs Farrar-Williams and Mrs Rose to say thank you for all the hard work and commitment they have put in this year. The pizzas and pasta were loved by all! JLT also had a mini-cakes party in school on Tuesday 11th July.

Finally, on Monday 10th July, JLT members from Years 3, 4 & 5 visited SEIS to answer any questions the children there had about moving up to our school.

Thank you to our JLT for all of their hard work this year.

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 also consider, if someone using a wheelchair or pram has ease of access.

Please let's try and keep everyone safe. Not just our children but cyclists, 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 for your co-operation.



A huge well done to all of our year 6 children. We are so proud of them; they have achieved an awesome set of SATs results with all subjects above the national average! Considering a pandemic, they achieved considerably well.

Please see the provisional attainment summary below:

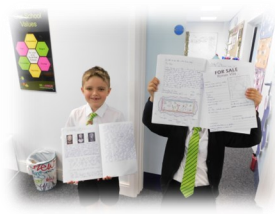
Subject	SEJ	National
Reading	80%	73%
Writing	72%	71%
Maths	86%	73%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS)	83%	72%
Reading, Writing and Maths (combined)	63%	59%

These are scores for the 'expected standard' and above.

Our Year 6s also scored well in the 'greater depth' standard: Reading 20%, Maths 31% and GPS 39%. We do not have national comparators as of yet.

History Festival

SEJ held another successful history festival this year. The children loved exploring a new mini-project and were in their element showcasing their fantastic work! We were so impressed with the knowledge they retained. A special well done to our history experts that took on the challenge of sharing their knowledge with the rest of the school. Good job South End!



Whole School Diversity Week

This year, Diversity Week ran from Monday 26th – Friday 30th June. During this week, all children had the opportunity to look and study influential people from the LGBTQ+ community and the journey that they have been on.

Year 3: Phyll Opoku-Gyimah

Year 4: Justin Fashanu

Year 5: Justin Fashanu, Tom Daley, Ronx, Patricio Manuel and the art of Andy Warhol

Year 6: Alan Turing, Josh Cavallo and Saima Razzaq

Across the week, there was lots of brilliant work produced, and everyone had the chance to see what the other year groups had been learning through the Diversity Week Showcase which happened on Friday 30th June.



SEJ Online Safety 2023

As we head into the summer holidays, we may find our children online more or having more screen time. Childnet have produced this blog, which includes guidance on how to help your child with managing their screen time: <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/screen-time-boundaries-parents/>

You may also be looking for activities to do with your child. Google and Parent Zone have produced some great resources that are free to download. They include a mix of online and offline activities, such as asking them to create a poster to show what they would do if they were worried about something they see online. You can access all the resources here: <https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/download>



What is Virtual Reality?

Did you know that many VR headsets have a minimum age rating of 13? Childnet have produced this article detailing what virtual reality is and the considerations that you should evaluate before using: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/virtual-reality-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers/>



Online Challenges



Our children may not have developed the skills and ability to critically analyse all situations yet so it is important to talk to your child about hoaxes and challenges that may appear on the internet. Some challenges are fun and provide no risk, however there will be challenges that are risky or dangerous. Your child may see others complete certain challenges online without being harmed and therefore may want to repeat them and not consider the potential risks to themselves.

Make sure they know that they should talk to you (or another trusted adult) about what they see online, particularly if they plan to try a challenge or if something scares or upsets them. We would always advise that if your child has not heard about an online challenge, then do not draw attention to it as this may lead to them searching for it out of curiosity, so just talk about challenges in a general sense.

Reassure your child that challenges that suggest that bad things will happen if they do not complete the tasks are not real. The following link will provide you with further information as well as content to help you talk to your child: <https://www.internetmatters.org/connecting-safely-online/advice-for-parents/tackling-the-hard-stuff-on-social-media-to-support-young-people/online-challenges-are-they-harmless/> TikTok have also produced this resource to help you talk to your child about challenges and the potential risks: <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en-sg/online-challenges/>

Safe searches

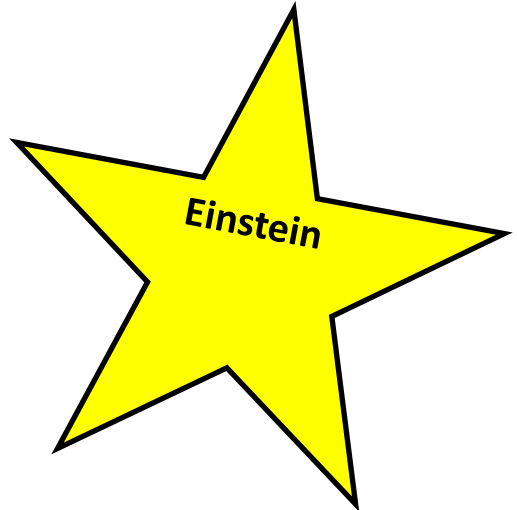


There is so much online that we would not want our child to view and even an innocent search can result in inappropriate content being seen. To make our child's online world safer, we would firstly recommend switching on Safesearch settings for the search engine your child uses. However, as not all search engines allow you to 'lock' Safesearch on (so users may be able to simply turn it off), we would encourage you to apply further parental controls. For some search engines, for example Google, you can set up a family management account, which will ensure that Safesearch settings cannot be switched off. We would recommend using a family management account (either Google or Microsoft) so even if your child is using a search engine that cannot be locked, there will at least be an additional level of content filtering provided. In addition to the above, make sure you have set up appropriate parental controls on your home broadband (and any consoles/ devices/ apps/ websites that your child uses/ accesses), for example, to restrict access to explicit websites or access to websites that are not suitable for children. Please remember that no filtering/ parental control is 100% safe, so it is important that you talk to your child about how they can stay safe online and that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if they need to. CEOP have produced an article exploring what you could do if your child sees something inappropriate online:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-to-do-if-your-child-has-seen-something-inappropriate-online/> Parent Zone has published an article to help you understand searching in more detail: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/search-engines>



Class of 2023!



Diary Dates- Term 1 ^{echo}

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SUMMER BREAK				
4th September <i>Training Day 1</i>	5th September School Opens Y3 tie ceremony 9am	6th September	7th September	8th September
11th September	12th September	13th September	14th September Yr 6 swimming	15th September
18th September	19th September Yr 5 Space Centre Trip	20th September	21st September Yr 6 swimming	22nd September
25th September	26th September	27th September	28th September Yr 6 swimming	29th September School photos
2nd October	3rd October	4th October	5th October Yr 6 swimming	6th October
9th October	10th October	11th October	12th October Yr 6 swimming	13th October VIP
16th October Parent-teacher meeting week	17th October	18th October	19th October Yr 6 swimming	20th October <u>School Closes 3pm</u>
Summer 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 - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Gibbs & Mrs Izycky - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads