



South Avenue Primary School

Term 2 Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Goodness, what another busy term it's been. Year R have been looking at their favourite stories and traditional fairy tales; Year 1 have been learning all about celebrations and Year 2 learnt about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot.



Year 3 learnt about the inventions of Thomas Edison and Alexander Bell. They learnt that Thomas Edison was the first person to create the first electric lightbulb which stayed lit for 13 and a half hours. The children had a go at creating their own complete circuit to light a lightbulb.

For Year 4 it has been a continuation of their topic on the Romans, with the focus this term on Gladiators. Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed researching traditional Roman pottery and designing and making their own pots from clay.

Year 5 went on a journey to the Antarctic, following Ernest Shackleton and his crew. The children created persuasive letters and imagined they were part of the ill fated expedition. Y6 continued with their topic 'Natural Disasters', exploring the effects they have on the environment and the human race. At the start of Term 2, Year 6 were delighted to welcome Author, Jo Clarke (falconer, writer and presenter of CITV's Wild World). Jo shared her new book, *Spellboda* with the children, which aims to raise awareness of the threats humans pose to the environment. The children looked at blizzards through their English work as well as earthquakes and tsunamis – producing their own Great Wave art work inspired by the Japanese artist, Hokusai.



Kara



Isabelle



Lukas

The whole school commemorated Remembrance Day with a 2 minute silence held under the flag pole as the Last Post played. The school was also decorated with a 'Sea of Poppies' created by the children that spread across the whole school.



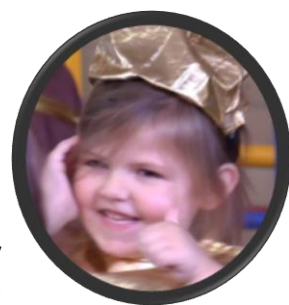
This term, the whole school enjoyed a visit from The Sports Project who delivered tag rugby and cheerleading sessions for each year group. The children loved learning the different skills in the activities. Additionally, the coaches provided strategies to support the children's mental health and problem-solving skills.





The latter half of Term 2 has been all things Christmas! It is a truly magical time to be in school and see the excitement and joy on the children's faces as the decorations are made and displayed around the school and rehearsals for the nativities and Carol Concert began in earnest.

The Reception and KS1 children amazed everyone with their outstanding performing skills during their nativity of 'Hey Ewe' and 'Baubles' on Wednesday and Thursday. We are so proud of them all and are certain we have some future actors and actresses in the making!



One of our school Governors, Mr Soyinka, was able to attend the nativities and carol service. He has asked me to pass on his thanks to all the children and staff for all the hard work that went into the preparation. He enjoyed both performances and loved the singing by all. He was very impressed on how well the children walked to and back from the church and said that they were a credit to the school.



Last Friday, we had a fantastic time enjoying the yummy Christmas dinner that the kitchen staff cooked for us - they even dressed up as elves to serve us! We sang along to Christmas music and shared our cracker jokes with one another. It was lovely getting into the Christmas spirit!

This week, on Wednesday, the whole school went to see the *Sleeping Beauty* panto at the Swallows Leisure Centre ... or no they didn't ... oh yes they did!! It was wonderful to see our younger pupils thoroughly enthralled and really getting into the spirit of audience participation!



In the afternoon, Y5 and Y6 were proud to join with Fulston Manor School for their annual Carol Concert. It was with regret that the decision not to hold a live event was made but I know you will understand that we want to do all we can to keep the community safe. We hope that you will enjoy the carols, readings and fantastic performances virtually.

Yesterday, a very special visitor went around the classes with a gift for each of the children, with thanks to our Friends Association who helped Santa to make this possible.

The children were inspired by the picture book *Journey* by Aaron Becker to write their own text and it was fantastic to see their interpretations and the super writing that was produced across the school – as the year draws to a close we can all reflect on the individual and collective journeys we have been on during the last 2 years, which have come with their own uncertainties.

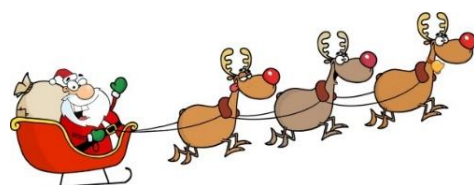
I would like to end 2021 with my thanks to our incredible staff, who continue to work extremely hard through the challenges that the current times present and provide fabulous learning opportunities and memories for our children. I would like to thank our Governors for the time and expertise that they give our school. I would also like to thank all our parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring that the children enjoy their education at South Avenue Primary School and most of all, I would like to thank our pupils, whose resilience, individuality and creativity make coming to work each day a joy.

Finally, on behalf of everyone at South Avenue, I would like to wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas and all the very best for the New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all when we return on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Kind regards

Miss Cadwallader
Head of School





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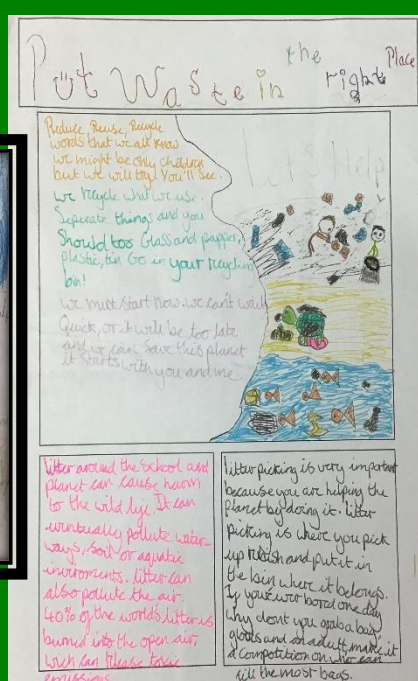
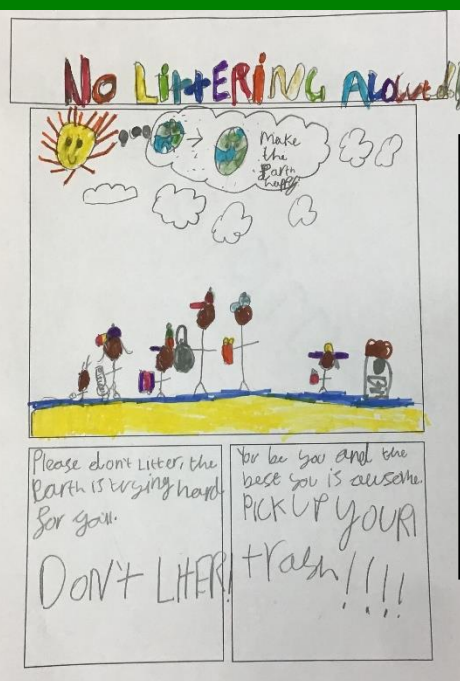


Introducing our School Council members

The School Council have met and decided to focus on keeping our school tidy. They suggested a litter poster competition. Lots of amazing entries were submitted and the School Council have chosen two entries from each of the classes that entered. Amber had so many wonderful entries that four were chosen. The School Council will continue to meet throughout the school year, bringing thoughts and ideas from their classes to discuss.

Litter Poster

Competition



Phoebe and Keeley (Ruby Class), Jennifer and Sophie (Pearl Class), Aelvie and Darasimi (Tanzanite Class), Lyric and Abigail (Onyx Class), Amelia and Daisy (Diamond Class), Kinshi, Nancy, Oshadi and Caitlin (Amber Class), Felicity and Noah-Zayne (Quartz Class), Saffron and Rose (Topaz Class), Fiayokunmi and Kristina (Garnet Class).

Thank you to everyone that took the time to complete a poster

It's Christmas Time
at South Avenue!

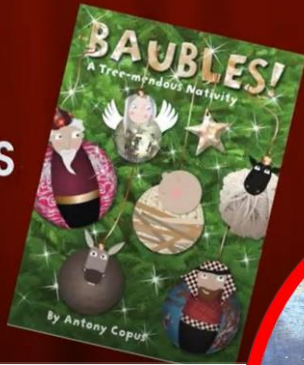


Emerald, Topaz
and Sapphire
Class Present...





Peridot, Garnet
and Quartz Class
Present...



Creativity, Commitment, Courage, Collaboration, Community & Challenge

It has been wonderful to have our activities clubs up and running this academic year. In Term 2, we were able to offer Football to Years 2, 3, 5 & 6 and Netball Club for Years 5 & 6. In addition, the children have been able to enjoy Irish Dancing and Dance.



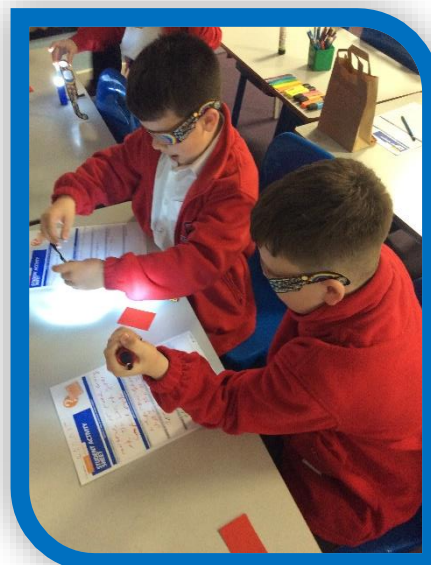
Shakespeare Drama Club

The Drama Club have been working hard and are preparing their scenes for the Play Making Festival at The Marlowe Theatre on Monday 28th March. They will be performing *Much Ado About Nothing* with 10 other schools from the Royal Shakespeare Partnership.

On **Friday 3rd December**, local composer Richard Navarro led a workshop with children from the Drama Club to create a piece of music which will be used during their performance.



Hands on Science Club run by CCCU has been very popular as well as our Arts and Crafts Club and Karaoke Clubs.





Lost Property

Please can you ensure that all items coming into school are clearly named, so that any misplaced items can be quickly returned to your child. This includes coats, hats, gloves, lunch boxes, water bottles, etc. as well as school uniform and PE kit.



Term 3 Clubs will start back week commencing 10th January, 2022. You will have received a text/email to say if your child is continuing with a club or if they have a place at one of the new clubs.

If, at any time, your child no longer wishes to keep their club place, please let the office know, so that we can reallocate the place.

Breakfast Club and the Platinum After School Clubs resume on Wednesday, 5th January. Please don't forget to send in booking forms in good time as due to staff/pupil ratios, places cannot always be guaranteed. Booking forms can be found on our school website within the Info section.

Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to those children who have received 'green slips' in Terms 1 & 2. These are awarded for exceptional effort, behaviour or work, and if a child receives one a postcard is sent home to let parents know.

Well done to: Millie C, Ryan P, Kristiana K, Frankie S, Max W, Imogen B, Levi G, Rebecca C, Connor A-C, Kinshi A, Raffee D-P & Beau B.



Dates for your diary!

Wednesday 5th January

Start of Term 3

Y3 Swimming (1/6)

Monday 10th February

Y6 visit to the 1940s House, East Street, Sittingbourne

Friday 11th February

LAST DAY OF TERM 3 (School finishes at 3.15pm)

Monday 21st February

Start of Term 4

Y4 Swimming (1/6)

Staff Development Days for 2021/22

Tuesday, 4th January and Thursday 21st July 2022

Just click on the Think U know link for more information on supporting parents with parental controls on new items that your children might receive from Santa.



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Have a look at these book lists and add a few to your list for Santa!

Primary School Book Gift Guide 2021



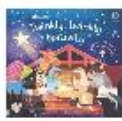
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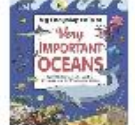
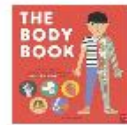
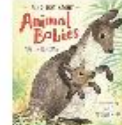
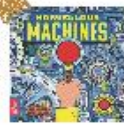
Classic Stories



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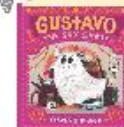
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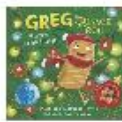
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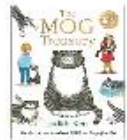
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Getting Hooked on Reading



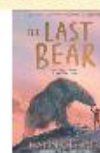
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