



South Avenue Primary School

Newsletter

End of Term 3



Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

I cannot believe that we are half way through the academic year already! We have had a very busy term with lots of fantastic learning. We were treated to some wonderful Chinese Dancing by our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children and Year 3 had a very special visitor from prehistoric times in the shape of *Jurassic George* – a life size animatronic dinosaur! Year R were excited to visit Sittingbourne Library and Year 5 wowed their parents with their class assembly. Year 5 also had a special Greek Day on Thursday as part of their topic work, with Mr Savva the star attraction!

I have been delighted to send postcards home to celebrate pupils' exceptional achievements – both academic and behavioural and next term, as part of Sports Relief Day, pupils will have the chance to bring in any trophies, medals and certificates they have gained for their sporting prowess – I know we have some great talent at South Avenue so I am really looking forward to the children sharing their achievements.



Thank you for all your support through donations and the children dressing up for the NSPCC – we are delighted to have raised £223.83 for such a worthy cause.

In aid of
NSPCC



Next term, we have parent consultations on the 28th and 30th March. These will once again be held via telephone or face to face and a letter will come out with a choice of appointment times.

Term 4 also sees Year 6 visiting the 1940's House in East Street as part of their WWII topic work and Reception classes welcome Creepy Claws in to their classrooms. We also have the Living Eggs in school and both pupils and staff get very excited when we are able to watch the chicks hatch and grow in front of our eyes, during the school day.

Our Arbor App goes live on the 20th February and I believe this will enhance home/school communications – you will be able to see what events are coming up, see which class your child is in, see which house your child is in, view your child's attendance data, view assessment data and reports, receive messages from the school, edit personal information e.g. address and contact information. For the future, this system has many other possibilities that we will slowly introduce.

Thank you all so much for all your support this term. We really appreciate all you do to support our school. I hope you and your family have an enjoyable half term break and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 20th February.

Best wishes,

Miss Cadwallader
Head of School

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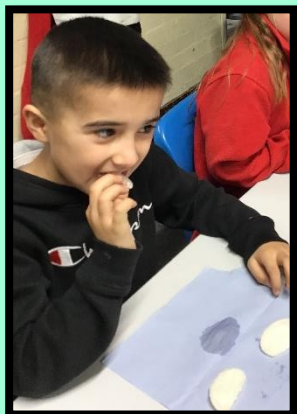
Year R have loved their topic of Fairytales this term. We have celebrated Chinese new year, NSPCC Number day, RSPCA National bird watching and visited Sittingbourne Library.



Reception and Key Stage 1 have been learning all about the Chinese New Year. We learnt that this year is the year of the water rabbit and we found out lots of other animals represent each year.

The children were lucky enough to have a visit from The KIC Theatre Company. They took part in a Chinese workshop where they learnt about how they prepare for Chinese New Year in China. The children really enjoyed taking part in their own Chinese parade.

Year 2 also took part in some Chinese food tasting... They loved the prawn crackers!



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Year 3 made a startling discovery this term! We heard that something strange had been noticed and we were happy to investigate.

We found a huge dinosaur egg on a cosy nest of straw in South Avenue School's garden! We had lots of questions and we worked as a team to write brilliant reports that even contained eye witness accounts!



Year 3 were visited by Jurassic George. We learnt so many amazing facts about dinosaurs, for example did you know that Tyrannosaurus Rex could swim? We had lots of fun.



3D has been visited by Frankie our school dog, we think he particularly enjoyed our learning all about writing a newspaper report all about Jurassic George's visit.

We have been very lucky this term as we have benefited from the wonderful Miss Tarrant, a music teacher from Fulston Manor school. We have been learning to perform Three Little Birds by Bob Marley using our voices and the glockenspiels. Thank you Miss Tarrant!



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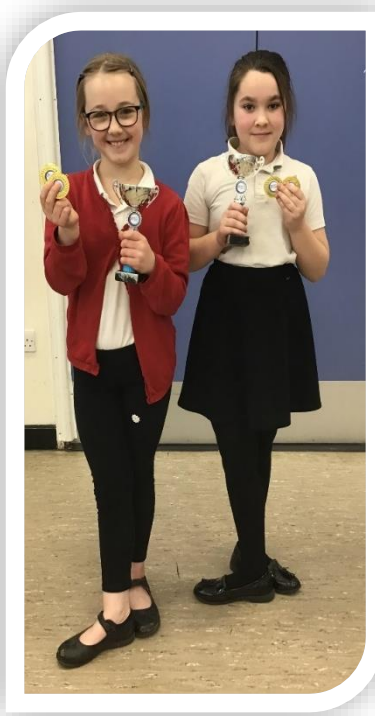
Year 5 had their Ancient Greek assembly on Wednesday based around the myths of Pandora's box, Icarus and Theseus and the Minotaur. The children loved dressing up, singing songs and acting – we are grateful for such a good turn out from those able to attend and we are sure you were as proud of the children as we were.



A huge well done to 3D who ALL achieved 100% on their AR targets this term! We had lots of fun celebrating in assembly with the help of 2 confetti canons.



A huge well done to Millie T, Rose B, Charlotte E, Junior B, Dakota K-B, Ella D & Joe W who have received 'green slips' this academic year. These are awarded for exceptional effort, behaviour or work, and if a child receives one a postcard is sent home to let parents know.



More of our amazing Irish Dance Club members, who have received medals and trophies.

Well done for all your hard work!

On Tuesday 7th February, South Avenue pupils took part in a variety of activities as part of Safer Internet Day.

The theme for this year's Safer Internet Day is 'want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online' and we started the week with just that. Mr Luck led an assembly talking about the reasons that we go online and how we can stay safe. Classes across the school will have been starting their own discussions about topics such as 'who owns the internet?', 'can you trust everything you see online?' and 'what can we do if we notice someone being bullied online?'

We would ask that over half term you have an honest discussion with your child/ren about what they are accessing online and how to get help if needed. In school, they can speak to any adult for support.

Safer
Internet
Day 2023



For further information and advice you can visit:

Examples of Organisations

The **UK Safer Internet Centre** (www.saferinternet.org.uk)



The UK Safer Internet Centre provides online safety advice and resources for young people (aged 3-19), parents and carers, teachers and child protection professionals. You can also contact the centre to suggest ideas you could contribute on Safer Internet Day.



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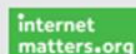
O2/NSPCC provide advice and guidance for parents, carers, teachers and professionals with a dedicated online safety helpline (0808 800 5002), nationwide parental workshops, parental "Share Aware" resources and PSHE accredited teacher resources, as well as a parent's guide to social networks ([Net Aware](#)).



NCA-CEOP's "ThinkUKnow" educational programme aims to empower and protect young people from sexual exploitation and abuse. Young people (aged 5-14+), practitioners and parents/carers can access a wide range of educational materials on this site, including films, factsheets, lesson plans and guidance documentation.



Parent Zone works with schools, parents, young people and companies to deliver effective education and awareness initiatives on issues that are caused or, more often, amplified by the internet. Working with children from 0-18, Parent Zone trains and supports the professionals who reach families to build online resilience, and develops approaches that work for multiple audiences.



Internet Matters is an independent, not-for-profit organisation to help parents keep their children safe online.



We are going to...

WORLD
BOOK
DAY
2 MARCH 2023

Celebrate

NATIONAL
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tokens

WORLD BOOK DAY

2 March 2023



Children are invited to dress up as a character from a book for the day.

They can also bring in a book that they love to share with their class—this can be anything, any language or book type.

They will enjoy a day full of activities all about books!





The Friends of South Avenue Primary School would like to say an enormous

Thank you

for all the incredible support shown leading up to Christmas when we raised an incredible £1700 for our incredible school.

We have been busy behind the scenes planning some fantastic activities to enrich our school community. Thank you to everyone who responded to our google form - you have helped to shape the future of the Friends of SAPS!

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to our AGM (annual general meeting) at school on Friday 24th February at 6pm.

If you have any questions about any Friends matter please contact us on:

ptfa@southavenue.kent.sch.uk

We will also be sharing posts and dates on South Avenue's Social Media so do follow along!

On Instagram at: [fmatssouthavenue](#)

Gentle Reminders!

Our “**Nut-Free School Zone**” means that the following items should not be brought into school:

- ✖ No nutty cereal bars
- ✖ No Nutella type spreads
- ✖ No packets of nuts
- ✖ No peanut butter sandwiches
- ✖ No cakes containing nuts
- ✖ No nutty chocolate treats



Please park
considerately



Please do not use the Busy Bees Nursery car park when dropping off or collecting your children from school. This private car park is solely for the parents of children attending the Busy Bees Nursery, however, I have received a number of complaints that South Avenue parents are using it. Thank you for your co-operation.



Our *Breakfast Club & Platinum Out of School Club* continues to run. Please do enquire if you wish to book a place by emailing asc@southavenue.kent.sch.uk Registration and booking forms are available on the school website. Alternatively, you can pick up some information from the main office.



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Dates for your diary!



Monday 20th February 2023

Wednesday 22nd February

Thursday 23rd February

Start of Term 4

YR visit from Creepy Claws

Y6 visit to 1940's House

Wednesday 1st March

Y6 secondary school offers day – Sept 23

Thursday 2nd March

Whole school World Book Day – come dressed as your favourite book character

Friday 17th March

Sports Relief Day - Children to come in their favourite sports wear/dress as their favourite sports person and bring in any achievements they have in sport (medals, trophies, certificates)



Monday 20th – 31st March

Living eggs in school for a fortnight (Infant site)

Tuesday 28th March

Whole School parent consultations

Thursday 30th March

Whole school parent consultations

Friday 31st March

Last day of Term 4 – (School finishes at 3.15pm)

Monday 17th April

Start of Term 5

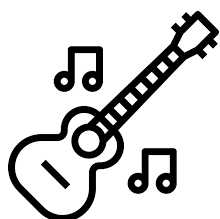
YR Primary school offers day – Sept 2023

Tuesday, 25th April

Julian Austin Class Photographs

Activity Clubs

An email will have been sent out to say if you child's club has finished or is continuing in Term 4. Ukulele Club for Key Stage 2 and STEAM Club for Key Stage 1 are new clubs for Term 4. Your child will have received a letter to apply for these clubs – if you haven't received this and your child is interested in either the Ukulele or STEAM Club please enquire at the main office.



Lego Therapy Workshop

The second series of Lego therapy workshops for parents were successful – we had 10 parents joining us and the feedback received has been very positive.

We would like to organise further workshops for our parents next term – details of our ASD and ADHD workshop will be shared by Mr Savva in Term 4.

