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SPRING TERM (1) 2017 NEWSLETTER

Southern Road Primary School

Happy New Year

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter in 2017.

As usual there are plenty of activities going on this term but I think the most exciting is the temporary swimming pool in the playground. The change in the confidence of children from their first lesson to now is amazing. They now can't wait for their swimming lesson each week and are very keen to tell me what fun it is and how they are beginning to swim! We also have a group of staff that are taking the opportunity to learn to swim!! It's a pity its only for this term.



Stephanie Lachowycz

Headteacher

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KS2 Building

The new building is almost ready. The final handover from the contractors, Thomas Sinden Ltd., should happen during the half term holiday. It has been a very long process but, looking around the new build, it has all been worth it.



The building that Thomas Sinden Ltd have produced is of a very high standard. Through out the process, the company have been totally professional and supportive of our school and I cannot recommend them highly enough.

Staff will be moving furniture and resources into the building on Friday 10th, when we are closed. On the first day back after the holidays, children will go to their new classrooms. A separate letter is being sent to you to explain where the new classes will go as it affects two Year 4 classes, all the Year 3 classes and all the Year 2 classes. We will be having an Open Day near the end of term when parents and carers will be able to come in and see our new building in action. I look forward to welcoming you then.

Key Dates

Friday 10th January– **Teacher's** INSET day (school closed to all pupils)

Monday 13th-17th February - Half Term School Closed

Monday 20th February– School Re-opens

Tuesday 28th March– Annual Reports To Parents

Friday 31st March– Last Day Of term

Monday 3rd April– **Monday 17th April**– Easter Break

Tuesday 18th April-Summer Term Starts

The Brilliant Club

!!Graduation!!

Early, 8:00am on Friday 3rd February, 12 very proud, excited and slightly tired pupils gathered outside Southern Road Primary School.

The reason for this early start was something monumental and well worth the loss of sleep.

The 12 pupils were about to board a mini bus and set off for 'Jesus College, Cambridge' to participate in a graduation ceremony.

Accompanied by Ms Bobat and Mr Crompton the 12 pupils were about to celebrate their successful completion of 'The Brilliant Club' programme.

Along with 3 other schools from across London our 'brilliant' pupils participated in a 'graduation' ceremony - just like real university students!

In a cosy auditorium, with speeches given by the programme organizers, our intrepid group were called out one at a time and handed a certificate recording the fact that they had 'PASSED'. It was an amazing scene and very inspiring, but don't take my word for it. Let's hear what some of our pupils thought of this memorable occasion:



"The best part of the visit was the 'graduation'. People and fellow children clapped us on, it filled me with pride. I would love to go again."

Amiyan, Year 6

"We left on our journey at around 8:00am, on a mini bus. We were welcomed in a small hall. After the welcome speech we set off on an excellent tour of the college. We then had lunch and a study session. But my favourite part was the actual graduation. Each school and child were called out separately and given certificates. I loved it, especially because everyone succeeded in their goal. I really loved being part of the Brilliant Club. I wish I could do it again."

Zaina, Year 5

"My favourite part of the Brilliant Club visit was when we had a tour around the beautiful campus of Jesus College, Cambridge. It was a wonderful experience. We asked under-graduates lots of questions which we were curious about. It was also a wonderful journey back. The graduation ceremony was great!"

Timi, Year 6

"My favourite moment was when we got to go on a tour of the entire college. This was because the buildings were amazing shapes, colours and designs. Also there were many rooms which are different from a 'normal' school. These included a games room, a party room and much, much more. I would love to go again, it was amazing!"

Hinal, Year 5

Today we had an amazing visit! We went to Jesus College, Cambridge for our graduation ceremony. We had an amazing tour around the campus and the university. Then a delicious lunch, after which we had a mini seminar. Then it was our graduation ceremony. We took some photographs and then travelled back home. It was the most memorable of days."

Katelyn, Year 6

"When we arrived in Cambridge we had a walk around the city and took photos in front of four colleges (Kings College and Trinity College being two of them) before we even got to Jesus College! This is where we had our study skills session and our graduation ceremony. The best part was the walk around Cambridge. Finally we got on the mini bus and I stared to sing!"

Fahim, Year 5

I think it is extremely evident from the comments above that all the pupils have not only had an amazing time, but have also gained a real insight into what a university is, how it functions and the many advantages that attending one brings.

It will not be until October that the whole cycle begins again. I for one cannot wait. And remember, next time it could be YOU!

G.R.Crompton

Business Trip: Southern Road Primary at London City Airport

Southern Road Primary have been expertly developing eight core enterprise skills for the fourth year running with Enabling Enterprise. Not only have we done so via several **Challenge Days as a whole school**, but also through numerous employer visits to top businesses across London to put those skills to the test in the world of work. This term it was the turn of 25 enthusiastic Year 4 students to show off their *Working in a Team* skills, in an inspiring venue which was the perfect fit for enterprise education.







The day started with a fascinating tour of the airport terminal, including some crucial market research that would come in handy for today's challenge. The students were quickly placed in teams and were set the challenge of rebranding a failing airline. Each team aimed high to work effectively together, factoring in their target market and coming up with brilliant plans to re-brand 'Abacus Airways'.

Working to tight deadlines, students wowed the adults in the room, who were impressed with the students' determination to make their plan a winning one. Ambitious ideas and branding were praised throughout the day, and with everyone's continuous efforts, the teams were able to produce advertising posters that high-street agencies could have been jealous of. At the end of the day, following a round of Dragons' Den style presentations in front of our City Airport judges, the adults had the tricky task of picking a winning team, who all worked so hard that all students were awarded a certificate for the skills they showed off.



"I liked your poster very much because it was very clear and you gave great reasons for the target market you chose. Well done!" – Volunteer, London City Airport.

"I'm proud of the way we aimed high and worked together as a team, especially in our presentations." - Rabeya 4TB

Southern Road Autumn Cross Country!

ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET, GO! Southern Road children have proved just how much energy they have by running further than they have ever tried before. From Reception to Year 6, over 700 children pushed themselves to the limit and in many cases even more. The course had twists, turns and some high speed straights that allowed the children to get competitive with themselves and others around them.

What an improvement on last Autumn, the children ran like lightening which made for an incredibly exciting race.

Mr Permaul would like to say a huge congratulation to all children involved as it was an amazing day. Secondly, a massive thanks to all of the teachers who participated and ran with their class. Lastly, a colossal amount of gratitude goes to the incredibly hard working sports leaders who helped to make sure the event ran as smoothly as possible.







Hip Hip Hooray! Cross Country winners Autumn 2016



Well done to everyone who participated in the Autumn 2016 Southern Road cross country



Rodney



Hajra

Reception



Jeffery



Faridah

Year 4



Adriel



Roksana

Year 1



Israel



Zainab

Year 5



Destiny



Raniya

Year 2



Jacob

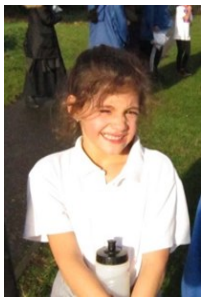


Tasnia

Year 6



Daniel



Margarita

Year 3

