



South Farnham School Summer Newsletter

July 2022

It has been another wonderful year at South Farnham School with many great successes. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated and supportive staff for all their hard work as well as you, the families for all of your kindness and support. Before we go, we would like to share with you some of the wonderful events that have been taking place this term.



PTA and PFA - we are in need of your help!

The school enjoys an active PTA (Infant Site) and PFA (Junior Site) which organises regular fundraising and social activities. We are always delighted to welcome new members. Now it is even more crucial as some of our current members are moving on. Please volunteer; even just a small amount of your time

could make a huge difference. If you are interested in finding out more information, please contact Miss Whitbourn via the school office.

We have many benches around the school (both sites) for the children to sit on during playtimes. However, several need a coat of paint. If you can spare an hour or two at any point over the holiday to help to smarten them up, please let the office know. We would love to see you.

Our lovely school gardens are in need of some care. If you are able to spare some time to look at them (either site), please let Miss Whitbourn know.

Sport



District Sports Year 5 & 6

On Monday 27th June, a team of year 5 and 6 children participated in District Sports which was held at Waverley Abbey School this year. The children showed real sportsmanship and determination, carrying on through the torrential rain and continuing to display an incredibly positive attitude. South Farnham had a representative in every final and the team placed 2nd out of the 11 local schools who competed. Well done to everyone involved!



Swimming Gala

On Thursday 9th June, an excited team walked down to Farnham Leisure Centre to take part in the local schools annual swimming gala. The children were extremely supportive to one another, offering words of encouragement before and after races. Due to everyone's efforts, the team came 1st overall out of the 8 schools competing. What a fantastic team effort!



Cross Country

In the summer cross country event, over 100 children signed up to represent South Farnham School. The sun was shining and the children competing were keen and raring to go at the start line. Each and every child who participated did such a fantastic job and should be proud of their efforts. The boys won a trophy and the girls came a very close second. This led to South Farnham winning the overall trophy which was down to everyone's grit and determination. Well done to everyone involved!



Tennis events

Over the Summer months, groups of children have represented the school in a variety of different tennis events at Brightwells Tennis Club. A group of Year 4 and 6 children enjoyed practising and developing their tennis skills in a range of activities which helped develop their skill set. Then four Year 5 and 6 children played in a competitive event and finished 1st out of the 3 schools competing. Well done to all involved!





Cricket tournaments

Over the Summer term, South Farnham has competed in 3 cricket tournaments across different age groups and showed great determination and team spirit. The Year 6 and Year 5 girls' teams were unlucky in group matches and finished their tournaments in 3rd place. The Year 5 boys played some wonderful cricket and qualified for the county finals, finishing 3rd overall. Well done to all who took part this term!





Football tournament at All Hallows School

In early May, a group of Year 5 & Year 6 footballers represented the school in a football tournament at All Hallows School. Both teams went unbeaten during the event and only conceded one goal between the two teams. The girls' team were eventual winners of the event, and the boys finished a strong 3rd. Well done to all the children involved!



Elite Cross-country

Children from all year groups thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a local cross-country event. Year 3 and 4 tackled a 1200m race whilst Year 5 and 6 conquered 1800m. As a result of amazing teamwork and determination, even on a very sunny afternoon, South Farnham finished in 3rd place overall. A huge well done to everyone who took part, your efforts were brilliant. A special mention to Lewis Bryce, Samuel Foster, Humphrey Barton, Seb Bryce, Oliver Page and Hattie Robertson who finished top three in their races.



Infant Sports

Children from year R, 1 and 2 have enjoyed taking part in a range of 'Infant Sports' events held within the local confederation of schools. They have been able to meet with children from other local schools and take part in mixed team activities, working on sportsmanship and a variety of skills including running, jumping, hand-eye coordination and ball control.

Archie

The school are extremely proud of Archie (6R) for his performance at the local Elstead Marathon. Archie completed the 3-mile course in 19 minutes and took 3rd place out of 180 runners. Well done Archie! You should be proud of your achievement.



Year 1 Athletics Festival

On Thursday 11th July, Year 6 Sports Crew worked together to create a range of athletics activities for Year 1s from a variety of local schools to participate in. The activities included discus throwing, shot put, hurdles, long jump and the javelin throw. We had to teach the correct technique for each of these activities, for example in the discus throw, you need to aim properly with the correct stance to be successful! One of the favourite activities was the hurdles; the Year 1s enjoyed trying to beat each other's times over the hurdles (which were pretty big for little people!)

It was really exciting watching all of the children and parents gather together next to the school garden whilst some other children used the outdoor gym facility. We all loved it; it was so fun for us and for the Year 1s. It has equipped me with lots of skills that I am excited to take to secondary school with me!

Jonty, 6L

Commonwealth games- themed event

For this event, a group of 7- 9 year olds played games from around the world, so they had fun whilst having exercise. We played games such as 'Four Corners' from Canada and 'Palolo' from Nigeria and we enjoyed learning about all the different games and countries whilst applying the skills we learnt at our sports crew training at the start of the year. We used the acronym SPACE that we learnt at our training to adapt the games to make it more engaging for the younger children.





District Sports Year 3 & 4

Our last event of the year saw Year 3 and 4 have a very successful afternoon at District Sports. The children competed in either a sprint or relay race. All children who participated showed brilliant sportsmanship and teamwork, cheering each other along all afternoon. As a result, the team were hugely successful and finished in 2nd place overall.



Performance



Mystery at Magpie Manor

Children from years 1 and 2 enjoyed putting on their first Summer Production last week; they did a fantastic job and we were very proud of their efforts. They joined forces with Agatha Christie to solve the case of the missing 'solid silver pitcher with the magpie picture'. They sang and danced their way through the show to solve the case.



Moana

A cast of Junior children took part in our summer production of 'Moana' and delighted audiences with their singing, acting, and dancing talent. The performances were a wonderful way to celebrate the end of a fantastic school year. Many of you came along to enjoy the wonderful performances from our talented children and we thank you for your support. CDs capturing each child from the show are still available; please contact the school office. The children worked incredibly hard to learn their lines and were dedicated and committed throughout the process. Thank you to all the teachers for their hard work and to you, the parents, for helping your children to learn their lines. We hope you enjoy watching the final production!



Carnival

The children at both the Infants and Juniors jumped into action at this year's Carnival. They worked incredibly hard preparing for the exciting Platinum Jubilee theme with bright colours and smiles all round as the children performed an energetic and fun filled routine. We were delighted to be rewarded with silver in the excellent award. Many thanks to all the staff, children and parents who took part.







AfroSamba Workshop

The children in Year 3 and 4 experienced the joys of live music on our very own stage this term as we welcomed the phenomenal band 'My Hands Your Feet'. The participatory performance helped the children to understand rhythm, dynamics and structure of music through a range of call and response pieces. The children had opportunities to sing and dance as part of the AfroSamba ensemble that they formed together. Overall it was an incredible experience and we hope to welcome the band back to South Farnham again in the future.





Celebrations



David Sheppherd Wildlife Global Canvas

Every year, as a school, we take part in the David Sheppherd Wildlife Global Canvas competition. We were involved in a global competition which consisted of a total of 705 individual and 111 group entries from 54 countries. This year's theme was based on 'Forests of Land and Sea'. Have a look at what inspired our imagination and creativity. South Farnham School was pleased to hold one of the group

finalist positions. Sit back and enjoy the video that we created, alongside the children's wonderful artwork.



Library opening

On Monday 4th July, we had the pleasure of opening our brand new library facilities on site, with VIP visitors including Mrs Ross, our Chair of Governors, & family (who's namesake is leant to the upstairs library) and Farnham Mayor Alan Earwaker. A small group of Year 6 children were responsible for directing the visitors around the building and providing information about the structural works and the new potential that came with the extension. All staff were invited to participate, with teas, coffees and cakes available, and Summer-themed music played throughout our courtyard. The ribbon was cut, Mrs Ross gave her speech, thanking the school and relaying some of her joyous past experiences, and the library was officially open for enjoyment.



Platinum Jubilee

The Queen has ruled for longer than any other Monarch in British history, becoming a much loved and respected figure across the world. To celebrate the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee at South Farnham, the children created, decorated and wore crowns for the day. During a special assembly, we learnt about the life of the Queen and the previous celebrations of her reign. We also enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon of Jubilee themed games, before coming together as a school to form the shape of a crown. It was a very exciting day and a great way to commemorate Her Majesty the Queen.



Summer Fair



Many thanks to all who helped to make our summer fairs at the Infants and Juniors such a success! The glorious weather also helped to make both events memorable. We are grateful to all the volunteers who worked so hard and to parents and children for a fabulous turn out on both days. Heartfelt thanks to the PFA and PTA teams for all their hard work and effort behind the scenes in ensuring the days ran so smoothly.









Trips and workshops



Year 1 Trip to Nower Wood

On Wednesday 25th May, Year 1 visited Nower Wood Educational Nature Reserve in Leatherhead to support the learning of their Science topic, Plants and Trees. The children thoroughly enjoyed the trip and were commended by staff at the reserve on their impeccable behaviour. Whilst at the reserve, the children took part in three different activities: Pond Dipping, Tree Identification and a Sensory Walk. One group found a newt when pond dipping, which caused great excitement! After having completed all the activities, the children became experts in identifying different types of trees by the shape and size of their leaves. We cannot wait to visit the reserve again next year!



1 - "My favourite part of the trip was going pond dipping because I liked seeing all the different creatures in the water." – Esme S.



2 - "My favourite part of the trip was collecting wool to stick onto the owls." – Jack A.



3 - "My favourite part of the trip was exploring the sensory path with my friends." - Alyssa T.



4 - *"My favourite part of the trip was the tree identification walk because we got to see what all the different trees were and made our very own sticky strip."* – Samson B.

Year R Greek Food Tasting

As part of their topic on 'The Greeks', the reception children enjoyed exploring the similarities and differences between Greek and English food. They were given the opportunity to taste a selection of Greek food samples, which was very kindly supplied by Yiayias. The children very much enjoyed taking part in this tasting experience, discovering some new flavours to enjoy; they took a vote and their favourite was the olives!



Year 2 Trip to The Lookout Discovery Centre

On a very sunny Friday in June, Year 2 visited The Lookout Discovery Centre in Bracknell. They enjoyed learning about mini beasts and carried out a very successful bug hunt in the forest. They also spent some time observing and sketching the beautiful plants and trees as inspiration for the term's Art project on William Morris. Finally they explored the vast range of hands on Science experiments which ranged from launching a hot air balloon to observing ice crystals forming. Both the children and staff had a truly fantastic day.





Year R Trip to Brooklands Museum

On the 30th June, Reception went to Brooklands Museum. The children were very excited to get on the coach and make their way to the museum for their first ever school trip. They enjoyed looking at fast cars and walking through a Concorde as well as exploring a variety of other planes and buses. The children enjoyed guided tours from the Brookland volunteers as well as time to explore their favourite areas with their friends and teachers. A great time was had by all and the children can't wait to experience more school trips in the future.



Mubarak Mosque (Tilford)

Year 6 were welcomed by the Tilford Mosque community and given an incredible insight into Islam, its practices and rich history. The children embraced the opportunity and the local Iman was incredibly impressed with the children's knowledge. They were a great credit to our school!

World War II Roadshow

This month Year 6 took part in a World War II Roadshow. They had the opportunity to explore a real-life Anderson shelter and were shown how to correctly fit a gas mask. The children particularly enjoyed practising to safely extinguish a replica WWII bomb using both sand and a stirrup pump.



Rainforest Roadshow

Year 6 were also treated to an informative presentation on fun and interesting facts about the rainforest. Some amazing and extremely unusual creatures, who normally live in the rainforest, came along to pay the children a visit and caused much excitement! These ranged from Giant African Snails to Millipedes! The children learned all about the wonders of the rainforest and used a variety of methods to illustrate to us the importance of the equatorial climate and how this area influences the rest of our planet.



French Exchange

Bienvenue en Angleterre!

A very big 'MERCI!' to all the wonderful host families.

The lovely French exchange pupils from the Lycée Multilingue de Lyon in France had a very enjoyable and educative experience during their stay in England. The children settled into the school routines extremely well and formed strong friendships with their exchanges (with discussions for return visits to France). When asked what the best thing about their visit was, they replied: 'the trip to London (visiting the London Eye and museums) with their host family and baking English scones at South Farnham School.'

We look forward to the next French exchange!



Farewell

We say a fond farewell and huge thank you to some members of staff leaving this term. Mrs Wrighton, having worked within the SCITT team this year, is moving on after a very impressive 19 years at South Farnham School. She has been a valued colleague and proactive member of staff supporting many areas of the curriculum, teachers and children over the years. We also wish Mrs Francis, Miss Farmer, Miss Pritchard and Miss Randall the very best for their next adventure. We also wish our classroom assistants, Mrs Barrett, Miss Sinclair and Mrs Miles, the very best along with Mrs Bell, from our Infant Office. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them very much for all their hard work and wish them the very best for the future.

Year 6

Throughout the last few weeks Year 6 have been enjoying the traditional activities that celebrate their time at South Farnham.

We have enjoyed seeing the fantastic projects they put together for the Science Fair. With everything from slime and volcanoes, to elephant toothpaste and food-dye flowers, and even some hypnosis. It was such a delight to see all their wonderful ideas, driven by their scientific curiosity, come to life and shared with their friends!

Year 6 children have had not only the traditional end-of-year ice-lollies, but also a second helping during the jubilee celebrations.

They have also received their Leavers Hoodies in a wide array of colours; thank you to all of you who participated in the organisation, the children are thrilled!

During the final days the children have been practising for their leavers assembly, have been reminiscing with their yearbook at photos from throughout their time at South Farnham; leaving each other messages of luck, thanks and friendship. Not to forget the time-honoured traditional of shirt-signing and the Leavers Party!

We say goodbye to our magnificent Year 6 children. What a pleasure it has been to see you grow and develop into young people of whom we are very proud. Wishing you the very best of luck and please know you are welcome back to visit.

Happy Summer holiday!

We hope you have a relaxing, safe and happy break. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you and your children back in September for the start of another exciting school year.