

THE SFS EXPRESS

Inside: Our Future Engineers



SUMMER FAIR MADNESS

On Saturday 17th June, South Farnham School held their annual Summer Fair.

Our dedicated PFA team organised the fair so that it was based around a circus theme. There was a real circus performer there to teach children (and enthusiastic adults!) how to perform impressive circus tricks including diablo and juggling—there was even a unicycle! Many pupils took the chance to learn a new skill.



Due to the scorching hot weather, one of the most popular stalls was the stocks. Pupils from South Farnham were queuing up so that they could take the opportunity to throw a soaking wet sponge at the faces of Mr Strachan and Mr Selmes! However, before long, pupils and parents were soon offering to take their place in the

stocks as an attempt to cool down in a fun way.

The fair really was a family event with the popular bouncy castle, many games and challenges, the dog show and even horse rides.

Over ten thousand pounds was raised through the event which will all go towards the pupils.



COLOSSAL CARROTS

The children in gardening club, led by Mrs Macready, have been exceptionally busy this term.

As well as planting beautiful plants around the school grounds, they have also been growing vegetables.

Mrs Donnachie was very impressed by the fantastic produce grown by

them. They had a meal in each pot including carrots, potatoes, tomatoes and more. By the size of the carrots they have grown, they will be able to cook quite a few meals!

Well done to every child involved as you are all excellent role models for healthy eating at South Farnham.

FUN FILLED RESIDENTIALS



OSMIINGTON BAY

Osmington Bay was South Farnham's first residential of the summer term.

It was a fun packed week (from 2nd May to 5th May) where year five children experienced a three night adventure away from their family. Staying in their own cabins, pupils had a great time with their friends sharing exciting new experiences together,

In keeping with their Geography topic, the children investigated the River Wey at different points identifying the different features. Here, they used a special dye to test the velocity of the water as well as measuring the depth and width of the river,

The favourite activities of the week definitely included fossil hunting and rock pooling where brave pupils, like Joe Ridler, handled the crabs to identify the species. Children also enjoyed the opportunity to abseil down a ten metre tower.

MARCHANTS HILL

This term, year four pupils went on their first ever school residential at Marchants Hill.

At this PGL site, the excited pupils participated in a range of fun activities including: orienteering, archery, zip wire, hiking, trapeze and a challenge course.

Most of the year four pupils will agree that their favourite activity was the zip wire. However, the teachers who accompanied them were very proud during the trapeze as each and every child showed their bravery and perseverance as they climbed the high tower to then jump off to swing six metres above the ground!

The children also thoroughly enjoyed the evening entertainment. The Wacky Races was a particular favourite as they roared with laughter at the children pretending to be a chicken laying an egg!

PRESTON MONTFORD

Last month, year six went on their final residential as pupils of South Farnham School. They travelled to a small place in Shropshire called Preston Montford.

Whilst two of the classes had torrential rain for the majority of their visit, the other two classes enjoyed beautiful sunshine to truly appreciate their breath-taking surroundings.

When canoeing down the River Severn, the children were able to develop their team building skills and their ability to listen to given instructions.

The children also explored Victorian times and thoroughly enjoyed dressing up!

To remember their visit, the children were able to bring home the intricate tiles that they decorated at Jackfield Tile Museum.



REBECCA'S OUTSTANDING POEM

This term, pupils at South Farnham School were invited to participate in a worldwide poetry competition.

It was run by *Never Such Innocence* which is a national charity to engage young people in the First World War commemorations through creative arts.

Pupils were asked to write a poem linked to the war and Miss Whitbourn was overwhelmed with the amount of entries she received from pupils at our school.

Rebecca Farnfield, who is in 6T, not only had the winning entry at South Farnham but also won the whole competition. Cleverly, writing as a lonely Hawthorn tree,

Rebecca completely captured every reader with her outstanding poem *I Stand Alone*. It is now published for all to read and enjoy.

'My inspiration came from reading *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Nees. The tree in this story has an important message to get across. Giving the tree a voice allowed me to write my poem from a first hand perspective. This made it more personal and the imagery more powerful and poignant as the tree was actually there living through the pain of the war,' explained Rebecca, the talented poet.

Rebecca was invited to read her poem at the Guards Chapel at Wellington Barracks in London to

a crowd which included many veterans.

Her poem was deeply moving and as she read it so beautifully, she has now been invited to The Passchendaele Centenary Exhibition in Belgium at the end of July to be part of an official ceremony there.



THOUGHTFUL INVENTION WINS AWARD

Lil Butler in 3W has been announced as a winner for an engineering competition across the South of England after creating an invention to solve a

problem which she had identified.

Lili designed a clever toothpaste sweet that had a sweet coating on the outside and toothpaste in the inside. Invented for her little sister, who has diabetes, it ensures that teeth are safe from decay despite eating the additional sugar needed to control blood sugar levels.

As Lili was a year three winner (out of 4000 entries in the South of England), she was invited to the University of Southampton to receive a trophy in an award ceremony as well as visiting the exhibition which showcased her thoughtful invention.

South Farnham School also had an additional two runners up in the competition.

Lucy Harrington invented a toaster for people with dementia which has a sensor to detect if anything had been accidentally put something in it which could be potentially dangerous.

Tilda Webster invented an app to avoid speeding which would immediately tell you if you're going too fast.

Both of their designs and letters to the engineers explaining their inventions were also in the public exhibition, alongside Lili's.



COMPETITION WINNERS IN THE SCHOOL

The summer term has been full of a wide range of competitions to keep pupils extremely busy.

To celebrate Shakespeare Week, Miss Wray held a play on a page competition. Pupils were asked to write their very own play, carefully considering their characters and stage directions. One of the winners, Jasmine Patterson in 6T, had not only written a play but had also carefully chosen a sound track to reflect the appropriate mood. Congratulations must also go to the lower school winner, Orla Warren in 3O.

It appears that 6T have a lot of talent in their class as in the *Draw a Rose* competition Mia Campbell-Harris, who is also in 6T, drew an detailed rose that won the national competition. Mia has now been given a rose bush as a prize for her winning entry for to enjoy. South Farnham School also had a runner-up: Freya Rogers in 4B.

Remember to listen our for any upcoming competitions in the new year as there are will be many more exciting prizes and opportunities.

OUR FUTURE ENGINEERS

To celebrate the global *Women In Engineering Day*, twelve year six girls explored the company QinetiQ in Farnborough.

Here, they had an opportunity to find out what a career in engineering could look like. They heard from inspiring women who had jobs in engineering as well as experiencing flight simulators and virtual reality.

In a civil engineering challenge, a team of our pupils (Sophie, Grace and Phoebe in 6F) created the tallest tower out of just spaghetti and marshmallows!

After the fascinating morning, the girls were left wanting to find out even more about engineering. Perhaps we have some of our future lead engineers right here in South Farnham.



KING EDWARD'S CHALLENGE DAY

A team of year five pupils went to a maths and science problem solving challenge day at King Edward's in Whitley.



There were numerous Science challenges such as using invisible ink as well as using microscopes to narrow down suspects in a CSI investigation.

As a school, our team of children were able to complete the most of the maths problems, showing their excellent team work skills as well as perseverance.

'It was an excellent opportunity to work alongside other schools in the local area,' commented Miss Wray who accompanied the team.

LE FRANÇAIS EST FANTASTIQUE!

This term, South Farnham pupils' French lessons have become even more enjoyable with a new room, complete with a role play area.

Madame Adams (our specialist French teacher) has moved rooms in order to have more space to practise speaking and listening to French in a variety of engaging ways.

During lessons, children can sing in their very own French rock band using the many props available, use puppets to have a conversation or even pretend to be in an authentic Paris café! Chil-

dren can also listen to French conversations using headsets to perfect their understanding and of course, their accents.

Madame Adams is very enthusiastic about how lessons have been recently transformed. She

recently commented, 'I am so pleased that the French Language Laboratory is going to help all our children to engage in other languages. Communication is the key to a happy world. I hope everyone can enjoy 'La Porte Ouverte' experience!'



A SUCCESSFUL FRENCH EXCHANGE



This term, South Farnham pupils have been joined by seven polite pupils from Lyon in France.

For three whole weeks, the French exchange children joined in with lessons alongside South Farnham children. They hugely impressed the teachers with their fluent English which is no surprise as they have an English lesson every single day back at home.

'Juliette wrote a beautiful descriptive poem during one of our lessons. From reading it, you would have no idea that English wasn't her first language,' Miss Webster commented.

It has been an absolute pleasure having all of our French exchange students as part of our school community; both pupils and staff are sad to see them return back to Lyon.

QUIZ PAGE

TEST YOUR BRAIN WITH OUR CIRCUS THEMED PUZZLES!

JUST TO MAKE YOU GIGGLE...

Did you see the lion tamer's act?

Yes, it was in 'tents'!

Did you hear about the human cannon ball?

He got fired!

Why did the lion eat the tightrope walker?

Because he wanted a well-balanced meal!

ANAGRAMS

Unscramble the words to find different jobs at the circus:

TBAROAC

ELRGUJG

GTROSN MNA

NILO EMTAR

CIRCUS WORDSEARCH:

Q K X L S A K O K P E T X B Z
 T P L M M U P B F K I L Y G D
 I T Z S F W J B Y C H R C W E
 G H J Y F S C K K P G P C R S
 H S P V N N V E A Y K M J Z R
 T T Q T V S T X Y E L Z X R E
 R G A G Z S D G Q C J G X G L
 O N P B X V U M G A G B Z A G
 P A L D O I J A K R K G O V G
 E E N T E R T A I N M E N T U
 F E W N Q Q C C M I Q U P D J
 J N R T J L E A J V F J N D N
 T N E T J A P P L A U S E M Q
 L A U G H T E R Q L G F I C O
 C L O W N B L S U C R I C W K

CIRCUS

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TENT

ENTERTAINMENT

ACROBAT

JUGGLERS

TIGHTROPE

CLOWN

LAUGHTER

TICKETS

APPLAUSE

CARNIVAL



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



SPORTS DAYS

Another summer term and another two fantastic sports days at the junior school!

This year, both sports days were scorching hot compared to last year's rainy downpour. This meant that parents, grandparents and family friends of the pupils all lined the track to watch the various events.

These included the classic sprinting and long distance running events as well as the entertaining beanbag race and the space hopper race!

It was an excellent opportunity for absolutely every pupil in the school to participate in competitive races whilst being supported by their peers and family. During every single race, the cheers were overwhelming which motivated the children to compete to their full potential.

Huge congratulations to the children in the winning classes for each year group: 3H, 4B, 5J and 6F,



CRACKING CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

On Saturday 13th May, pupils (across all year groups) participated in a 1.17 mile run across Farnham Park, competing against other children from schools in the local area.

Friends and family of the children who took part took their place on both the start line and the finish line to support and congratulate the runners.

In a highly competitive race, Jake (6F) astonishingly came first out of all of the participating boys. As well as this, South Farnham also won the trophy for first place for the girls' team. The six girls, who were South Farnham's fastest, received a medal for this remarkable achievement.

Each and every pupil who took part were congratulated by the teachers at South Farnham School for representing the school in the event.

Annabel (4M) commented, 'I felt really proud that I had beaten my place from last year's run!'

If you are interested in running in future cross country events, please ask your teacher for upcoming dates.

