



# South Farnham School Spring Newsletter

March 2022

As we approach the end of term and we see the daffodils blooming we look back on another exciting term at South Farnham School. The children have continued to grow and develop and have made great progress which has been so wonderful to witness. This was only possible due to the incredibly hard work by all staff and the fantastic support of our families; it truly was a great time to be a part of the South Farnham Family. This newsletter highlights just a small number of the 'best bits'.

## 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.

The next PFA meeting for the Junior Site is Wednesday 20th April at 8pm (Studio 2 or via ZOOM). Details of the meeting will be sent out after Easter.

## Sport

### **Year 5 & 6 girls football**

On the 10th of March, a group of Year 5 and Year 6 girls represented the school in the primary stars football tournament. The girls won all of their group games to progress to the knockout stages and unfortunately lost 1-0 in a tightly contested semi-final. Throughout the day, the girls showed a great attitude, team spirit and should be extremely proud of all their efforts.



### **Year 3 football festival**

This term saw South Farnham host a Year 3 football festival, involving several schools from the Farnham and Ash district. All of the children who took part should be proud of their teamwork, attitude and skills they showed throughout the event.



### **Year 6 Borrelli cup**

On the 17th of March, boys from Year 6 represented the school at the annual Borelli Cup football tournament at Waverley Abbey. After playing with an amazing attitude all day and only conceding one goal, the boys were eventual winners of the tournament. All the boys can be extremely proud of the way that they played and they were a real credit to the school.



### **Year 5 Netball tournament**

On the 3rd March, Year 5 had a brilliant afternoon participating in their first competitive netball tournament. They were a credit to the school and demonstrated outstanding teamwork and determination throughout. Everyone worked so hard and they were well deserved winners of the tournament! Well done to everyone who played. We look forward to more netball from Year 5!



### **Year 6 Netball tournament**

The Year 6 netball team demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship during their netball tournament. They had a brilliant time working together, showing great teamwork and determination throughout. Throughout the afternoon, some amazing netball was played and the team managed to get to the semi -

finals. Well done to everyone who played. We look forward to the league final which is happening soon. Good luck to everyone who is playing!



### **Multi-skills**

A group of Year 6 children had a fantastic time competing in a multi-skills event at Farnham Heath End. They represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating our sporting values throughout. Well done to all the children involved!



### **Year 5 football tournament**

The Year 5 football team thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to represent the school at the annual tournament held at Waverley Abbey. After lots of competitive football, played in excellent spirits, the team ran out as a eventual winners. The boys should be extremely proud of their efforts as the quality of football was of an incredibly high standard.





### **Gymnastics**

On the 18th of March, Year 6 girls represented the school in a gymnastics competition at St Polycarps School. The girls had an fantastic attitude throughout their training and were able to showcase their talents in the vault and floor routines. A special mention to Freya Davis (6A) who finished with a bronze medal for her floor routine. Well done to all the girls who took part.





### **Indoor Athletics**

A team of Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed taking part in an Indoor Athletics event at Weydon School. The children took part in a variety of track and field events, from relay races to javelin throws. Everyone showed great determination, resilience and team work throughout their events and finished in 3rd position. Well done to everyone who took part!



### **Frensham Heights Tournament**

On the 28th of March, boys and girls from Year 6 represented the school in a football and netball event at Frensham Heights School. The football team had an excellent team spirit throughout and they should be extremely proud of how they represented the school. The netball team adapted to 7 a side well to come out winners of the whole tournament. Well done to all of the children involved!



### **South Farnham Cup**

Over the last two weeks of the Spring term, children from Year 5 and Year 6 competed in the annual South Farnham Cup. The children had the opportunity to create their team from their peers and compete in either football or netball. Throughout the event, the children showed great teamwork, sportsmanship and skill. Well done to all of those involved!











## World Book Day

A special page was added to the memory book of the children as we held our biggest World Book Day yet. The delight of the children as they arrived at school was fantastic and it was wonderful to hear them as they squealed with delight as they were met at the gate by the Snail and the Whale, the Wizard of Oz and a whole host of characters from Alice in Wonderland to name but a few. Throughout the day the children relished in sharing their book recommendations and getting excited about what they might find within a book. We were delighted to see children (and teachers!) recommending a range of books from the classics like Heidi and Stewart Little to brand new books including the Pugicorn as well as non-fiction and autobiographies! Each child from Year R to Year 6 shared the same book, Leaf by Sandra Dieckmann and were able to reflect upon what they had read. We are sure that the day inspired your children to go home and share the books we talked about with you all and we love the fact the day was able to foster their joy of reading!



















## Performance



The Spring Prom has been a key event in the South Farnham Performing Arts Calendar for many years and we were excited once again to welcome a live audience. We were keen to offer the children an opportunity to showcase their talents and share their craft with peers and other members of our community. This year the Infant children were also included for the first time. The event took place on Monday 14th March at the Junior Site. This wonderful performance was also followed by a series of Spring Variety Matinees at both sites, showcasing a wider range of talent than ever before, which the children and teachers thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to all the children who took part.

## Guides Day

Here are Frensham Guides, Georgie Mulberry, Florence Holburn, Arianne Clarke & Lily Mulberry meeting Jeremy Hunt.



## English

### Year 6

Spring term has been an exciting 12 weeks for children in Year 6 as we have been able to study an even more diverse scheme of work, ranging from Colonel Fazackerly's ghostly poem to Thespina and the Scorpion's action packed myth. The children have also been given opportunities to choose and research their own topics of writing in their persuasive adverts for trainers, gaming systems, sporting equipment and many more. They were able to investigate their choice of global pollution issue when we studied 'This Morning I Met a Whale'. This was something that they showed great passion in and they completely immersed themselves in the need to help save the environment, thus resulting in some incredible letters persuading people to their cause. Cooperating in their weekly English lessons, the children have continued to make excellent use out of the school laptops and libraries becoming experts in finding useful research. Year 6 also had a fantastic day celebrating World Book Day and we were amazed at the creativity and enthusiasm behind all of the costumes. The children had an excellent day taking part in activities such as book mark making, sharing their favourite book and writing a review about Leaf by Sandra Dieckmann.

### Year 5

This term in Year 5, we continued to link our learning in English to History. We have enjoyed exploring some of the texts which are sited in the African continent – a true excursion right from our seats. Plunging into the African savannah, we have learnt some important facts about this vast area of land which enabled us to write from different character perspectives in 'The Time of the Lion' – including the cubs! Beware the of the lion (on display by our school office) for *'the time of the lion is more precious*

*than gold.* Exploring royalty in North Africa meant that we had to make a pitstop to learn about the mythical story of 'Osiris' and the recount (from the perspective of Howard Carter) of the most iconic moment – the discovery of 'The Tomb of Tutankhamun'. To escape the heat of the savannah and the Valley of the Kings, we dove into the Red Sea inspired by the poem, 'Gifts from the Diver'. It is here where we appreciated the underwater world and the peace of the tranquil waters (apart from the occasional shark appearance). Peace is soon disturbed when we learn about the cunning characters of 'The Pied Piper' and 'Mr Fox'. The children were intrigued to read the chilling twists of these tales and wrote brilliant persuasive letters with balanced arguments. As the term draws to a close, we explored one of the most historic moments in our British History – the 'unsinkable' Titanic. We climb on board this luxury cruise once again before sailing into a lovely spring break.

#### **Year 4**

This term, Year 4 have enjoyed reading a variety of texts which have inspired us to write our own story endings. We have particularly enjoyed continuing the story of Vik and the Viking Longship, where we could create our own dramatic ending. As well as this, we all created our own mythical creature to create our own Asrai story. We have also enjoyed reading a selection of poems such as 'Mi Granny' and 'The Lamplighter' and responding to these through different genres of writing, such as newspaper articles and creating our own poems.

#### **Year 3**

Year Three have explored a wide variety of different text types this term. 3F and 3P brought the texts of their English lessons to life in their class assemblies about Myths & Legends and Traditional Tales this term. The children have worked hard to produce a wide range of different pieces which reflect their emerging talent and skill as young writers. From fables and fairy tales to advertisements and instructions, the Year Three children have loved sharing their writing with each other, discussing key concepts and characters from literature and look forward to rounding off the term with some performance poetry.

#### **Year 2**

We have been really impressed with the poetic nature of the Year Two children this term – their poems which used similes and metaphors – rivalled some of those written by the teachers! Their descriptions of spring surroundings made us feel like the winter months really were nearly over! Moving on we have been getting very witchy by writing adventure stories, written in the past tense, inspired by The Worst Witch. The stories have been imaginative, adventurous and also great fun to read! We are about to move over to Africa to read about children from other continents and write them a letter about our lives in Farnham.

#### **Year 1**

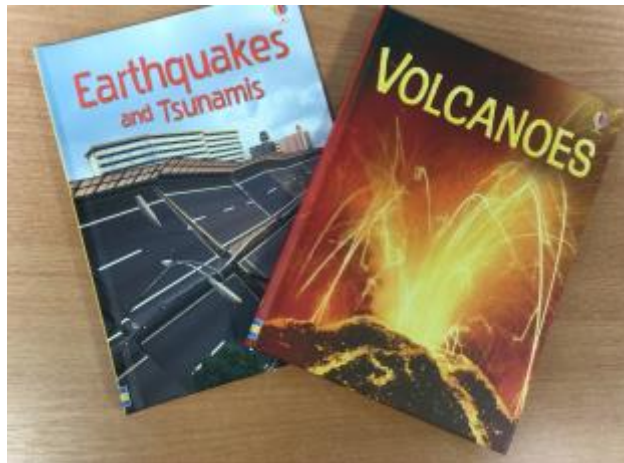
In Year 1 this term we have been learning how to write in different genres using a variety of quality texts such as 'Traction Man', 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and 'The Magic Mirror'. The children have been learning how to write their own stories in the style of 'Traction Man' and 'The Magic Mirror' and have learnt how to write letters in character based on the story 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. Earlier on in the term, the children also learnt how to write a set of instructions to make rainbow kebabs. The children learnt that they needed to use numbered steps, the imperative tense as well as time conjunctions in order to write a cohesive set of instructions. The children in Year 1 were lucky enough to make the rainbow kebabs before writing their own set of instructions. This really helped the children to understand that instructions need to be written in the correct order.

### **Infant Library**

We have relocated our Infant library to create an enticing reading area. The change gave us the opportunity to ensure the provision we offer was the best it could be. Along side a scenery change, we have also added over 600 new books to our Infant catalogue. Some of these have been kind donations but we have also bought new books - approximately 300 since January! We have looked to expand our reference section in particular with books on different environments, space and most importantly more dinosaurs books!







## Maths

The Primary Mathematics Challenge is a fun and exciting mathematical event aimed at pupils aged 9 - 11 years old. It encourages enthusiasm, boosts confidence in mathematics and shows the different way questions can be asked. As a school, we believe in the importance of problem solving as a means of

helping pupils develop their reasoning skills. Year 6 children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this challenge.

In addition, four Year 6 children attended a live, practical maths challenge at Alton School. Throughout the event, the children were tasked with completing a range of problems, whilst working as a team. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and their resilience whilst tackling some very difficult activities. The children were delighted to receive first place and they were excellent ambassadors for the school.

The children have loved taking part in the Weekly Maths Challenges that have been displayed on our wonderful video walls. It has been incredibly impressive to see the quality and quantity of responses from all year groups.



## History

In honour of Black History Month, children across both sites were asked to create pieces of art, literature and music inspired by black artists. Children immersed themselves in learning about some of the most influential black figures in history from Louis Armstrong and his iconic song 'What A Wonderful World', Sam Gilliam's colour field art and the incredible life story of Henry 'Box' Brown. The finished articles demonstrated how much attention and care the children had put in to their learning. Additionally, we have been inundated with some fantastic historical trips. Year 2 had a wonderful day stepping back in time during their Great Fire of London Day, Year 3 spent the day experiencing the wonders of Ancient Egypt during their trip to Haslemere Museum, Year 4 were visited by an Anglo Saxon warrior, Year 5 embodied the opulence of King Henry VIII's court during Tudor day and Year 6 were immersed in all things History during their WWII Roadshow.

## Art and Design

This term has been an exciting 12 weeks for the children across the school. Year 3 have started studying tie-dye (linking with their current Geography topic) and using their skills from the Autumn term to create tie-dyed t-shirts. Throughout the school, they have continued to use cross-curricular links. In Year 4, they have been creating Anglo-Saxon jewellery and this was something that they showed great passion in – linking their learning to the Anglo Saxons. Year 5 have been using their knowledge of texture to create tissue paper landscapes and Year 6 has been creating William Morris-inspired prints. The passion for Art extends further than just the curriculum as pupils within the school have started applying for the Young Summer Artists' Show. Look out for their artwork to be judged by a panel of passionate artists and art professionals. Selected artwork will be displayed online and onsite at the Royal Academy of Arts.

## Pancake Day

The children and staff across all year groups were very excited to welcome back the annual pancake day race, to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. All participants competed for their class and attempted to flip their way to victory. It was a thoroughly enjoyable event and well done to all of the winning classes.









## Online Safety

On Tuesday 8th February, we celebrated Safer Internet Day. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology. Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote at South Farnham and celebrating Safer Internet Day was a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. The theme this year is, 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. The children had a whole school assembly to discuss how to look after each other and stay safe in an online space. The children also took part in activities within the classroom and the libraries at break and lunch.

Well done



Well done to Yashvi for having her poem about Spring published in Farnham Herald.



The school are extremely proud of Cillian Lee (6L) for all his efforts in the swimming pool this year. Cillian has recorded a time of 41.33 seconds in the 50m Breaststroke, which is the 3rd fastest nationally for his age. Well done Cillian! You should be proud of your achievement.

We would love to hear about everyone's successes. Please make sure you send them into school!

### Happy Easter holiday

We hope you have a relaxing, safe and happy Easter break and very much look forward to welcoming the children back for an exciting summer term.