



SPRING 2 ROUND-UP...

Well, it has been another eventful half term here at Sitwell Junior School. The school staff have invested time in making the curriculum engaging and purposeful for all pupils and it has been just that. It is so difficult to pick the highlights as there are so many, so here is just a snippet of some of them.

The Year 3 children enjoyed a fabulous day out at Cannon Hall Farm despite this visit having to be rearranged due to the snow! Their excitement was insurmountable, having not been able to enjoy many trips outside of school in Key Stage 1 due to the Covid-19 restrictions. They enjoyed meeting the animals and having fun in the workshops and play areas.

The Year 4 children really enjoyed their With Me in Mind workshop where they made Worry Monsters. They also enjoyed Times Tables Rockstars Day and the competitions that ran alongside this. We know that all of this practice stands them in good stead for the Multiplication Tables Check next term!

Year 5 have enjoyed their science lessons at Oakwood High School where they have been able to use the resources provided in the science labs and have benefited from some handy help from the science technicians. They are looking forward to further visits next half term, as are Year 6. The Year 5 children also thoroughly enjoyed their topic this term and rehearsing for the Tudor Trial which they shared with parents and I am sure you will agree with me when I say that they did an amazing job.

Year 6 enjoyed their bridge building project in DT. They learnt all about the engineering behind weight bearing bridges and how to design their own. This project helped them with their teamwork skills as well as design skills and they worked on their resilience and relationships throughout. The Y6 staff were also super proud of how all year 6 children approached their mock SATs.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17.04.23 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM 1

- 18.04.23 6EB SCIENCE VISIT TO OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
- 25.04.23 6CH SCIENCE VISIT TO OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
- 28.04.23 EID AL-FITR CELEBRATION
- 01.05.23 MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- 02.05.23 6AH SCIENCE VISIT TO OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
- 05.05.23 KING'S CORONATION CELEBRATION
- 08.05.23 KING'S CORONATION BANK HOLIDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- 09.05.23 Y6 SATS WEEK
- 10.05.23 9.10AM NHS COFFEE MORNING
- 11.05.23 CLASS PHOTOS
- 15.05.23 MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK
- 22.05.23 WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK
- 23.05.23 Y3 EXPRESS DAY

26.05.23 BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM HOLIDAY (NORMAL TIME)

29.05.23 HALF TERM HOLIDAY

05.06.23 INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)

06.06.23 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM 2

- 06.06.23 6EB SCIENCE VISIT TO OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
- 09.06.23 Y6 TRANSITION WORKSHOPS
- 13.06.23 6CH SCIENCE VISIT TO OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
- 13.06.23 Y3 GREEK WORKSHOP
- 14.06.23 Y3 GREEK WORKSHOP
- 15.06.23 Y3 GREEK WORKSHOP
- 20.06.23 6EB SCIENCE VISIT TO OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
- 27.06.23 5ZN SCIENCE VISIT TO OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
- 28.06.23 Y5 AIR POLLUTION WORKSHOP
- 04.07.23 5TS SCIENCE VISIT TO OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
- 05.07.23 PM Y6 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY FOR PARENTS
- 07.07.23 2.00PM Y6 CHILDREN LEAVE
- 10.07.23 Y6 TRANSITION STARTS AT OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
- 11.07.23 5MC SCIENCE VISIT TO OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
- 12.07.23 - 14.07.23 NEW Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 TRANSITION DAYS
- 17.07.23 Y3 PUPIL OF THE TERM ASSEMBLY
- 18.07.23 Y4 PUPIL OF THE TERM ASSEMBLY
- 19.07.23 Y5 PUPIL OF THE TERM ASSEMBLY

YEAR GROUP NEWSLETTERS

Today, your child will have received their year group newsletter for this half term – please keep this safe as it details useful information regarding your child's learning. Also, your child will have received a home learning letter for this half term. If they have started a new topic, these will be new projects. If their topic is continuing from last term, this will include a list of the same projects and your child will need to choose a different project from the list to complete.

Parent/Carer Questionnaire Results

Thank you to all the parents/carers that completed the parent questionnaire. We have analysed the results and are pleased to share the following with you. As you can see, the feedback is overwhelmingly positive and the comments received about the friendliness of staff and quality of teachers were lovely to read. We have taken on board your comments regarding areas the school could improve on and we will include a 'You Said, We Did' section in our next newsletter in response to these.

73 online questionnaires completed	Strongly Agree	Agree	Total Positive	Disagree	Don't Know/NA
My child is happy at school	68.5%	27.4%	95.9%	2.7%	1.4%
My child feels safe at this school	69.9%	27.4%	97.3%		2.7%
This school makes sure the pupils are well behaved	58.9%	34.2%	93.1%	1.4%	5.5%
The school deals effectively with any incidents of bullying	38.4%	34.2%	72.6%	4.1%	23.3%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	64.4%	31.5%	95.9%	2.7%	1.4%
When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with promptly	47.9%	32.9%	80.8%	2.7%	16.5%
The school has high expectations for my child	53.4%	46.6%			
My child does well at this school	64.4%	34.2%	98.6%	1.4%	
The school lets me know how my child is doing	63%	32.9%	95.9%	4.1%	
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	61.7%	32.9%	94.6%	2.7%	2.7%
The school supports my child's wider personal development	46.6%	45.2%	91.8%	5.5%	2.7%
I would recommend this school to another parent	64.4%	31.5%	95.9%	1.4%	2.7%

Community Events

NHS Coffee Morning - The School Nursing Team will continue running coffee mornings on a monthly basis in school. The next session will be held on Tuesday 18th April and will be the second session on healthy eating. Please only attend this session if you have an allocated space. There is then a further coffee morning on Wednesday 10th May around a new topic. Both of these sessions will start at 9.10am. If you are dropping your child off at school in the morning, you are welcome to wait in the hall and chat with other parents over a drink whilst you wait.

Eid Al-Fitr Celebration

We are looking forward to celebrating the end of Ramadan with children in school. On Friday 28th April, children will be invited to come into school in non-uniform and will celebrate with a party in their classroom. Any food donations or offers to help serve food to the children would be gratefully received. Please contact the school office if you can support with this.

King's Coronation celebration

On Friday 5th May, we will be celebrating the King's coronation in school. Further details will follow early in the new term.

