



NEWSLETTER

Happy MONDAY!

I apologise that the following newsletter didn't reach you on Friday. Someone (me) wasn't in school on Friday so set the newsletter to automatically send, but someone (me again) mistakenly set it to arrive a week too late. I do apologise - here it comes!

Shuffle Up Morning

There was a buzz in the air on Tuesday as children from Reception to Year 5 visited their new classes for the morning. It is always special seeing the children gaining their first taste of being in their new year group and building those all-important connections with the key adults.

This year, we are introducing transition books for all year groups to support you and your child in becoming familiar with the new faces, spaces and routines that will greet them in September. These books should arrive with you later today via weduc and email and we hope they are useful to support conversations and answer questions that you and your child might have over the summer. Please let us know how you find them.

We aim for every child to be going into the holiday looking forward to September so if for any reason the shuffle up morning didn't go smoothly for your child, please do speak to their current or new teacher before the end of term so we can have conversations, or make adjustments as necessary.

Pride Celebration

On Wednesday the school was particularly bright, bold and beautiful as children dressed in rainbow colours as part of our own Pride celebration. In the afternoon, years 1 and 2 joined years 3 to 6 at Myrtle for a special Sing-Up afternoon through which we celebrated the messages of having pride in who you are, how you look and who you love.

Thank you for your support of this important event. The children enthusiastically sang and then played outside together and it was a wonderful example of our school values in action as well as a chance for every child and adult to know that they are seen, heard and understood as the unique person they are and for the special part they play in our school family.

Year 6 Performance

Thursday was performance day for our Year 6 leavers. They performed a matinée in the afternoon of the brilliant 'Much A-Dough About Muffin' followed by an evening performance and they absolutely brought the house down!

They shone as individuals and collectively gave us a really special and entertaining show full of laughs and magic moments.

Well done to everyone involved on stage and behind the scenes. It was a brilliant!

This Week's Eco Club Report

This week at Eco Club we had a visit from a local beekeeper and a quiz on honeybees, then we started writing our 'Eco Code' for the school to continue to action next year.



Here is our school's new Eco-Code...

Southville Primary Eco-Code

Teachers:

- Try to reduce laminating and use the whiteboard where possible
- When possible, put maths slides on the whiteboard instead of printing out lots of sheets of paper

Kids:

- Keep looking after the class plants
- Put lids on pens and glue when you've finished using them

Parents:

- Try to use wax wraps instead of clingfilm

Everyone:

- Turn off the lights when possible
- Use fewer paper towels when drying your hands
- Use less paper

Next Monday is our last session so we will have a party (in the orchard all being well) with some homemade cakes and a flag raising, and hopefully, we will plant a shrub/tree in the orchard too.

Mr Millard

Some news very recently in... sadly, the one and only Mr Millard will be leaving us at the end of next week. It is hard to put into words how loved Rhys is and the impact he has on the many children (and staff) he supports every week.

He is kind, committed and extremely good at his job and we have been lucky to have him here at Southville for as long as we have. He is leaving to pursue an MSc in Education and explore the many avenues which are open to him. I know you will join me in wishing him lots of luck for the future and thanking him for being such a positive, kind presence in the Southville family. We will miss him greatly.

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman