



# NEWSLETTER

**Happy Friday!**

## **Introducing Our Pupil Leadership Team**

This week we introduced our Pupil Leadership Team to the school. The team of ten children are in year six and will play an important role across the school, helping to set up for assemblies, showing prospective parents round, and helping to organise events for the children across both sites. A key part of their role will be as ambassadors for their allotted year group, going into class, listening to the children's views and ideas and bringing these back to meetings with the school governors and senior leadership team. A large number of children in Year 6 put themselves forward for these roles and made it really tough for Mr Commander, Mr Potter and myself to narrow it down to the final ten but in the end we managed it. These children did brilliantly and are very excited about their new roles.



**French Performances**

Thank you to all of the year 4 parents and carers who have come along to the French recitals over the last fortnight. I am sure you will agree the children were *fantastique*! Many thanks to Madame Turvey for all of her hard work - we are very lucky to have a French specialist in the Southville team.

### **Sporting Success**

Thank you to Mr Rogers and Mr Dawson (Shine) who are continuing to drive Southville's participation in sport competitions. Here are Mr Rogers' reports from two of the most recent events:

#### Football

Last Friday, our Y5/6 boys football team represented the school at the Bristol Schools EFL Cup. It was a highly competitive affair with a wide range of schools across Bristol taking part, all looking to secure that number one spot. Our boys battled their way through the group stages, managing to rack up 3 wins and just the 1 defeat, meaning that they successfully earned themselves a spot in the quarter finals. Unfortunately, this is where the journey ended, but the team should be incredibly proud of the team work and effort they showed in making it to this stage. Well done boys!

Next term, the Y5/6 Football Leagues will be starting up once more, which will give all children in these year groups the opportunity to represent the school. Further information on this event will follow in the coming weeks about how to sign your child up this event.



#### Basketball

This term, our Y5 and Y6 basketball teams have been competing in the Ashton School Sports Partnership Basketball Leagues, which has been held at Merchants Academy. The two teams have taken part in matches across the last 4 weeks and have all represented the school with great levels

of success along the way. The children have demonstrated and developed their dribbling, passing, shooting and defensive skills throughout the weeks, which even meant that one of our teams managed to walk away with a set of shiny medals! Out of the 24 teams that took part, our Y6 team finished ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall and our Y5 team managed to earn themselves a fantastic 6<sup>th</sup> place finish. A massive congratulations to both teams and I know that the Y5 team will be back even stronger next year, looking to improve on an already incredible result!



### **Handfuls of Harmony**

Lots of our Key Stage 2 children took part in the handfuls of Harmony Choir event at Ashton Park School last weekend. They have been working extremely hard in recent weeks and under Miss Munnings' expert guidance performed brilliantly alongside other children and adults at the concert. Here are some of the official photos, copyright James Barker Photography. You can view all of the photos of the event here: <https://jamesbarkephotography.pixieset.com/hfohnov23/>



### **Diversity and Representation Curriculum Group**

As you are aware, we are spending this academic year building a new curriculum which we will be implementing from September. Our new curriculum will of course be completely in line with the National Curriculum, however a significant part of our vision is that it will be culturally representative and consciously anti-racist. In order for this to be an embedded aspect of the curriculum rather than an add-on, we are putting this planning at the very start of the curriculum design process and on Wednesday we put together a working group of staff members and invited along Dr Lawrence Hoo who founded CARGO.

CARGO Classroom produce excellent resources for Secondary Schools, some of which we are looking to adapt for our new curriculum along with other people and stories which reflect the full breadth of human history and life.

Here is the group, including Lawrence and his colleague Ellie (minus Mr Potter who was there for most of it!). It was an insightful and incredibly valuable morning, with lots of ideas already taking shape as a result.



You can see more about CARGO's work here <https://cargomovement.org/classroom/> .

### **Year 5 and 6 Author Visit - Wednesday 6th December**

Bestselling author Eoin Colfer (including the Artemis Fowl series) will be visiting year 5 and 6 for an exclusive event featuring his brand-new book, *Juniper's Christmas!*

Juniper's Christmas is an adventure story set in London and the North Pole featuring all the imagination, humour and warmth that Eoin is famous for.

It's been ten years since Santa Claus performed his Christmas duties, can Juniper Lane track him down and save the day?

A brand-new festive classic, Juniper's Christmas is a rip-roaring magical adventure filled with heart and humour – where one girl's love might just be strong enough to save her family and Father Christmas himself.

You can pre-order the book at the discounted price of £10 (RRP £12.99) from Storysmith bookshop using the link below, and Eoin will be available to sign and dedicate copies on the day. Please make sure to include the pupil name and class in the order notes. Children from younger year groups are welcome to pre-order a book and meet Eoin to get their book signed after his talk with year 5 & 6. Storysmith and Eoin will be donating a signed copy of the book to our school library.

<https://storysmithbooks.com/product/junipers-christmas-eoin-colfer-southville-primary/>

### **Winter Food Hamper**

Thank you to everyone who helped last year with our winter food hampers, whether through money donations, helping to pack the hampers or delivering them. All of your generosity was welcomed by all the families we were able to support.

It's that time of year again and we could really do with your help supporting our school community. If you are able to donate towards our winter hampers, please do so by following the link below (or scanning the QR code). If you have any other ways you can help then please let us know.

Scan the QR code to make a donation using a smartphone. Download to insert it in a leaflet or poster.



[Download QR](#)

If you feel that you would benefit from receiving a hamper, or if you have any questions, please contact Paula Mathias.

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Thank you in advance

<https://app.goodhub.com/offerings/southville-primary-school/donations/create>

Have a great weekend, and if you are coming along to the Winter Fair tomorrow I may see you there.

Andy Bowman