



NEWSLETTER

Happy Friday!

Myrtle Timings Change Proposal

Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey regarding the proposed changed timings for the start and end of the day from September.

If you haven't yet shared your thoughts, you have another week to do so by clicking on this link. Thank you very much.

<https://forms.gle/Wc1n2ECEX55viQkZ6>

Next Year's Classes

It is about this time of year that we start looking ahead to September and you will no doubt be keen to know who your child's teacher is going to be. I just wanted to reassure you that we are close to finalising the plan and won't hold off sharing it with you. All being well it will be to share with you next Friday.

Cricket County Finals

Due to the success of our Southville Spirit cricket team in the recent schools cricket league, this week the team were invited down to Wembdon Cricket Club, near Bridgewater, to represent the area in the county finals. The competition was made up of schools from all across Somerset who had earned the right to showcase their cricketing skills against the very best and this was reflected in the standard of play that took place across the day. The sun was shining, wickets were tumbling and runs were being scored around the ground but unfortunately, it wasn't to be for the Spirit on this occasion. However, a fantastic experience and day out for those involved with many valuable lessons learned on how to handle high pressure sporting situations and when sun cream needs to be applied to our faces, arms and necks! Harry Rogers

I wanted to add my congratulations to our Spirit cricket team. What an amazing achievement to represent our area and play against the best school teams in the region. They have played brilliantly throughout their journey to get to this point and we are all so proud of them for this amazing achievement.

Furthermore, the fact that they got there with such a positive team spirit and great attitude is something for us all to be very proud of - they have been a credit to their families and school.



Amazing Art!

Ellie in Y6 produced this fantastic interpretation of Van Gogh's 'Starry Night' at the local ArtK art club.

Excitingly, she has just found out that it has been selected for their national exhibition in London at the OXO Tower Bargehouse on the South Bank from 18-28 July! If you are in London at the start of the summer holidays it is free entry and there are lots of arty activities on offer too.



Year 3-6 author visit - LAST CHANCE TO ORDER BOOKS

As you may have previously seen, bestselling author Sam Sedgman will be coming to Southville Primary on 1st July to talk about his new book **The Clockwork Conspiracy**. Sam is the co-author of the hugely popular **Adventures on Trains** series (written with M.G Leonard), and his new book is full of intrigue and adventure. His school events are hugely fun and energetic, packed full of writing inspiration (and some nerdy clock/ time facts)! If you would like to pre-order a copy of Sam's book from Storysmith bookshop you can follow the link below, and Sam will be able to sign your copy on the day of the event. Please place your order by TODAY (Friday 21st June), and please make sure to include the pupil name and class when you check out. A copy of his book will also be donated to the school library.

storysmithbooks.com/sam-sedgman-southville

OPAL Update

This week we gratefully received a donation of around 20 empty cardboard boxes from Bristol Beer Factory and it has been great to see the many imaginative ways in which they have been put to use as part of the play at Merrywood:



Alongside the boxes, we have seen the children particularly enjoying the making table and there has also been lots of den building this week...



Last Friday we welcomed Rachel Murray, our OPAL advisor, to meet with Mr Potter and have a look at play on both of our sites. She was really impressed, and recognised the significant increase in opportunities for the children that we have implemented over the last couple of years. We are fairly unique compared with other OPAL schools, with lots of children to cater for split across two contrasting urban sites with no open green space. This makes me even prouder of what we are achieving in this area under Mr Potter's leadership. Rachel is great at asking inciteful questions to help us continue to improve and we have more developments to come, but it was a lovely moment to pause and recognise the fun and variety our children experience at lunchtime day after day.

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman