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NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGES FROM MR GALE



Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to our November edition of the school newsletter. We have had a superb month full of exciting opportunities for our children and some excellent development opportunities for our staff. This will ensure that your children experience the very best teaching and learning.

Our children have taken part in a wide range of enrichment activities this month, including: a Reception 'Autumn Walk' at Coombe Abbey; a Year 2 Tudor City Walk – looking at the Tudor buildings of historic Coventry; a University Experience for Year 5 with 'Into University' as well as a whole range of superb extra-curricular clubs (including sports and cookery).

It has been great to see such a wide range of sporting events happen this month including 'Values' Dodgeball, Year 5/6 athletics and many more. These have been well-attended and our children were complimented on their excellent sportsmanship. We have also expanded our range of clubs and have an amazing cookery club after school on a Tuesday. We are so proud to be able to offer a wide variety of clubs for all of our children.

I would also like to thank all parents and carers for attending our parents' evening. So far, we have achieved 95% of all parents attending meetings. We would also like to thank you for completing our parents' survey and providing us with such overwhelmingly positive feedback.

We are also really pleased to begin planning links with another local school to allow our children to explore building relationships with children in a different community and context. Additionally, I have made contact with an ex-pupil who remembers her time fondly at Southfields and recounted this experience on BBC Radio 4 – Dr Katriona O'Sullivan. We are looking forward to her being able to visit the school and for us to develop closer links.

Just a reminder that school starts at 9am and children must be in school before this time. Gates open at 8:50am. If you are finding drop-offs difficult, we do offer a 'Breakfast Club' from 8am.

Thanks for reading,

Mr Gale

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# WANTED

## PARENT GOVERNOR

We are looking for a parent / parents to join our governing body to bring the perspective of parents to the strategic decision-making process at school. If you would like to get involved with school life in more depth and are interested in helping to contribute to the improvement of the school, please get in touch.

For an informal chat about the role, please get in touch with Mr Gale via the school office or email [enquiries@southfieldsprimary.org](mailto:enquiries@southfieldsprimary.org)

Thank you





# ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW

We need to try really hard together this year and make sure that every year group is achieving or beating our **97%** target.

Our attendance for the month is: **95.5%**

Our attendance for the year to date is: **96.1%**



## Attendance

Whole School (this month)	<b>95.2%</b>
Reception	<b>93.4%</b>
Year 1	<b>93.8%</b>
Year 2	<b>97.4%</b>
Year 3	<b>93.2%</b>
Year 4	<b>95.4%</b>
Year 5	<b>95%</b>
Year 6	<b>97.9%</b>

## Winning classes this month

Early Years	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Reception Bluebell	<b>2P</b>	<b>6B</b>







# School Sport, Clubs, & Competitions

During November, we have taken part in a Y5 Dodgeball tournament, a Y3/4 Boys football match and the Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics event. Mr Rogers has been so impressed with every child's attitude to these new experiences. The level of respect that our children have shown to opposition players has been truly admirable.

5W have spent several weeks doing Bikeability training. The same instructors have worked with us for a few years now and they have made a point of saying how this class have made so much progress thanks to their effort and determination. Well done 5W. 5E will start their training after Christmas.

You will receive a letter before the Christmas holiday to let you know if your child has been chosen for any after-school club that you signed up for at parents evening. This term's after-school clubs will finish next week. There will be no clubs during the last week of term.

We are so pleased and proud to announce that our partnership with the Royal Opera House and other Coventry schools has been recognised by the highest honour in teaching – we won The National Teaching Awards Gold for 'Impact Through Partnership'. Mr Rogers attended a ceremony in London at the weekend and said: "It was the proudest moment of my career. To be honoured alongside such inspirational teaching colleagues was truly humbling. The joy that our children get from choreographing their own creative responses to music is heart-warming."

This award is part of a long-standing project that will include a showcase event at Coventry Cathedral, which over 100 of our children and over 600 Coventry children will be involved in and a visit to London for our Y3/4 dance club to attend a matinee performance of The Nutcracker at the Royal Opera House. Please take a look at our Twitter and Facebook pages to see videos of our work on this project.

## Sports Superstars

### Athletes of the Month:

Rohaan (1B), Archisman (5W), Kezia (4T) and Yahvi (1D)

### Sports Classes of the Month:

3S, All of Year 4, 6B and 1B





# Southfields Superstars of the Month

Reception Snowdrop				
Reception Bluebell				
Y1 Buttercup	Shabnam - K	Patryk -GL	Anaki & Lia - GL	Rory-GL
Y1 Daisy	Yahvi - GL	KD - GL	Feranmi - GL	Seyi-GL
Y2 Poppy	Paola - R	Aaliyah - GL	Bipashna - GL	Jeshika -R
Y2 Daffodil	Mikolaj - GL	Annam - GL	Kritin - R	Tyler-GL
Y3 Sunflower	Adelina - GL	All of 3S - GL	Amir - GL	Zara - GL
Y3 Iris	Adam - GL	Divhya - R	Lexi - GL	Ruthvika - K
Y4 Tulip	Yousef - GL	Kezia - GL	Ruhani - GL	Martin - GL
Y4 Rose	Krisma - GL	Anas - GL	Laasya - GL	Demi - GL
Y5 Willow	Yusuf - GL	Adam - GL	All of 5W - GL	Musab - GL
Y5 Elm	Luana - GL	Ibrahim - GL	Anjie - GL	Maddison - GL
Y6 Birch	Muzammil - GL	Prashna - GL	Ulfatullah - GL	Jason - GL
Y6 Oak	All of 60 - GL	Zhakay - GL	Siah - GL	Fraya - K





# Reading with your child



Each month we award children in each class for REMARKABLE READING. We place reading at the centre of our curriculum and are determined to encourage a love of reading in all of our children. At the end of each month we award our 'Readers of the month' with a book of their choice!

*Congratulations to our amazing 'Readers of the Month' for their superb dedication to reading. These children will all receive a book of their choice!  
Great work !*

Year 1: Aatika and Darya

Year 2: Aaliyah and Firnas

Year 3: Idalina and Mohamed

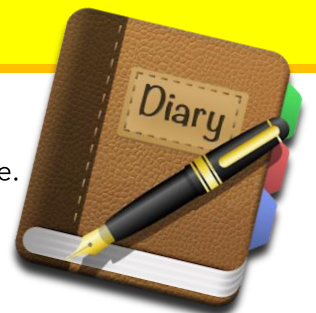
Year 4: Abbas and Landy

Year 5: Darian and Sofia

Year 6: Dzakiy and Jade



## Key Diary Dates



Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Nov: Coventry Clothing – Uniform Pop-Up Shop – 2:30—3:30pm -sign up in the office.

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec: Children's Christmas Lunch.

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Nov: Nutcracker Children's Showcase – Coventry Cathedral

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> December - Early Years Christmas Performance

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> December – Nutcracker Matinee in London (mixed year groups)

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Trip to Jam Jam Boomerangs

Thu 15<sup>th</sup> December – Panto for Children (staff)





## Pastoral and Attendance Update

At Southfields Primary School we have a big focus on attendance. **Good attendance** is when a **child's attendance is 97% or above**. If your child has **less than 90%** attendance, they will be listed as **having persistence absence** and they will be monitored closely by the Local authority. Good attendance is directly linked to good academic results throughout school.

During December we will be celebrating those children that have good attendance.

Children with 100% for this term will receive a selection box.

Any child that attends school every day from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov until Christmas will be able to take part in a movie afternoon.

Some children will have been given an invite, and if they attend school every day until Christmas they will have "hot chocolate and cookies" with Mr Gale and Catherine.



Attendance Improvers will be invited to have hot chocolate with Mr Gale & Catherine







# This month in pictures!

It's been another remarkable month – here are some photographs to show the wonderful learning experiences our children are having...

