

SPRINGFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL



Newsletter

October 2019

Dear Parents / Guardians,

As you will read in our newsletter, it has been another busy half term with each year group packing their curriculum with interesting opportunities, experiences and visits. We have also enjoyed our new Celebrations Assemblies where some Year groups and clubs have shared their learning - thanks to all those parents that have been able to join with us on those occasions.

We are pleased that so many families work with us to ensure that Reading and Times Tables are regularly practised at home as well as at school; we have had some very enthusiastic reading trophy and monopoly board winners over the last few weeks!

A final big thank you for the generosity shown across our school community from the parents donations of prizes and money for a range of causes, and for the time given by our staff, without whom school events and clubs would not be able to run.

Michael Lynch

Talent Show

Last Thursday night we enjoyed a variety of entertainment during the annual Talent Show. We were mesmerized by the magic, laughed at the comedy, and were in awe of the array of talent displayed by our pupils. Well done to everyone who participated to make this such a memorable evening. Congratulations to our winners:
Year 3 Jorgie Allard
Year 4 Beth Cook
Year 5 Bonnie Lawrence
Year 6 Tyrus Denton
Year 6 Emma Morton
Year 6 Wyatt Davey
Thank you to all who supported this event which raised over £500. The money will be put towards improving the playground for pupils.



Musical Theatre

While the judges deliberated the winners of the Talent Show, our Musical Theatre group performed. They have been taking inspiration from their trip to see Wicked in London, and are using the theme of Oz for their performance. Next term, the children will be performing The Lion King at Ipswich High School Rotary Performing Arts Festival. Shout out - Mrs Miller has asked if you have any crazy green costumes at home, if so the Musical Theatre group would be very grateful for them!



Key Dates

Autumn 2019

Half-term: Mon 21st Oct - Fri 25th Oct
Last day of term: Friday 20th December
Christmas Holiday: Mon 23rd Dec - Mon 6th Jan inclusive

Spring 2020

First day of term: Tues 7th Jan
Last day of term: Fri 14th Feb
Half-term: Mon 17th - Fri 21st February
First day of term: Mon 24th Feb
Last day of term: Fri 3rd April
Easter holiday: Mon 6th - Fri 17th April

Summer 2020

First day of term: Mon 20th April
Bank holiday: Fri 8th May
Half-term: Mon 25th May - Monday 1st June inclusive
First day of term: Tues 2nd June
Last day of term: Fri 17th July

Please note the non-pupil days are:
Monday 6th January 2020
Monday 1st June 2020
VE Bank holiday Friday 8th May 2020

Office Information

The School office is open Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 3.45pm and
Fridays 8.30am - 3pm.

Dinner money is payable online via Parent Mail. The minimum spend is £6.90 which is the equivalent of 3 school dinners. Your child can use this credit all in one week or it can be used as and when required.



Year 3

Last term was an action packed start for Year 3. It all started with an introduction to the Ancient Egyptian times with a visit from Mark from Portals of the Past. He re-enacted an Ancient Egyptian mummification which was very gruesome and the children loved it! We are continuing with this topic until Christmas and also have a trip to Ipswich Museum to look forward to after half-term. We were also extremely fortunate to visit the Wolsey theatre to watch and listen to the author Jon Agee. He was hugely entertaining and hopefully the children have been inspired to write and illustrate their own stories. As an extension of our science topic on forces, the children are currently measuring, sawing and cutting to create a moving vehicle. This week, we will be testing these to see which vehicle moves quickest down a ramp! The children have made the transition from the Infants seamlessly and we are very proud of how well they have adjusted to their new environment. Well done Year 3!

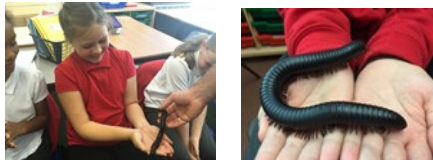
Year 4

Year 4 have had an exciting half-term learning about the impact of the Roman invasion on Britain, beginning with a visit from a Roman soldier on our Roman Day. We have continued our learning about Romans during a recent trip to Colchester Castle. On our visit we saw real Roman artifacts and learnt more about the importance of Boudicca to our local area. We will be continuing this topic for the first few weeks after half-term. Next half-term we will be having a Tea Afternoon on Friday 22nd November where we will introduce our new topic of 'What makes the earth angry?'



Year 5

We have experienced a fun and exciting start to the year with a visit by Mini Monsters and Space week. Our Mini monsters visit was to launch our Rainforest topic. The children had the opportunity to meet, learn about and even hold some animals that would be found in Rainforests around the world including - Giant Snails, a Tarantula, Giant Millipedes, Hissing Cockroaches, and a Bearded Dragon called Winston.



As part of our Space week we experienced space with virtual reality headsets! This was an opportunity for our children to take a journey through space using virtual reality. They learnt amazing facts like how many moons each planet has, how fast they orbit and many days there are in each planet's year.



Year 6

As part of our Arts and Culture curriculum in Year 6 we have been learning an African call and response song. During languages week we learnt sign language for the song Shotgun, and in creative curriculum we are exploring Marvellous maps. During Science we have been learning about electricity with our resident scientists by making circuits, and learning how to dim and make a bulb brighter. Our morning groups have been very well attended and Mrs Cook would like to thank her children for their excellent attendance. Next term we will be studying the Aztecs!

Sporting achievements

School Games U11 Football Tournament

With 20 teams attending this year the tournament was very competitive. Our team played very well, and narrowly missed out on a semi-final place through goal difference.



Dates for the diary

Tues 29th Oct - Yr 6 Tea Afternoon 1.45-2.30pm
Wed 30th Oct - Football v Whitehouse away
Wed 6th Nov - Squash Saxon Cup
Thurs 7th Nov - Football v Hillside away
Tues 12th Nov - Netball v Britannia home
Wed 13th Nov - Football v Rushmere home
Mon 18th Nov - Tag Rugby Festival
Mon 18th Nov - Yr 5 Tea Afternoon 1.30pm
Fri 22nd Nov - Yr 4 Tea Afternoon
Tues 26th Nov - Football v Castle Hill away
Wed 27th Nov - Squash Saxon Cup
Tues 3rd Dec - Netball v Broke Hall away
Fri 6th Dec - Year 3 Tea Morning 10am
Thurs 12th Dec - Sports hall Athletics at Westbourne
Fri 20th Dec - Last day of term

During the week commencing 4th November we are planning a Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 film night - full details will follow.

Staffing News

Congratulations to Miss Wilson who gave birth to a daughter, Millie. Thank you so much for your generosity this term and your donations towards the memorial fund in Miss Edwards name. We raised over £400 which will be used to purchase a memorial bench. The bench will be situated in the playground in the near future.