## South Hill Primary School Newsletter

Building Character, Learning Together

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It was wonderful to visit Robins and Wrens this morning to see the pupils reading and parents invited in to read with their child. This is such a great

initiative in support of learning in our EYFS setting.

It was an amazing opportunity for some of our pupils to visit 10 Downing Street last Friday. They also made it into the 'Sunday Telegraph!'. What a lovely picture!



#### <u>Lessons at 10—Visit to 10 Downing Street</u>

Friday 26 April, 10 Year 5 children had an amazing opportunity to spend the day at Downing Street, chaperoned by Mrs Carver and Mrs Gibson. Here, they had a talk from Ms. Akshata Murty, the Prime Minister's wife. They also took part in role play and art group activities led by The National Theatre. They visited some state rooms and even saw Larry the Downing Street Cat. All pupils said



that it was a "once in a lifetime "experience!

Our visit, was mentioned in the Sunday Telegraph with a picture of our children and Mrs Murty.

#### **Daily Mile and Mini Marathon**

It has been great to see all the children taking part in our daily mile this week. Not only have they been competing to gain the most class laps around the track in a week, but they have also been taking part in the TCS mini London marathon!



## Joshua Seigal—Visiting Author

Joshua Seigal, our visiting author, entertained the children by reading and performing a selection of different poems about all different aspects of life - his | cat, school times, what is



magic, dogs and many more topics. The KS2 children particularly enjoyed joining in with his chicken dinner poem! Josh said that he enjoyed the enthusiasm of the South Hill children and really enjoyed it here.

#### Y5—Science Workshop

A small group of children from Y5 have been visiting Abbots Hill School for a science workshop. They were extracting DNA from strawberries and dissecting a tulip to discover its reproductive system last week.



#### Tag Rugby

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed an energetic morning playing tag rugby last week at Camelot



rugby club. Everyone joined in the fun and the children played against lots of different schools. Our skills improved, and we all had smiles on our faces by the end of the session.

#### **Forest School**

Year have been practising their lopper, knot tying and whittling skills in forest schools to create their own wands.





# Grammar Corner—Beech

Beech focused on causal conjunctions on Thursday. These special words connect sentences and expand explanations,





such as: because, as, even so, etc.

Example: I brought my umbrella today as it was raining.

#### Jamboree Concert - Thursday 9th May at Lockers Park School 6.30pm

It is a great honour to have been invited to perform at Lockers Park School for the Jamboree Concert for the Mayor. We are all very excited! Choir and ukulele club members are performing. This is a fantastic opportunity to share our musical joy with the wider



community. Please come and support us! Tickets are available with the following link.

https://app.goodhub.com/childrensjamboree

## **Attendance**

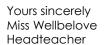
Attendance seems to be dipping for some classes. The average that County expect the school to achieve is 97% overall. We are Every student. Every day.



currently 96%, so close to our target. Let's see if we can increase this percentage in the next few weeks.

## **Hayfever Season**

As hayfever season is now upon us, can we remind parents to administer hayfever medication, drops, or wipes before school. Any medication that is to be administered during the school day must be brought to the school office at the beginning of each day, a medication form will need to be completed. The medication will also need to be collected at the end of each day. Children should not be bringing medication into school and keeping it in their school bags.





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# **South Hill Weekly Attendance** Our target is 97% for the whole school

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Wrens	94.5%	
Robins	96.2%	
Goldfinches	98.6%	7
Sparrows	97.1%	<b>Q</b>
Owls	96%	
Kingfishers	94%	
Ash	93.3%	
Beech	97.3%	@
Holly	98.6%	7
Maple	92.3%	
Oak	96.3%	
Silver Birch	98%	<b>@</b>
Sycamore	97.7%	<b>Q</b>
Hazel	95.2%	
Whole school	96.1%	1

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Wrens	Nina	
Robins	Izzy	
Goldfinches	Oscar	
Sparrows	Ava	
Owls	Ziar	
Kingfishers	Olivia	
Ash	Blake	
Beech	Maggie	
Holly	Grace	
Maple	Henry	
Oak	Sravan	
Silver Birch	Whole Class	
Sycamore	Isabella	
Hazel	Elif	

	May			
Monday 6th	•	Bank Holiday—School Closed		
Wednesday 8th	•	Robins Class Assembly—9am parents welcome		
Thursday 9th	* *	Y6 Top up swimming Road Safety—EYFS, Y1, & Y3 Mayor's Charity Event—Lockers Park School 6.30pm		
Friday 10th	•	Y1 Rugby– PE kit required		
Monday 13th	<b>*</b>	SATS week—Y6 Kingfishers—Local Walk		
Tuesday 14th	<b>*</b>	Y4 Warner Bros. Studio Trip Last Maths After School Club to- day		
Wednesday 15th	•	No Rocksteady Music club today		
Thursday 16th	<b>*</b>	Owls—Local Walk Y6 Top up swimming		
Friday 17th	•	Y1 Rugby—PE kit required		
Monday 20th	<b>*</b>	Art Week Coffee Morning 9am—Parent sof siblings		
Tuesday 21st	•	Herts Cricket taster Day—EYFS-Y3		
Wednesday 22nd	<b>*</b>	Y6—Thorpe Park Class Trip Holly Class Assembly—9am par- ents welcome		

#### **House Points**

Gade Bulbourne Colne

6500 6025 6000

### **Attachments**

Healthy Eating Half term camps x 2

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