

Friday 17th November 2023
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The school had a full day safeguarding audit last week from County. We are pleased with the robust review and with the assessment of how we keep our pupils safe. Pupil Voice was positive and our pupils articulated how they feel safe at our school. Please ensure you speak to your class teacher, Mrs Donley or myself if you have any safeguarding concerns.

Class News - Owls

Owls class have been practicing very hard for their Christmas production 'The angel that nearly missed it all'. The performances will take place on Tuesday 5th December at 2pm and Wednesday 6th December at 6pm. We are looking forward to sharing all our hard work.



Grammar Corner—Silver Birch

In Silver Birch we have been learning about explanation texts. A feature of explanation texts is the use of modal verbs. Modal verbs show possibility, intent, ability, or necessity. The most frequently used ones are: *can, may, might, could, should, would, will, and must*. As they are a type of auxiliary verb (helper verb), they are used alongside the main verb in a sentence. For example: *My baby brother **should be** asleep by now. Or judging by the clouds, it **might rain** today.*



We have learnt to identify and understand the use of modal verbs. Next week we will be using them in writing our own explanation texts

Year 5—National Space Centre Class Trip

On Thursday 9th November Year 5 classes had an exciting trip to the National Space Centre and enhanced their knowledge of space. A long day, but fun and learning was had by all.



Children in Need— 17 November



Thank you to all who have donated to the Children in Need charity. You have raised an amazing, **£327.06**. Donations can still be made via the school Gateway app until the end of the day.

Anti-bullying week 13.11.23 - 17.11.23 – Speak up

It is anti-bullying week and our school assembly about this was led by Mrs Evans and Mrs Albery. We learnt about an inspirational young boy called Charlie Kristiansen who experienced bullying from his peers but has shown incredible resilience. He has now formed a children's charity to support others who could find themselves in the same position as him. Charlie's charity sent a personal video message from Charlie himself to South Hill School pupils.



Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic book fair will be returning to South Hill Primary School at the end of November. This is an amazing opportunity to purchase books as Christmas gifts, stocking fillers, advent gifts or just

because. This will be a cashless sale, card only please. (No need to try and find spare change). More details to follow.

Extreme Reader Competition

Congratulations to all who joined in the extreme reader competition. The winners are:- Reception - Clay, Year 1 - Lucy, Year 2 - Harjan, Year 3 - Alana, Year 4 - Malala, Year 5 - Ben J, Year 6 - Daryna, and Staff - Miss Fawcett.



Forest School

Wrens and Robins read 'Ferdie and the Falling Leaves', an autumn story. Then we threaded autumn leaves with needles and string to make leaf garlands.



Year 6 carried out a worm survey using a mustard powder solution to charm the worms out of the ground. We talked about the importance of worms and were pleased to find lots of worms which indicates healthy soil!

Eco Warriors

On Monday our Eco Warriors had a special visitor from The Paper Mill, Apsley. The children experienced a paper-making activity together with the winners of the recycling competition. The instructor commented that "South Hill is such a vibrant school" and she complimented the children on their knowledge on recycling. Here are some children learning how to make new paper from recycled sheets.



Reception Applications for 2024—Now Open

Parents of children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 can now make an application to join our Reception classes in September 2024. Applications must be made online via www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. The deadline for applications is Monday 15th January 2024.



PTA Christmas Fair—Friday 24 November

Our Christmas Fair will be taking place on Friday 24th November. There will be lots of activities and fun to be had for all members of the family. We are offering early collection for your child and activities begin at 3pm. For KS1 and 3.15 pm for KS2. Santa will also be taking some time off of his busy schedule to make an appearance at South Hill Primary School.



Yours sincerely
Miss Wellbelove
Headteacher

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November	
Wednesday 22nd	◆ Hazel Class Assembly 9am WWII outfits required
Thursday 23rd— Wednesday 29th	◆ Scholastic Book Fair—after school KS1 atrium
Friday 24th	◆ PTA bottle collection for Christmas Fair ◆ Christmas Fair—after school, begins at 3pm ◆ Football club cancelled
Tuesday 28th	◆ Dance serenade—9.15am ◆ Music serenade—9.45am
Wednesday 29th	◆ Rock Steady performance 2pm ◆ Last day Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday 30th	◆ Y4 Verulamium Museum Class trip
December	
Friday 1st	◆ No Y4 Swimming
Saturday 2nd	◆ Boxmoor Christmas Lights Switch on event 3-5pm. School choir singing at 4pm.
Monday 4th	◆ KS1 Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 5th	◆ New Reception Parent Tour 9.30am ◆ KS1 Production 2pm
Wednesday 6th	◆ KS1 Production 6pm
Thursday 7th	◆ Y5&6 Choir at Mountbatten Lodge 10.30-11.40am
Friday 8th	◆ No Y4 Swimming ◆ Y6 RAF Hendon Class trip ◆ Last Roxolid Lunch club of the year



Star of the Week	
Wrens	Ekin
Robins	Clay
Goldfinches	Chester
Sparrows	Emmanuella
Owls	Aden
Kingfishers	Theo
Ash	Bella
Beech	Leo
Holly	Noah
Maple	Brooklyn
Oak	Violet
Silver Birch	Cillian
Sycamore	Shenna
Hazel	Jacob

House Points	
Gade	1875
Lea	1825
Bulbourne	1900
Colne	1975

Attachments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Light Switch on in Hemel Hempstead ⇒ Herts Haven Flyer ⇒ PTA Santa Grotto 	<p>Recently Added On Website (on Newsletter page unless specified)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Christmas Camp Flyer 	