

Friday 20th October 2023  
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What a busy half term of learning it has been, full of trips, visits and visitors! We are saying "bon voyage" to Miss Vadher who is going travelling in New Zealand, and "au revoir" to Miss Pryor who is starting her maternity leave. We wish them both good luck.

### Class News - Beech

Year 3 had an amazing time at Celtic Harmony on Wednesday. We had different learning activities, such as cooking a soup, den building, hunting for animals and finding out about flint and how this was used by Stone Age people. Our favourite, however, was the fire making. It looked very easy, but we couldn't do it when we tried to rub sticks. "I had the best time ever" said Maggie!



### Author of the Month



Our author of the month is GM Linton. She has produced two books and hails from the West Midlands. As we come to the end of Black History Month, we have learnt a lot in South Hill about The Windrush Generation and the struggles of the early travellers from the Caribbean in the 1950s.

In her own words, GM Linton says.. " My children's novel, My Name is Sunshine Simpson, published to coincide with Windrush's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, was inspired by the relationship that my parents shared with their grandchildren. It is a story of joy, wisdom, sadness, love and hope, as seen through a child's eyes. It is also about carrying forward the legacy of the Windrush community and shines a light on a people whose flame should always be allowed to burn brightly."

### Forest School



Year 5 didn't let the rain stop them from having a great time toasting bread and marshmallows on a campfire this week!

### Year 1 History Walk

Year 1 Sparrows and Goldfinches took part in a History learning walk on Thursday last week. The children were examining evidence to identify the different types of homes. The children considered if they were old or new and what the differences were. Then the children looked at how The Marlowes has developed



throughout time and recalled what the Old Town looked like in comparison to its modern-day counterpart.



Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who gave up their time and enabled the children to take part.

### Y6—Moving On

All parents of Y6 students should **apply for a secondary school place for their child by 31 October 2023**. County have recommended



that applications are made before this date to avoid any delays due to technical issues. Don't delay, apply today!



### Eco Warriors

Our entry, the **Pearl-bordered Fritillary butterfly** - an endangered species in Hertfordshire won—1st place for primary schools!!!



Well done to all children involved and to Miss Fawcett and Mrs Tomsa. One judge said "We were blown away by the children's creativity and the range of species that were created out of just rubbish and recycling! It was an amazing showcase of Dacorum's artistic abilities and the children's interest in protecting our local environment".

The children have won a paper making workshop at the Paper Mill in Apsley.

### School Council visit to Mountbatten Lodge

Yesterday the School Council visited Mountbatten Lodge to complete an art activity with some of the residents. The children worked with them to create door hangers. Pupils also talked to them about their Hornby train set!



### Smoking/Vaping

There should be no smoking or vaping on the school site at all. Please wait until you have exited the school grounds. Thank you.



### Young Discoverers

We have been advised by our neighbours 'Young Discoverers' that earlier this week they had some of their garden resources stolen. They have asked for parents to no longer use their gate as a short cut through to the school as it should remain closed at all times. You will be asked politely to walk around.

### Extreme Reader competition closing soon

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR EACH KEY STAGE

Entries can be submitted as paper copies or by email. The deadline is **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**. Please send entries in to [admin@southhill.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@southhill.herts.sch.uk)

Happy half term!

Yours sincerely

Miss Wellbelove  
Headteacher

Attendance matters  
Every student, every

### South Hill Weekly Attendance

Our target is 97% for the whole school

Wrens	94.0%	
Robins	82.7%	
Goldfinches	98.3%	
Sparrows	98.7%	
Owls	94.3%	
Kingfishers	98.3%	
Ash	97.0%	
Beech	98.6%	
Holly	92.4%	
Maple	93.8%	
Oak	97.3%	
Silver Birch	98.7%	
Sycamore	96.5%	
Hazel	96.9%	
<b>Whole school</b>	<b>95.5%</b>	




October	
Monday 23rd–Friday 27th	◆ Half term—School closed
Monday 30th	◆ School returns 8.40am ◆ PTA Christmas Card design deadline
Tuesday 31st	◆ Secondary School application deadline
November	
Wednesday 1st	◆ Reception 24/25 application window opens
Friday 3rd	◆ International day ◆ KS2 Performance, parents welcome 11.15am ◆ EYFS & KS1 performance, parents welcome 2.50pm
Tuesday 7th	◆ Y6 Height and weight check with school nurse ◆ New Reception Tour 9.30am
Wednesday 8th	◆ Beech Class Assembly 9am
Friday 10th	◆ Remembrance day Service, parents welcome (times to be confirmed)
Sunday 12th	◆ Diwali (Festival of lights) ◆ Remembrance Sunday
Friday 17th	◆ Flu Vaccinations ◆ Children in Need—Non school uniform £1 donation
Wednesday 22nd	◆ Hazel Class Assembly 9am



Star of the Week	
Wrens	Camelia
Robins	Liam
Goldfinches	Skylar
Sparrows	Freddie
Owls	Matthew
Kingfishers	Harjan
Ash	Whole class
Beech	Bruno
Holly	Kye
Maple	Anthony
Oak	Hector
Silver Birch	Grace
Sycamore	Sam
Hazel	Betsy & Holly

House Points	
Gade	575
Lea	625
Bulbourne	800
Colne	675

**Lost Property**  
Our lost property is available to view at the KS1 door every Friday morning and afternoon at drop off and collection. Help us to reunite lost items with their owners. Please help us be naming your child's item before bringing them to school.



**Attachments**

⇒ [Extreme Reader pro forma](#)

**Recently Added On Website  
(on Newsletter page unless specified)**

⇒ [Happy Humans newsletter](#)  
⇒ [Storm basketball Games](#)  
⇒ [Storm basketball camp](#)