

Friday 22nd September 2023
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Extreme Reader Competition 2023

We are delighted to be launching the 'South Hill Extreme Reader' competition.

Where is the most unusual place you can read? This competition encourages our pupils to read a book in a strange (but safe) place.



Please take a photo of your child reading a book somewhere we wouldn't expect and upload it to the attached pro forma. Then tell us a little bit about the book itself and why they like it. Please send entries into admin@southhill.herts.sch.uk

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR EACH KEY STAGE

Entries can be submitted as paper copies or by email. The deadline is **Friday 3rd November 2023**.

Good Luck!

Class News - Silver Birch

Silver Birch have settled in well into the new roles and expectations of Year 5. We have had a busy few weeks, learning about the Vikings in different areas of the curriculum. In History we have learnt about progression from the Anglo-Saxon era to the Viking takeover, beginning with the battle of Lindisfarne. The children wrote amazing news reports covering all the key facts on the battle and using careful emotive language to hook the audience. The theme of the Vikings continues into our guided reading sessions. We are reading the 'Viking Boy', this is giving us a real insight into the brutality of the battles of the time from a young boy's perspective. In Art we are learning about drawing using lines, tone and shading. This week we sketched a shoe in detail, using all three techniques to create a 3D sketch and we will be using these skills to create a sketch of a dragon's eye in line with our Viking theme.



Grammar Corner—Owls

In year 2 this week we have been looking at conjunctions.

A conjunction is a word that connects phrases or clauses together. These include and, because, when, so, and but. We have been looking at these in our English lessons but recognise conjunctions are used across our curriculum and in speech.



Class Assembly—Ash

Year 3 Ash set the bar high with the first class assembly of this academic year! They told us all about the Stone Age with some drama, a song and lots of interesting facts. They also showcased their ukulele skills to welcome the audience into the hall.



Census Day—Alternative Menu

Thursday 5th October is school Census Day. We are offering an alternative fun school dinner option to try and encourage more children to enjoy a warm meal and sample food from our new supplier "Radish". The more children that have a school meal on this day means more funding awarded to the school from the Government. Funding is precious at the moment and every penny counts. You can help by ordering a school dinner on this day. Please look on the School Gateway app within the next few days for the updated option.

Litter Picking Party Sunday 8 October 2023 from 1 pm - 3 pm

All welcome. The more, the merrier.

Equipment is being borrowed from Dacorum Borough Council and there is a £5 charge for broken/damaged litter picking sticks. Please bring your own if you have one. Mr B will our super DJ.



Eco School

Eco Warriors are in need of the following recyclables: coloured plastic bags, empty and clean tin cans and bottle caps. Please bring them to the school office. Thank you.

Forest School

Our Year 5 classes have created these two brilliant bug hotels over the last two forest school sessions. They used loppers to cut the vegetation needed. We look forward to watching our local resident bugs move in and make themselves at home!



Absence from School

It can be tricky deciding whether to keep your child off school when they are unwell. Please follow this link and it will help you decide if your child should be in school or at home unwell. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



The school office would also like to remind you that your child should remain home for a further 48hrs after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea, to make sure that they are well enough to return and that they do not pass this on to other pupils or staff.

If your child is absent for any reason, please contact the school office by 8.40am on the 1st day of absence. Thank you.

Lost Property Friday









Once again we have many items that have been separated from their owners. We will place the lost property boxes outside the KS1 door on Friday morning and afternoons in the hopes that it can be reunited with the correct child. Please can you make sure **all** items brought into school are named.

Yours sincerely
J Wellbelove
Miss Wellbelove
Headteacher

Attendance matters
Every student, every

South Hill Weekly Attendance

Our target is 97% for the whole school

Wrens	97.2%	
Robins	96.3%	
Goldfinches	96.1%	
Sparrows	97.3%	
Owls	96.7%	
Kingfishers	93%	
Ash	99.3%	
Beech	95.2%	
Holly	99.7%	
Maple	95.9%	
Oak	99.3%	
Silver Birch	97.3%	
Sycamore	97.4%	
Hazel	94.1%	
Whole school	96.8%	

October	
Friday 29th	◆ No Roxolid lunch Club today
Monday 2nd	◆ Black History Week
Wednesday 4th	◆ Individual and sibling Photos 9.15am start ◆ No Street Dance lunch club today
Thursday 5th	◆ School Census day—Special Dinner Menu Option ◆ Maple Class Assembly, 9am ◆ KS2 Harvest Festival - St Johns Church 2pm
Tuesday 10th	◆ Parent Grammar Morning 9am ◆ EYFS & KS1 Harvest Celebration 2.50pm—School Hall
Wednesday 11th	◆ Y6 SATs Evening 5.30pm in School Hall
Monday 16th	◆ Parents Evening 4-7pm
Tuesday 17th	◆ No Game On lunch club today
Wednesday 18th	◆ Y3 Celtic Harmony Class Trip ◆ Y6 Sycamore Class Assembly 9am ◆ Parents Evening 4-7pm
Friday 20th	◆ End of half term 3.15pm finish ◆ Y5 Viking Day in school all day.



Star of the Week



Wrens	Lily
Robins	Baani
Goldfinches	Arlo
Sparrows	Charlie
Owls	Grayson
Kingfishers	Jo-Jo
Ash	Whole Class & Thea
Beech	Myles
Holly	Max
Maple	Mila
Oak	Marija
Silver Birch	Danylo
Sycamore	Sean
Hazel	Rishi

Change of Circumstances

Have you experienced a change of circumstances over the Summer Holidays? Are you in need of some financial assistance?

If you have not already done so, please follow this link in order to claim Free School Meals/milk and additional help that the school may be able to offer you. This link is open to all children from all year groups.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/Schools-and-education/At-school/Free-school-meals/Free-school-meals.aspx>

Attachments

⇒ [Extreme reader Proforma](#)

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

⇒ [Cascade Camps](#)

⇒ [Storm Basketball](#)

⇒ [Census Day Menu](#)