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I am delighted to share that our South Hill Lions, representing Hemel Hempstead Town FC, competed in the Southern Area U11 6-a-side finals in Surrey, winning three matches and drawing two to reach the semi-finals. They beat Bath City 4-0 and then defeated Torquay United 1-0 in the final with a goal from Teddy M. As Southern champions, they now head to Wembley Stadium to face a northern team—marking Hemel Hempstead Town FC's first-ever appearance at Wembley, proudly represented by South Hill Primary School. What an amazing experience!



maintain. We think it is looking beautiful! Now we just need some rain to make sure they do the job properly!

Author Visits

We are very excited to be welcoming two authors to South Hill very soon. The renowned author, Liz Pichon will be joining KS2 children on Tuesday 5th May to talk about her life and sharing her latest book. Then on Thursday May 7th, illustrator and author Aoife Dooley will be talking to KS1 and Early Years children about her life and her latest book. We look forward to welcoming both these inspiring authors to our school



Our Team A Lions football team have also won the district league for the second year running! Congratulations once again!

School Council Assembly— No Phone Zone

On Monday morning, the School Council delivered a confident assembly to parents, focusing on the school value of **Respect**. They shared how they gathered ideas from pupils and staff to drive improvements, including introducing a '**No Mobile Phone Zone**' for parents during drop-off and collection times. This encourages families to talk and engage with their children, supporting communication and wellbeing. Clear signage will be added soon. We are very proud of the School Council for their thoughtful work and positive impact on school life.



Mini London Marathon

South Hill is taking part in the Mini London Marathon in Schools event next week! All classes will be running, jogging or walking a mile to help bring the excitement of the London marathon to our school. Children will **not** need to bring a change of clothes for this event as every child is used to running on our daily mile track. All classes will be doing the event at different times throughout the week.

Maths—Goldfinches

This week in Maths, Year 1 Goldfinches have been learning about arrays. We have explored how objects can be arranged in rows and columns to help us count more efficiently. The children have enjoyed making their own arrays using practical resources and beginning to understand how they link to repeated addition.



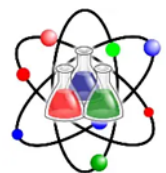
Empowering Minds

This term Year 6 are taking part in Watford FC's 'Empowering Minds' project. The children understand how everyone has mental health, who to talk to about their mental health and what we can do to improve our mental health. During each session the children focus on teamwork, sportsmanship, and resilience.



Class News—Maple

In English this week we have been writing our own setting descriptions using various features we have recently learnt; fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, using our senses. In Maths, we have been learning about decimals; ordering decimals and rounding decimals to the nearest whole. We have particularly enjoyed taking part in our science experiment to test eggs in different liquids to investigate into tooth decay.



Poppy Playtime—Parent Awareness

We've seen renewed interest in *Poppy Playtime* among KS2 pupils. Although it may appear child-friendly, it's a 12+ survival-horror game with jump scares and disturbing themes that can cause anxiety or nightmares. Many children encounter it via YouTube, TikTok, or Roblox. Parents should monitor what their child watches, look for signs of distress, talk openly, and set clear age-appropriate boundaries.

Rain Garden

Our Eco Warriors met with three members of Dacorum Borough Council Growth and Environment team on Wednesday and had a successful planting session in the sunshine! The plants chosen will help to reduce the rainwater in the area and are easy to



Your sincerely,
Miss J Wellbelove
Headteacher





Sport, Health & Wellbeing

Girls Football

The Year 4/5 and 6 football team took part in a football tournament last Thursday at Kings Langley School. The girls played extremely well creating some good opportunities and passed the ball very well. They went up against some very good teams but stayed positive and enjoyed the day throughout. A very good effort from all the girls!



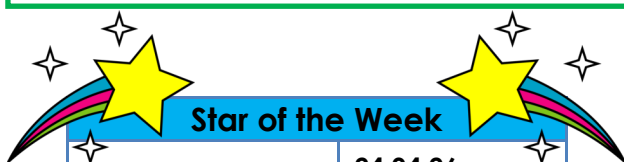
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The A Team Final

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April	
Saturday 25th	◆ Eco Warrior and School Council litter pick 10.15am
Monday 27th	◆ Y2—Ten Tennis Project begins
Tuesday 28th	◆ Wix football tournament 4.45-7pm—Selected students
Wednesday 29th	◆ Y4 Harry Potter Studio tour Class Trip
Thursday 30th	◆ B Team Football Away Two Waters school
May	
Monday 4th	◆ Bank Holiday—School Closed
Tuesday 5th	◆ Author Visit KS2—Liz Pichon
Wednesday 6th	◆ Robins Class Assembly ◆ Tag Rugby Dy—Years 3&4 ◆ Y2 Ten Tennis Project
Thursday 7th	◆ Author Visit EYFS & KS1—Aoife Dooley



Star of the Week



	24.04.26
Rainbow Room	Whole Class
Wrens	Oliver
Robins	Nathaniel H-C
Goldfinches	Alfie
Sparrows	Laura
Owls	Ivaan
Kingfishers	Evie
Ash	Amelie
Beech	William
Holly	Ronnie
Maple	Amy
Oak	Bridget
Silver Birch	Harrison
Sycamore	Libby
Hazel	Dylan

House Points	
Gade	10300
Lea	8400
Colne	7150
Bulborne	9025

Attendance
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Every student, every day.
School Target is 97%

Weekly Attendance Champion	Silver Birch 98.6% 
Whole school	96 % 

Attachments

- ◆ Beavers Recruitment
- ◆ Junior Athletics Academy

[Please follow the link here to see all attachments via our school website](#)