



South Lee Prep School & Nursery Newsletter

Michaelmas Term

8 September 2023

Dates for your Diary - September 2023

Tuesday, 19th:	Year 8 Parents' Coffee Morning at 8.30am U11 Hockey v Orwell Park (H) at 2.30pm
Wednesday, 20th:	U12 Rugby v Thetford Grammar (A) at 2.30pm U13 Hockey v Ipswich High (A) at 3.30pm
Thursday, 21st:	Pre-Prep Grandparents Lunch at 12.10pm U9 Netball v Ipswich High & St Joseph's College (H) at 2.30pm
Friday, 22nd:	U9 Football v Ipswich High & St Joseph's College & St Felix (H) at 2.30pm PTA Family Fun Night: Bingo & Hot Dogs from 5.00pm to 6.30pm
Tuesday, 26th:	Year 7 Parents' Coffee Morning at 8.30pm U11 Hockey v Fairstead House (H) at 2.30pm
Wednesday, 27th:	U12 Rugby v Orwell Park (A) at 2.30pm U13 Hockey v Orwell Park (H) at 2.30pm
Friday, 29th:	U9 Netball v Orwell Park (A) U9 Hockey v Orwell Park (A)

NOTICES

Reception - Year 2 - After School Care

Kindly note that After School Care will now be located in the Year 2 classroom. When you are ready to collect your child, we kindly ask that you visit the school office.

In the event that your arrival is after 5.30pm, we would appreciate it if you could proceed to the green gate and ring the nursery bell. Additionally, we kindly remind you to book these sessions on the Parent Portal in advance.

Parents' Evening (Reception - Year 8)

The Michaelmas Term Parents' Evenings will run from 4.30pm until 7.00pm on Monday 9 October and Tuesday 10 October 2023. These meetings are to discuss how your child has settled into the new academic year and will take place in person in the school hall. Each appointment will last 10 minutes and you will be able to book your appointments from Wednesday 20 September via the Parent Portal. Any questions, please email: office@southlee.co.uk

Celebration Assembly Awards



Pupil of the Week

Akira P for thinking of others

Head's Awards



Nursery- Swans: Millie C for her amazing communication & language **Reception:** Ollie T for his enthusiasm and eagerness to learn | **Year 1:** Reuben T for his zest for learning | **Year 2:** Oliver O'C for always trying his best and challenging himself in all areas of the curriculum | **Year 3:** Elizabeth C for being full of enthusiasm across all subjects | **Year 4:** James C for asking great questions and being engaged in History | **Year 5:** Sener W for great group work in Science | **Year 6:** Isabelle S for her committed attitude to school life | **Year 7:** Maggie P for her amazing debating skills in Parliament | **Year 8:** Euan A for showing full commitment in rugby

Celebration Assembly Awards



Apple Awards (Pre-Prep)



Nursery: Tenley W for an amazing start to South Lee Nursery and Anastacia B for her wonderful and eager attitude to learning **Reception:** Fraser K for his amazing improvement in independence and Beatrice B for her wonderful and eager attitude to learning | **Year 1:** Edison L for trying really hard in handwriting and Axel G for his excellent rules | **Year 2:** William T for a beautiful presentation of work across all subjects and Ezmai B for amazing listening skills and asking lots of questions | **Year 3:** Raif W for fantastic work in English and Ethan T for his productive work in Art



Artist of the Week

Raif W for a beautiful Ming vase design



Players of the Week

Rugby
Henry D

Hockey
Annabelle W



Celebration Assembly Awards

Trinity College London - Music Exams



Year 4: Malakai A-W Year 6: Annabelle W, Evie D and Krrish P Year 7: Eliza B



Musician of the Week

Phoebe M for maintaining a key rhythm on the djembe drums while singing alongside

Featured articles

Year 8 Parents' Coffee Morning

We are delighted to invite you to our upcoming Year 8 Parents' Coffee Morning, a cherished tradition at South Lee Prep School that fosters connection, community, and conversation.

Date: Tuesday, 19 October 2023

Time: 8:30 am

We aim to create a welcoming atmosphere where you can relax and enjoy coffee, tea, and light refreshments while building valuable connections with other parents. It's a chance to strengthen our school community and provide a supportive network for all.

We look forward to your participation and to making this gathering a memorable one filled with laughter, friendship, and fruitful interactions.



Pre-Prep Grandparents Lunch

If you haven't registered yet, please remember that the Pre-prep Grandparents' Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, 21 September 2023.

To reserve your spot, please send an email to office@southlee.co.uk no later than noon on Tuesday, 19 September 2023.

Furthermore, kindly let us know if you have any specific dietary requirements.

Our honoured guests are expected to arrive at the school office by 12 pm. Following a delightful lunch, we'll be offering a pleasant post-lunch tea or coffee experience. We invite you to join us for this elegant and enjoyable family gathering at the school!

Featured articles

Junior Duke

South Lee Prep School proudly presents the Junior Duke Award, an engaging program designed for our students aged approximately 4 to 13. Within this initiative, each primary school year group is provided with an age-specific booklet containing clearly outlined challenges that promote essential life skills.

With one level dedicated to each year, our aim is to encourage children to embark on these challenges, ideally alongside their parents, friends, and grandparents. While some of these skills may be introduced within the school environment, we envision this as a collaborative effort, fostering valuable connections beyond the classroom.

Upon successful completion of the program, the school will proudly reward the children with well-deserved certificates and badges, celebrating their growth and achievement.



Year 4 STEM

On Tuesday, the children should bring their favourite teddy bear or soft toy to class. This will allow them to measure it in preparation for creating a chair that perfectly tailored to its size.

STEM and Science

We are continuously in need of cereal boxes (preferably from nut-free cereals) as they serve a versatile role in numerous projects. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Forest School

We encourage children to bring in waterproof trousers and a waterproof top in either NAVY or RED for their weekly Forest School Sessions. These sessions are all about getting wet, muddy, and fully immersing in the experience. The waterproof attire not only safeguards their regular clothing but also enables them to fully engage in the activities.



Our Journey in Images



In today's IT lesson for the Reception class, we're exploring the world of digital painting. The young artists are discovering the magic of color manipulation as they learn to change hues in their digital artwork. #DigitalPainting 🎨 #ReceptionClass 🧑🏻🧑🏻 #ITLesson 🖥️ #YoungArtists ✨ #CreativeLearning 🧠 #ColorManipulation 🌈

Our Reception pupils had an absolute blast at Forest School this morning, where they immersed themselves in exciting adventures and playful exploration! 🌲☀️

#ForestSchoolAdventures #PlayfulExploration #FunInTheWilderness





CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT



COOKING



HOUSEHOLD CHORES

JUNIOR DUKE AWARD

WORLD LEADING CHILDREN'S LIFE SKILLS AWARD

DEVELOP CONFIDENCE, INDEPENDENCE, RESILIENCE AND WELL-BEING

At our school, we are offering the Junior Duke Award to our pupils. It is a life skills Award for children aged around 4 to 13.

For each of the primary-school year groups, there is an age-appropriate booklet which has clearly explained challenges. There is one level per year. Although some of the skills may be touched on in school, it is hoped that children will spend time completing the challenges with parents, friends and grand parents.

On completion, the school will award the children with their well-earned certificates and badges.

The nine different levels in order:

- Micro Duke,
- Silver Mini Duke,
- Gold Mini Duke,
- Bronze Junior Duke,
- Silver Junior Duke,
- Gold Junior Duke,
- Platinum Junior Duke,
- Silver Senior Duke
- Gold Senior Duke.

WHY CHOOSE TO DO THE JUNIOR DUKE AWARD?



In our fast-paced world, as adults, many of us find that it's simplest and quickest to do things for our children rather than giving them the time to learn, try, fail, make a mess then, finally, master the skills.

It's also tempting to help children as soon as they look as though they are about to fail because we want them to feel success rather than the frustration of not managing a skill...yet.

That is why we are choosing to offer the Junior Duke Award to our pupils this year. We would really like your help, time and guidance with it to allow children the time to get out of their comfort zones to learn to grasp skills like washing their sheets, cooking dinner, doing the shopping and building fires.

We know that sometimes it's hard to stand back and allow them to make mistakes (especially if they may be in danger!) and to give them the responsibility to do certain things independently but we also know how empowered children feel once they learn new skills.

Once a child has learned a skill such as how to make a cup of tea, it's something they should do regularly thereafter so we hope you will help by gently pushing your child to learn new skills and to keep working to improve on their skills.

Who knows, they will hopefully discover they have new passions and talents!



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES



TUESDAY 26th SEPTEMBER

Come to school dressed as
something
or someone European!



Visit our French Cafe at breaktime (run
by the Year 7 & 8s



for 'Chocolate Chaud et un croissant'

Enjoy our European Celebration Lunch

Learn some Flamenco
at Lunchtime!

Take part in fun language
activities in your lessons



Embrace the joys and benefits of learning
different languages!

PTA Insights: What's New?

Back to School FAMILY BINGO

games . prizes . hot dogs

22 September 2023 | 5.00pm to 6.30pm

**Price: £5.00 (includes 6 games of bingo,
dabber, hot dog and a drink)**

Book your tickets: ptachair@southlee.co.uk



PTA Insights: What's New?

SOUTH LEE PTA Lottery

1. The object of the South Lee PTA Lottery is to raise funds for South Lee School PTA. This is a great opportunity for those unable to attend or assist at other PTA events.
 2. The Lottery will be run under the supervision of the PTA who will also administer the Club. The PTA are registered with West Suffolk Council under the Small Society Lotteries.
 3. The lottery is open to all parents, friends and staff of South Lee School.
 4. Members must be over 18 years of age.
 5. Members must fill in an application form (attached).
 6. Entry will be by subscription of £2 per month, per number, 12 months paid in advance, e.g. 1 number at £2 for 12 months = £24 (payable on or before Monday 25th September 2023 please, as first draw will be 1st October 2023).
 7. Members may have more than one number.
 8. This lottery is for a period of 12 months, with 10 draws in that time to coincide with the academic year.
 9. Subscriptions can be made by cash, cheque (made payable to PTA Lottery) or BACS. Bank details are; Barclays; 20-16-12; Account number 23907821, name on account South Lee School PTA Lottery, please reference all payments with your name.
 10. A draw will take place between the 1st and 5th of the months of October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May, June and July.
 11. 45% of the total money will be returned to 3 prize winners each draw;
1st prize = 50% 2nd prize = 30% 3rd prize = 20%
For example if 100 people enter the total prize pot is £1,080 (45% of £2,400). Divided over 10 months first prize would be worth £54, second prize £32.40, third prize £21.60.
 12. The relevant numbers of all paid up members will be entered in the draw for each month.
 13. Registers will be kept recording the name and address of each member, the number(s) allocated to them and the subscriptions received from them (a copy of our privacy policy can be found in the school office).
 14. Winners will be contacted by phone, e-mail or by our Facebook group, and prizes can be collected from the school office.
 15. If a winner cannot be contacted, the winnings will be placed into PTA Funds after 3 months.
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PTA Insights: What's New?

South Lee School PTA Lottery Application Form

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR VIA EMAIL TO PTATREASURER@SOUTHLEE.CO.UK AND YOUR CASH OR CHEQUE TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2023. IF PAYING BY TRANSFER YOUR NUMBER IS NOT SECURE UNTIL THE PAYMENT IS RECEIVED. Bank details are; Barclays; 20-16-12; Account number 23907821, Name on account; South Lee PTA main account, please reference all payments with your name.

Name: _____
(Applicant must be over 18)

Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Amount of numbers required : _____

Payment made = amount of numbers x £24 : £ _____

Method of payment (please circle) Cash Cheque Transfer

Please make cheques payable to South Lee School PTA

Signed: _____

*Please ensure you fill in all your details above or we cannot allocate you a number in the South Lee School PTA Lottery.

* By signing this form you are declaring that you have received and accept the rules of South Lee School PTA Lottery

* By providing your personal details above you consent to South Lee PTA holding your personal data for the purposes of administering the PTA Lottery. You also agree that we may publish your name in school correspondence and social media outlets in the event of winning a prize. South Lee PTA will collect and store your data in accordance with applicable data protection laws and will delete all data within 1 month of the final draw.

Community engagement

Discover the Beauty of Nowton Court Village's Award-Winning Garden

Nowton Court Village welcomes the local community to experience the beauty of their Bury in Bloom - Silver Award Winning garden on Saturday, 30 September 2023 from 11.00am] to 3.00pm.

Nestled within Nowton Court Manor House's stunning grounds, this garden is a serene oasis featuring immaculate flower beds, fragrant herb gardens, and picturesque paths, offering tranquillity to all.

But it's not just a garden tour. The event offers a day of community engagement:

- Raffle: Exciting prizes await in the raffle, generously provided by local businesses.
- Cakes: Satisfy your sweet cravings with homemade treats.
- Bric-a-Brac: Discover hidden treasures among eclectic bric-a-brac stalls.
- Craft Stalls: Support local artisans with unique handmade crafts and gifts.
- Live Music: Enjoy live performances by local talents, including Forever Living and Pale & Fade Clothing.

This event also serves a noble cause. All proceeds will be donated to My Wish charity, the local NHS charity that enhances healthcare services.

Mark your calendar for 30 September 2023 and join us in celebrating nature's beauty, community spirit, and charitable giving at Nowton Court Village.

Your presence makes a difference in the lives of others while creating cherished memories in a picturesque setting. Don't miss it!

