



South Lee Prep School & Nursery Newsletter

Lent Term

8 March 2024

Dates for your Diary - March 2024

Monday, 11th:	U9 Hockey Tournament - Littlegarth (A) at 2.00pm U9 Rugby Tournament - Littlegarth (A) at 2.00pm
Tuesday, 12th:	Year 1 Trip to West Stow
Wednesday, 13th:	U13 Netball v Orwell Park & Culford (A) at 2.00pm U12 Football v Kings' Ely (A) at 2.30pm U11 Netball v Ipswich High (H) at 2.30pm U11 Football v Kings' Ely (A) 2.30pm
Thursday, 14th:	Martineau Lecture: A View from Gresham's by Alan Stromberg
Friday, 15th:	Red Nose Day (Comic Relief) Year 7 Senior Duke Expedition U9 Hockey v Barnardiston Hall (H) at 2.30pm U9 Rugby v Barnardiston Hall (H) at 2.30pm PTA Family Game Night at 5.15pm
Saturday, 16th:	East Anglian Prep Schools' Cross Country Championships (A) at 1.15pm
Monday, 18th:	Pre-Prep Swimming club ends
Wednesday, 20th:	Creative Trip departs at 9.00am
Thursday, 21st:	Pre-Prep Verse Speaking Finals (R - Y3)
Friday, 22nd:	Non-Uniform Day in exchange for Easter Eggs for West Suffolk Hospital Easter Activities & Egg Hunt Easter Lunch Creative Trip returns at 4.00pm TERM ENDS

Dates for your Diary - April 2024

Monday, 15th:	Nursery & Staff Inset Day (Nursery & School is Closed)
Tuesday, 16th:	Nursery is Open Staff Inset Day (School is Closed)
Wednesday, 17th:	Term Begins - Pupils Return to School at 8.30am

Notice

Attendance and Absence

For child absences, please call **01284 754654** or email [office](mailto:office@southlee.co.uk). If we haven't heard from you by 9am, our School Secretary will contact you to inquire about the absence. Please keep children at home until they've been symptom-free for 48 hours after sickness or diarrhoea. Unexplained absences are marked as unauthorised, so please inform us in advance for medical/dental appointments. Leave of absence will only be granted under exceptional circumstances by the Headteacher. Email the [school office](mailto:school.office@southlee.co.uk) to request authorised leave.

Celebration Assembly Awards



We are delighted to share some heartwarming news from our baby room. Last year, Hugo, one of our cherished members, was diagnosed with retinoblastoma. Despite facing this challenging journey, Hugo has demonstrated incredible determination and resilience, always wearing a radiant smile on his face.

We are thrilled to announce that Hugo recently rang the bell on the C3 ward, marking the completion of his treatment. Now, he is back with us at nursery, reconnecting with his friends and enjoying his time once again.

As we continue to offer our prayers and support for Hugo's ongoing recovery, we are overjoyed to share another special milestone. Today, Hugo becomes the youngest member of our South Lee family to receive a Head's Award, honouring his exceptional bravery throughout his courageous battle.

Let us all celebrate Hugo's strength and positivity, and join together in wishing him continued health and happiness.

Celebration Assembly Awards



PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Derrick D for showing passion for reading and asking thoughtful questions to our author

Head's Awards



Nursery- Swans: **Alec B** for transitioning beautifully into pre-school | Reception: **Daphne B** for great excitement when exploring apparatus in gymnastics | Year 1: **Emilia L** for a fantastic week | Year 2: **Hubert B** for great progress in reading | Year 3: **Albert B** for fantastic enthusiasm with his writing | Year 4: **Rachel S** for contributing in Science and STEM lessons | Year 5: **Harry T** for working hard on joining his handwriting | Year 6: **Lola G** for being quietly efficient | Year 7: **Krrish P** for embracing all opportunities | Year 8: **Alfie B** for being upbeat and hardworking all week



Celebration Assembly Awards



Apple Awards (Pre-Prep)



Nursery: **Francis B** for fantastic growth and development and **Archie H** for showing care and passion when painting his sunflower for Mother’s Day | **Reception:** **Darren D** for great experimentation with pitch using xylophones and **Lincoln T** for fantastic improvement in reading | **Year 1:** **Axel G** for his perseverance with his numbers over 30 and **Edison L** for working hard on his sentences | **Year 2:** **Beatrice D** for good partner work in Maths and **Zuri J** for a careful design of her magic box | **Year 3:** **Thomas W** for excellent work with measurement in Maths and **Shia W-B** for great descriptive writing in English



Artist of the Week

Millie C for a complete love of Art and all it entails



Players of the Week

Football
David O’S-J

Netball
U11 Netball Team for winning the BSE School’s Netball Tournament



Musicians of the Week

Florence A for her continued commitment to the show rehearsals



Empowering Futures, Celebrating Women: International Women's Day



For International Women's Day, we approached three of our pupils and inquired about the women who inspire them. We also prompted them to recall a notable historical woman who has left a profound mark on the world. Furthermore, we delved into the importance of commemorating International Women's Day. Here are their enlightening responses!

1. Who is a woman that inspires you, and why?

Agnes L: Miss Mandie, my ballet teacher, has been a source of inspiration, not only to me but to many others. She has helped me perform on stage and to achieve my grades. She dances wonderfully and I'd like to dance like her one day.

Amalie C: Mummy because she balances being a mother and working, always managing to make time for us.

Pip F: A woman who truly inspires me is Kya, my horse riding instructor. Her remarkable tenacity, hard work, and patience are qualities I deeply admire.

2. Can you name one famous woman from history who made a significant impact in the world?

Agnes L: Rosa Parks stood up for herself and others, just by sitting down. She lived in a time where black and white people could not mix. This was called segregation. I am really glad that Rosa stood up for herself, otherwise I would not have the great friends and teachers that I have here at South Lee Prep School.

Amalie C: Rosa Parks for changing the way we think about racism.

Pip F: my great-great-aunt, Dame Elizabeth Lane, the first woman appointed as a judge in the County Court, the first female High Court judge in England, and the first female bencher.

3. Why is it important to celebrate International Women's Day?

Agnes L: because it's important to recognise women's achievements and raise awareness about discrimination.

Amalie C: it is important to celebrate International Women's Day because women can change the world

Pip F: because it provides women with a voice and an opportunity to advocate for what they believe is right.

Our Journey in Images



Our Year 6 pupils stole the spotlight during drama class with their delightful in-class production of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears"!
#GoldilocksAndTheThreeBears #DramaClassDelight #Year6Stars



Congratulations to our South Lee U11 netball players for triumphing in the BSE School's Netball tournament yesterday, competing against Abbots Green Academy, Great Whelnetham Primary, Tollgate Primary, Westgate Primary, Barrow Primary, Guildhall Feoffment Primary, Hardwick Primary, Sebert Wood Primary, and Clare Primary Schools. Well done!



Year 2 had a splendid time in maths, measuring and estimating in metres and centimetres!
#MathsFun #Measurement

Our Journey in Images



Our Year 3 pupils had a blast during Viking Day at school! From Viking helmets to Norse mythology, it was a day filled with excitement and learning. Here's to more fun-filled adventures ahead!



Another brilliant day at the pool for our Year 1 swimmers! They dived into the water with enthusiasm and showed great progress in their swimming skills. It's wonderful to see their confidence growing each week. Keep up the fantastic work, Year 1! #SwimmingStars #Year1



Our Journey in Images



South Lee pupils and teachers truly outdid themselves with their incredible costumes for World Book Day! From classic literary characters to modern heroes, their creativity and enthusiasm were simply outstanding. It was a joy to see them embrace the magic of storytelling through their attire.

☀️ #WorldBookDay #SouthLeePrep

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We had the pleasure of hosting the incredible author Emma Bidwell today for #WorldBookDay! As a former South Lee pupil, Emma's journey resonated deeply with our community, proving that dreams really do come true. The children were buzzing with excitement to meet her, and we're sure her presence has sparked the creativity of budding authors among them. Thank you, Emma, for such an inspiring day!
#AuthorVisit #Literature #Inspiration

Our Journey in Images



A heartfelt thank you goes out to Chef Rachel for crafting the delectable lunch spread that made our World Book Day celebrations even more special! From savoury delights to sweet treats, every bite was a delight to savour. Your attention to detail and dedication to providing such delicious fare truly made our day. We are immensely thankful for your culinary skills and the dedication you put into it. Thank you, Chef Rachel - we absolutely loved every mouthful! #WorldBookDay



We are thrilled to announce that our table tennis champions have emerged victorious in the BSE School's Table Tennis Tournament! Huge congratulations to our talented players for their outstanding performance against formidable opponents from Barrow Primary, Clare Primary, Sebert Wood Primary, Guildhall Feoffment Primary, Hardwick Primary, St Edmundsbury Primary, and Sexton Manor Primary Schools.

Well done team! 🎉



PTA Insights: What's New?

A vibrant, dark blue poster for a Bingo Night event. The background is decorated with various gaming icons: bingo balls with numbers (7, 19, 35), a roulette wheel, a calculator, and a starburst. At the top center is a crest with a shield containing a stylized 'S' and 'L' monogram, with the motto 'OMNES INGENIUM HABEMUS' below it. The main text 'BINGO NIGHT' is in large, bold, orange-outlined letters. A red ribbon banner across the middle contains the date '15.3.2024'. Below the banner, white text describes the event: 'Join us for a fun night of Family BINGO! Just £5 per person includes your BINGO card, a hot dog, and drink. Prepayment requested by 14 March.' Further down, it lists 'FOOD | DRINKS | PRIZES' in yellow, followed by 'Door Opens At 5:15pm' and a red button that says 'ALL FAMILY WELCOME!' in white. The bottom of the poster features more gaming icons, including a roulette wheel and bingo balls.

SOUTH LEE PTA PRESENTS

BINGO NIGHT

15.3.2024

Join us for a fun night of Family BINGO! Just £5 per person includes your BINGO card, a hot dog, and drink. Prepayment requested by 14 March.

PTA Bank Details: Acct 60838624 Sort Code 20-16-12
Please let us know of any dietary requirements

FOOD | DRINKS | PRIZES

Door Opens At 5:15pm

ALL FAMILY WELCOME!