



Diversity Day

Monday 27th March was a Diversity Day. This time, the focus was on autism awareness as part of National Autism Awareness Week. The F.A. B. team ran some interactive workshops helping the children to understand a bit more about what it means and how it feels to have autism.

We were grateful to have three visitors (Clare, Sylvia and Yemi) come in to talk about their experience of having an autistic child. This was so interesting and helpful.

All the children also watched a BBC 'Newsround' special called 'My Autism and Me' (you can find it on YouTube). Some of our other exercises included solving a very difficult brainteaser whilst listening to really loud music and cymbals crashing. This helped us to empathise with how a classroom can sound like to children with autism.

Here are some thoughts from the children:

"I learnt that all people with autism don't act the same." -
Y3 girl, Robin Class

"My thought is that we should not judge them by their behaviour or how they react to things differently. Sometimes you have to be patient."
Y6 boy, Sycamore Class

"Our activity station was about how change can be difficult for people with autism. We asked the children how it felt being forced to try new and strange food and explained that dealing with changes like a different teacher or a toy in a different place can feel for some people with autism. We also talked about some famous and successful people who have autism."
Y4 member of the F.A.B team, Starling Class

EYFS Performance

During the last week of the spring term, the Nursery and Reception children performed their show to a packed audience. This year they performed 'I Love Music'. The children's singing and dancing was amazing as was their instrument playing. The audience were taken on a musical adventure around the world. There was high praise from the parents who came to see it. We are very proud of the children's performance.

Nursery admissions – if your child is born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 they are eligible for start Nursery in September 2017. Have you applied?

School Uniform

We are now using Price & Buckland to supply our school uniform. Please use this link:

www.pbparentsonline.co.uk/southwarkpark to create an account to get uniform delivered to your home address.



Dates for the diary

Wednesday 24th May –
School Disco
1.30 – Reception
2.15 – Y1 & Y2
4.30 – 6.00 – Y3 to Y6

Friday 26th May – School finishes at normal time for half term

Monday 5th June – Children back to school



Science Week

During the week Monday 20th March, Southwark Park held a Science week which was organised by Mr Chan. Lots of exciting science experiments took place in the classes, as well as workshops and visitors coming into school.

We had guest female scientists come in to promote working in the science field. The children were able to ask questions about the work they do and find out more.

Key Stage 1 children attended a workshop entitled 'Explosive Earth' while Key Stage 2's workshop was called 'Dry Ice'. Further information and photographs can be viewed on the school website at

<http://www.southwarkparkschool.co.uk/gallery/spring-term-2016-17/science-week/>



International Food Afternoon

During a busy last week of term, the Parents Association and Ms. Conradi held our annual International Food Afternoon. Thank you to the generosity of the parents and families who kindly prepared food and gave their time to serve it. The food was delicious as always and it gave a great opportunity for people to come together.

Thank you also to Mr. Rathbone and the multi-media club for providing the entertainment.

The Parents Association need donations for the Summer Fair. If you're having a spring clean and come across anything that they can use please leave at the school office for the Attention of the PA.

30 hours for Nursery

From September 2017, the government is introducing 15 additional funded hours for 3 & 4 year olds for working parents. For further information please contact Mrs. Foreman or look at Southwark's website :

http://www.2.southwark.gov.uk/info/200016/childcare/710/free_early_education_entitlement/4



Attendance & Punctuality

It was with great pleasure that 40 children at Southwark Park got awarded a silver attendance badge. This means that they have been at school every day from September to March, autumn and spring terms.

69 children were awarded bronze badges, these children achieved 100% attendance during the spring term.

Another 64 children achieved attendance of over 98% during the spring term.

This means that 173 children (49%) of Y1 to Y6 achieved 98%+ attendance from January to March 2017. Well done to them!