



Maths Workshops

Last week and this week, we held Maths workshops from nursery to year 6. Each class focused on fluency with basic skills. It has been delightful seeing so many parents working alongside their children to support their mathematical thinking. During the course of two weeks, we had over 150 parents participating in the workshops!



The games and strategies demonstrated in class are all activities that can be replicated at home to support your children's fluency. When children are able to memorise and recall their basic facts, they are able to solve more challenging problems that involve reasoning and problem solving skills. If you have any questions about Maths please feel free to talk to Mr. Sinko before or after school.

Year 6 Spotlight

This is Bob and Summer from Year 6 and we want to tell you about all the amazing things we are doing in Year 6. You may think it is all SAT's but we have a lot of fun and learn a lot of cool things.

In English, we are creating suspense in our stories about the *Wedding Ghost*. To help us with English, we are doing drama with Louise. These lessons help us improve our writing and helps us visualise the story. In Maths we are working on fractions, percentages and decimals.

At the moment we love Geography! We are learning about biomes and recording our facts down in our team books. We even got to decorate the front cover of our books. See year 6 is a lot of fun!

Disability Workshops

This week children have been participating in disability workshops to support their understanding and respect for diversity within our school and in their day-to-day lives. Each workshop focused on respecting others who many need extra support to accomplish their goals. The children had the opportunity to learn about assistive technology and steering a wheelchair. As a school, we discussed how a disability may be mental or physical and how both types of disabilities are important to understand and embrace.

To help prepare for the workshops, the children have been reading stories with characters who have a disability and the school council members led an activity in their classroom to research and learn about opportunities for people with disabilities. They even learned about famous people that have a disability and how they have overcome difficulties in life so they can achieve their goals and succeed. This work links to our teaching about rights and how we can support people with disabilities to live a full life with dignity.

One child had this to say about the disability workshops:

'I learnt that people with disabilities can do lots of things like me, but in different ways. I can do some things independently, but others might need someone to help. I liked when children from our class went on the manual wheelchair and had to wheel around.'



Attendance

Our school-wide attendance since September is 95.7%. This is slightly below the government's expectation of 96%.

The top four classes for this term are:

- Sparrow at 97.9%
- Willow at 97.8%
- Beech and Bluebell at 97%

It is important that children come to school every day on time.

Calendar of Events

February

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	9:00 - 10:00 Nursery 1 Stay and Play Beech trip; Museum of London Docklands Disability workshop	9:00 - 10:00 Reception Stay and play Willow trip; Museum of London Docklands	Nursery 2 Stay and Play Disability workshop			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		9:00 - 10:00 Coffee morning with Trefor Lloyd; Managing Behaviour				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Safer internet day Nursery Parents Evening		Reception- Y6 Parents Evening			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Half Term	Half Term	Half Term	Half Term	Half Term		
24	25	26	27	28	29	1
Children return to school	Year 2 trip; Sea Life London		Choir concert @ Tooley Street	15:00 - 15:20 School journey meeting for Year 5 parents		

Right of the Week

Focus right of the week:

A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible, independence and to play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to support disabled children and their families (*Article 23*).

Pupils say this is important because:

'...everyone should be respected. You shouldn't be treated differently if you are different from other people, we are all still human beings.'

- Key Stage 1 Pupil from Daffodil

'...if you have a disability doesn't mean you should be treated any differently. We are just human beings that have feelings.'

- Key Stage 2 Pupil from Beech

Caretaker's Interview—By Myzat

What year did you start working at Southwark Park School?

Steve: I have been working at Southwark Park School for a long time, 17 years.

Lee: I have been here 5 years now!

What does your job involve?

Lee and Steve: We make sure everything in the building is maintained and that it is a safe environment for the staff and children.

Do you fix everything in the school?

Lee: No, we don't fix everything but we do fix most things in the school.

Steve: Sometimes we have to get contractors in to fix things, like the electric and the lift.

Do you have fun at work?

Lee: Yes, it can be fun especially watching Steve climb up the ladder.

Steve: Yes, it can be fun but I have to keep my eye on Lee sometimes he gets up to mischief.

What is your favourite thing about working at Southwark Park?

Lee and Steve: Our favourite thing about working at Southwark Park School is seeing all the wonderful staff and children.

What is your least favourite thing about working at Southwark Park?

Lee: Getting up early and sorting the ice in the playground and finishing late when it's dark!

Steve: Sweeping all the leaves in the playground that have fallen off the trees.



Drop-off and Pick-up Reminders

As you know, the beginning and end of day are very busy times on the playground. To help ensure dismissal is smooth and orderly, please remember to walk bikes and scooters on the playground and through the school building.

In addition, please remember to have your mobile phones put away. For safeguarding purposes, we need to make sure distractions are kept at a minimum and handover time is as safe as possible. At this time of day, teachers need the opportunity to inform you about the day if needed. This is also a great time to ask you children about what they have been learning in class. Many thanks for your co-operation!

Dates to Remember

Our next PTA meeting will be on Monday 10th February 2020. We hope to see many of you there at 2:30!

Parent's Evening is:

- 11th February starting at 3:30 - for Nursery
- 13th February starting at 2:00 - for Reception to Y6