



SOUTH WITHAM ACADEMY NEWS

What an amazing penultimate week of the school year! This week, Otters have been on a trip to Oakham museum and castle to help support their learning about Crime and Punishment. It appears that some of our children quite like the idea of corporal punishment!

All children in the school are beginning to think ahead to next year and to help their transition, they have spent some time with their new class teacher. It was lovely to walk around school and see them all with their new classmates.

On Thursday the poor weather tried to stay but we did get a little damp during our school sports day. What a great event! The children worked with great determination and courage as they completed their races. It was great to see the sportmanship both when winning and losing races - the smiles at the finish were a sight to see. Well done to all of the children and well done to **BELTON** house, who were the overall winners by just 1 point!

Also this week, we received our Key Stage 2 SATS results. The children in Year 6 did exceptionally well, which is no less than they deserved after all of their hard work and effort. As a school, we did considerably better than the national averages for reading, writing, maths and GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling). We are so proud of them and I want to say thank you to you parents too for your continued support in all that we do.

Next week we look forward to sharing time with our Year 6 leavers before they move on to secondary school.

Hot off the press - we have just received very exciting news today about our school games sports mark (see page 5).

I hope you have a great weekend

Mr Atter



UPCOMING DIARY DATES

THURSDAY 20TH JUL - LEAVER ASSEMBLY AT 9.15AM

THURSDAY 20TH JUL - LEAVERS PARTY AFTER SCHOOL

FRI 21ST JUL: LAST DAY OF TERM 6

MON 4TH SEPT: FIRST DAY OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

HOUSE POINT TOTALS



BURGHLEY

9798

BELTON

9396

WOOLSTHORPE

9098



Little Hedgehogs

This week we have been very busy in Little Hedgehogs. We have been playing in shaving foam, painting and making boats to see if they will float or sink in the water tray. They all floated! Our older Hedgehogs have had a visit to their new class and met their new teachers on Thursday and they even got to eat lunch in the hall with all the other children. Please apply sun cream before nursery and send in a jumper and a named sun hat every day.



Squirrels

This week in Squirrel Class we have been very busy again! The children took part in sports day and had an amazing time. We had been practising the obstacle course, relay and athletic events this week in preparation and they all had a wonderful time. They were VERY happy with their ice creams from the PTA at the end of the event!



Rabbits

What a busy week! The children have loved the activities this week. We had lots of fun at sports day and enjoyed the ice-creams. We have also been busy with our DT skills and the children did really well with designing and making their moving vehicles. They enjoyed sawing the wood- supervised of course- and fixing all the parts together for the axle and chassis. We had some success too with the balloon power which we added to make our little cars zoom along. Alongside this, we have been finding out about lighthouses, writing letters from the lighthouse and are going to be designing our lighthouses next week. We are hoping to add a working light at the top and we will be thinking of how to make a winch too.



Otters

Otters will be absolutely exhausted by the end of this week - we have fitted in so much excitement and learning! We had our trip on Tuesday to Oakham Museum and Castle, to learn more about crime and punishment, and to take part in a mock trial in the Castle - there were some very harsh judges among our group!! We then performed for you all on Wednesday at our Ukulele Concert - it was nerve-wracking but the children performed brilliantly! Then Abdullah's parents came in to share some of their favourite foods with us - that was delicious! We had our final swim, and we are so proud of the progress the children have made. Then we had Sports' Day!! What an amazing week it has been!!



Badgers

In our penultimate week in Badger Class, we have fitted in lots of wonderful experiences for the children once again.

On Tuesday the Year 6 children prepped delicious food with Mr Mason and Mrs Kataiwai ready to serve to parents and staff at the Gala Dinner. Year 5 supported by making placecards and lettering in order to ensure the hall looked inviting for the guests.

On Wednesday we were all treated to traditional food from Pakistan, prepared by Noorudin's parents in Mrs Parish's kitchen. It was lovely to see the well-mannered children eating the delicious food together and the beams of pride from Noorudin's parents to have cooked for them.

Thursday saw us narrowly escaping the rain to enjoy a wonderful sports day.

Of course, we have also been practising our Leaver's Assembly so get those tissues ready!

Thank you for some lovely feedback about the children's reports. It's heartwarming to know you appreciate the time and thought that goes into writing them. Mrs Lait



HEAD TEACHER AWARD WINNERS



This week our
attendance
winners are
SQUIRRELS with
100%

READING AWARD WINNERS



Sports Awards

On Monday, Mr Atter and Mrs Caucutt attended the Rutland Sports Awards at Greetham Valley Golf Club with some of our families. We were nominated for Fair Play Primary School by another school. We had a couple of winners on the night! Isla Rae won for her hard work and effort as a play leader in school! She does an amazing job with our younger children! Our other winner was Mrs Caucutt for the 2nd year running! She won an 'unsung hero' award. This is massively deserved for all the hard work behind the scenes and ensuring our children can get to events to participate! Congratulations to both! We are so proud of everyone that received a nomination and continue to shine at sport. Well done!



YR 6 Gala Dinner

Our Year 6 children absolutely surpassed themselves this week and presented their parents with the most delicious meal cooked by them with the help of Mr Mason.

They were the perfect waiters/waitresses with impeccable attention to detail.

Well done Year 6!





Sports Day and our New School Games Mark

We achieved PLATINUM Award!

We are delighted to announce that South Witham Academy, have achieved the School Games Platinum Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year (the highest accreditation you can receive!).

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include attending more than twenty-five events and ensuring that every child in school has gone to an event or has taken part in one in school.

With a total of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

Congratulations South Witham Academy! We have gone from strength to strength in sport this year and were even nominated by another school for the fair play award at the Sports Awards Night for the children's excellent manners, teamwork and being fantastic ambassadors for our school.

