



SOUTH WITHAM ACADEMY NEWS

We have had a fabulous week in school this week with lots of busy learning going on.

Badgers have been getting to grips with fractions in maths and understanding components of fire in Science. Otters have had a wonderful learning experience at Oakham museum - they enhanced their learning about the Victorians. They have also been learning about the bones in the human skeleton! Ask them how many bones an adult has and how this compares to a new-born baby - I was shocked when I found this out! Woodlands have been using the book 'Lost and Found' in lots of areas of their learning - they have been really hooked on this. And in Little Hedgehogs, the children have been looking at the book 'Aliens love underpants!'

Today, our basketball team qualified for the finals by coming through the qualifying rounds. Mrs Kataiwei said the children did themselves proud after a heavy defeat and managed to bounce back to win several games in order to qualify. the finals will be held on Friday 26th Jan.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mr Atter



UPCOMING DIARY DATES

- 24th Jan** - Young Voices YR 6
- 19th Jan** - YR 5/6 Sportshall Athletics comp
- 26th Jan** - Basketball Finals at USSC
- 16th Feb** - End of Term 3
- 26th Feb** - Start of Term 4

We are looking to recruit parent / family helpers to come into school to listen to some readers. It is a lovely opportunity to get involved in school life and support our wonderful children. If anyone feels they would like to offer some time, please contact Mrs Caucutt in the office and we will make arrangements to secure times and days.



HOUSE POINT TOTALS

BURGHLEY

BELTON

WOOLSTHORPE



1860

1739

1993



Little Hedgehogs



This week in Little Hedgehogs we have been looking at the book *Aliens love underpants!* The children have found it very funny laughing at the different colour and sized pants that the Aliens wear on their heads. We have been designing our own pants and decorating pictures of aliens and have also put up a washing line for the Hedgehogs to peg up some pants.

We have experimented with adding cornflour and water into different sized containers which the Hedgehogs loved playing with and with the junk modelling we made our own aliens.



Woodlands



Our first full week back! The children have really enjoyed being back in school and we have done lots of exciting activities such as, a forest school session which the children thoroughly enjoyed! The children absolutely love working outside. In English we have been looking at the book *Lost and Found*, the children have worked very hard to sequence and retell the story! The squirrels have been working very hard to create a lost poster for the penguin, their work is super.

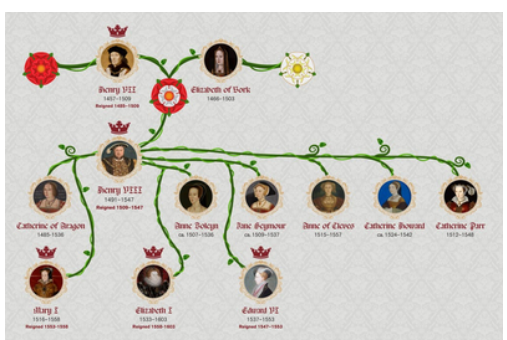
In history our focus this term is Grace Darling, we have been so excited to learn about her and why she is a significant figure. Alongside learning about Grace Darling, we have been learning about climate in Geography, the children love sharing stories about different places they have travelled to and what the weather was like there.

Reminder - PE days for this term are Wednesdays and Thursdays.



Badgers

Our first full week in Badgers and it has been packed full of wonderful learning! In maths we have continued with our work on fractions, learning how to use multiplication and division skills to show equivalent fractions or to simplify them. In English we have been reading some more of the novel 'Treasure' identifying historical vocabulary and considering how we can use the text to write a newspaper article. In History, we have learnt who the Tudor family were and when they lived. In Science we have been learning about the irreversible change of burning and carried out an investigation with tea-lights and three different sized glasses.



Otters



We have had a really exciting week in Otters. Our trip to Oakham Museum was brilliant - we learned lots about how Victorians lived, especially how they washed their clothes, and loved looking at all of the different artefacts.

We also had a chance to make scrapbooks and a Victorian toy! Thank you to the parents who joined us - we hope you had fun too!



PRIDE OF SOUTH WITHAM



Always Club

YAY!



Readers of the Week!



Attendance Superstars
 this week
 goes to
OTTERS
 AGAIN with
95%

CAREERS WEEK

Careers week is the first week in March and we would like to invite in anyone that would like to discuss their job with our classes.

Your job or career, can be anything. We would like you to give a talk to each class to explain what you do and how you got into the role. If you would like to volunteer for this, or know someone that would like to come in, please contact Mrs Caucutt in the office.

Attendance is something we celebrate each week in our Celebration Assembly on a Friday.

We are required to collate and update the attendance figures for the local authority each week.

Going forward we will be monitoring attendance closely to ensure that we are hitting the targets given to the school by the DFE.

ATTENDANCE LETTERS

Six times a year, we are required to send out updated attendance reports for each child. You will have received this in the last few weeks.

Please be reminded that our register closes at 9am and children arriving after this time are recorded as late, or absent after 9:20am.

The Wrap Club will NOT be on after school on Friday 19th January.



to this one for celebrating his birthday today!

Year 6 Basketball Competition



This morning, our Year 6 basketball team went to the qualifiers at USSC. They showed true resilience and determination and eventually qualified for the FINALS in a couple of weeks! Well done TEAM SWA!



What Children & Young People Need to Know about

FREE VS HATE SPEECH

Everyone in the UK has the right of “freedom of expression”. That’s the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It’s *not* the right to say whatever you want without regard for others’ feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use this right properly: being respectful and inclusive to those around us, rather than making offensive and threatening remarks. That’s called ‘hate speech’ and knowing the difference is incredibly important.

Free speech is a person’s legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. This freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights legislation, and here’s what it does for us in our day-to-day lives ...

The Human Rights Act 1988 states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely – even if their views are unpopular and might offend others.

Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It’s important to respect someone’s opinion, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.

Any concept could potentially offend someone. Galileo’s theories were incredibly offensive to many at the time, while not everyone agrees with Darwin, even today. A frequent exchange of ideas is vitally important for a healthy society.

Free speech allows us to engage people we disagree with in a debate. The ability to challenge others’ views is healthy – while having *ours* challenged helps us learn how to deal with criticism and think deeply about what we say and believe.

Freedom of expression includes the right *not* to do something, like not standing up for – or singing – the national anthem. Even though some people would find that offensive, it isn’t illegal. By law, nobody can force you to say anything you don’t want to.

Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights – such as women being allowed to vote, decent working conditions or same-sex marriage – couldn’t have been achieved without it.

Hate speech refers to any communication – like talking, texting or posting online – that negatively targets a group or an individual because they are perceived to be different in some way. Demonsing and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs would all count as hate speech. Here are some common forms it takes...

Targeting people or groups because of a protected characteristic – like race, gender identity, sexuality, nationality, religion or a disability – and verbally abusing them with slurs and name-calling. The Equality Act 2010 has more information on this.

Content that dehumanises people based on the same characteristics: referring to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example. Separating the target from other human beings is usually an attempt to justify the speaker’s bigotry.

Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying and glorifying those actions. Suggesting that a certain group should be removed from society could be seen as a call to arms, for example – potentially putting people from that group in danger.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way. This kind of thinking is always incorrect – but can be incredibly harmful to the group in question.

Spreading damaging misinformation about a person or group that the speaker views as “different” – essentially, trying to turn others against them by lying. Someone might claim that a recent tragedy is the fault of this entire group, when this is simply not possible.

Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are. This has been illegal in the UK for a long time – but some people still try to promote the exclusion of others, which can cause a huge amount of distress.

Meet Our Expert

The Global Equality Collective is an online community for homes, schools and businesses, a collective of hundreds of subject matter experts in diversity, equality and inclusion, and the organisation behind the GEC app, the world’s first app for diversity, equality and inclusion.

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#WakeUpWednesday

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