



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week commencing Monday 13th November 2017



Ethos statement: We believe that through individual commitment, self discipline, integrity and respect for others, we inspire everyone to learn.

Accelerated Reader – Mr Whitfield

It has been an exciting week for the Accelerated Reader programme, which has celebrated all the successes of the first half term for Year 7.

The Book Power Board

Olivia Porter, Amir Abukar, Mobariz Richard, Yusuf Utku, Mathis Badal Israel Kalo. Amelia Morrison and Enzo Tejero were all selected by their English teachers for demonstrating the most effort with the Accelerated Reader Programme, and having the highest levels of engaged time (time spent every day reading).

On Thursday 2nd November, these students were thrown a library party, with food and a big box of new books. These students spent the hour selecting books they wanted to see in the Library for them and their friends.

Mathis Badal said "This has been a very good opportunity for us to be able to choose books that we want in our library. The party was very exciting and we had a lot of fun"



The Million Word Reader Club

This week Ms Swann awarded Fateeh Sroya with a £20 voucher and the first place in the prestigious "Million Word Reader Club". Her photo will be displayed on the Million Board in the Library and she will join the other members of the club at a special lunch with The Principal / Head Teacher later in the year.



Dates for your Diary

24th November 2017 – Skills London Day

24th November 2017 – Year 7 & 8 Drop Down Day

24th November 2017 – IEAP Day

4th December 2017 – INSET Day

14th December 2017 – UCAS application deadline

22nd December 2017 – Academy breaks for Christmas Holiday

8th January 2017 – Academy Resumes



Thought for the Week

"Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did."

Newt Gingrich

Estonian Visitors – Ms Breen

Southfields Academy was host to a group of Estonian teachers and school managers this week who were visiting the UK to learn about school leadership. The group, from primary and secondary schools, were keen to share best practice and had the opportunity to quiz our Principal, Ms Valin, about how the leadership team here is structured and how it works.

The group also enjoyed a tour of the Academy with Deputy Headteacher, Mr Holt, visiting lessons and viewing our facilities. All were very impressed with what they saw with one commenting "The Academy runs very smoothly and the quality of the education offered is very impressive".



Science Club - Ms Walshe

This week the students dissected hearts. This was to learn about the workings and structure of this amazing muscle! The students did very well to locate the four chambers of the heart and no one fainted in the process!!

Science Stars of the Week

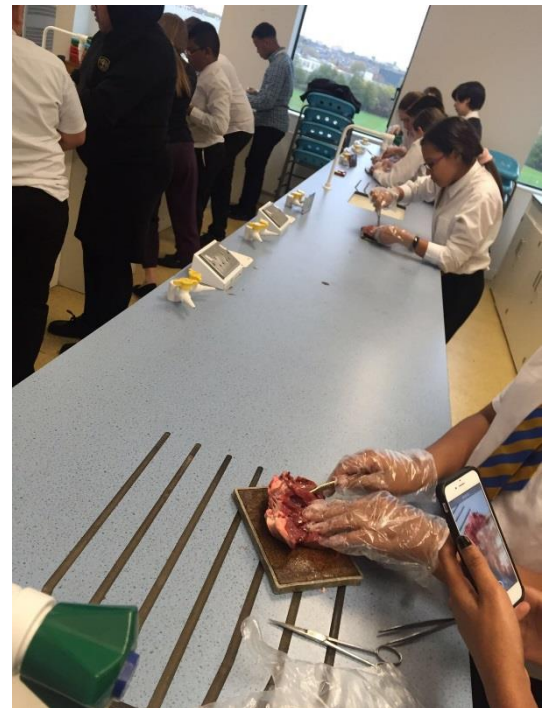
Jessie Samboer – Year 7 (7HBG) for always producing excellent written work that is often used as a model answer for the class?

Rizwan Minahil – Year 8 (8DNN) - Excellent piece of work on her engineering homework

Claudio Antonio Cox – Year 9 (9CLK) for his dedication to home learning and for a lovely piece of writing on the particle model.

Zainab Arshad – Year 10 (10AMD) for excellent effort with holiday home learning over half term - 95%!

Leeyah Stephenson – Year 11 (11HBT) for her newfound resilience in science



Year 10 Football – Mr Munro

On 31st October Southfields Academy hosted a 7-a-side football tournament for Year 10, with four schools entering from across the borough. Southfields Academy were fortunate enough to be able to enter an A and a B team, due to the amount of players who were interested. Both teams performed fantastically, winning their respected groups. Unfortunately, the A team lost 1-0 in the semi-finals. The B team went that little bit further, reaching the final, but lost the match 2-1.



Remembrance Service 2017

On Monday 6th November Year 10 students, along with Ms Valin, Lt Colonel Larry Davis, Commandant City of London North East Sector, Deputy Headteacher, Lt. Colonel Turner, Royal Marines Reserve, Mayor of Wandsworth Councillor Leslie McDonnell, Councillor Sarah McDermott and Bugler, Sue Wallace of the Royal Fusiliers attended St Barnabas Church for a Remembrance service led by the Rev Ian Tattum. The service was as always very moving and a reminder to staff and students alike, of the sacrifices and loss of life in the World Wars and more recent conflicts.





Year 8 Indoor Cricket Fixture vs Charter – Mr Herbert



The Wandsworth Schools indoor cricket competition started on Wednesday with the inexperienced Southfields taking on previous winners, Charter, in the first game.

Winning the toss, Southfields decided to go with our strength and field first. We started really well with Nasar and Charlie bowling brilliantly and the former getting the first wicket of the day with an excellent delivery. Nasar and Charlie continued to keep it tight and the score at the half stage had Charter 29 - 2 off 4 overs. Next up came Sharjeel and Dylan who continued to bowl fantastically well. Dylan managed to pick up two wickets in his first over, the first of which was only made possible by an outstanding catch by Nasar. Southfields continued to field with great effect and managed to restrict Charter to 58 for 5 off their 8 overs.

The batting innings started really well with Nasar smashing 2 fours off the first two deliveries. Runs continued to flow off the bat of Nasar and Charlie but unfortunately Southfield's inexperience started to show and cheap wickets began to fall. Eventually we were bowled out, 16 runs short of the total we needed.

This was the first week of four in the competition and after having a brief team meeting following the game, we know what we need to improve on in future weeks. This was an extremely promising start and I fully expect us to see a huge difference in our performance in the coming weeks. Keep your eyes peeled on how we get on in the run up to the final week!

Well done to Nojus, Sharjeel, Dylan, Charlie and Nasar.

Performing Arts Trip – Mr Whitfield

On Thursday 2nd November, we took our Year 12 and 13 performing arts students to the Fourth Monkey acting school and theatre to see a performance by the world's leading Commedia dell'Arte practitioner and mask maker, Antonio Fava, from Italy, called "Pesteccorna/Pestes Y Cuernos" (Poxes and Horns). This acclaimed company had just returned from its successful international tour to South America.

The students were blown away by the timing, talent and commitment of the actors and left the theatre both inspired and excited to take part in a follow up workshop the following week.

Geovanna Mava exclaimed "It's so inspiring to see such talent on stage, I was exported to another world this evening, and I loved it."



Southfields Academy
expressive arts department
presents:
SPOTLIGHT

5th December, in The Black
Box, 4:00 – 5:00
students 50p a ticket
adults £1 a ticket.
All tickets are to be bought
from the expressive arts office
or on the door

A collection of dance works from the
students at Southfields, all students
are welcome to audition and perform

All dance style are celebrated

