

# Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter Week Commencing 14th May 2018



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

#### Year 11 News - Ms Walshe

Last Friday the Year 11 students held a Talent Show after school. The NRA committee did a fantastic job in arranging the auditions over two different breaks and then the actual show which was a huge success. There were about 15 acts that took part which included singers and dancers and the competition was very high but a huge congratulations to Luke Brilley and Daniella Izquierdo who won with their amazing dance and singing routine.

Everyone had a wonderful evening and it was great to see so many students taking part in the show. We really

do have some very talented young people at Southfields.







# Wandsworth School Games Primary Gymnastics – Mr Miller

Southfields Academy hosted the annual Wandsworth School Games Primary Gymnastics competition on Wednesday, 2nd May. It was certainly the biggest event so far with 24 schools, 61 teams and 306 children participating on the day.

Nick Miller from Southfields said 'It is amazing to see how the standard of the gymnastics of the children across all the schools has improved dramatically in the last few years'. This was reflected in how close the final results were between the teams. Congratulations to the Belleville teams that were victorious in the two age categories. Schools were also rewarded for demonstrating outstanding School Games Values of Determination and Self Belief. Riversdale primary school won an award for 'Encouraging and praising each other and for staying to watch and applaud all the other teams on the vault'.

Thanks to Miss Myers and Miss Carter from the Southfields Academy PE Department for judging the event and to Emily Santos from Year 10 who performed two fantastic songs to all the students attending.











### **Thought for the Week**



"I attribute my success to this: I never gave or took any excuse." Florence Nightingale

#### Year 10 Revision - Ms LeGrande

This week Year 10 students took part in a session designed to kick-start revision.

Eleven teachers shared their strategies for revision and exam success ranging from using flashcard and post-its, to eating right and making revising fun. Students moved around the hall on a carousel and we managed 5 rotations and some meditation before the end of the hour.

Fabulous preparation from staff and fabulous engagement from Year 10!







#### **Music Award**

Congratulations to the music department for being awarded a 'Gold' certificate from the Incorporated Society of Musicians. This certificate is in recognition of excellent work achieved in music at the Academy.

Every year the music department enters 40 – 50 students for music GCSE and 95% of these students achieve an A\* - C. These results put the Academy in the top 58 schools across England.

A consistently brilliant achievement from our music department – well done!

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# **Dates for your Diary**

14th May 2018 – GCSE & A Level examinations start 14th May 2018 – Year 7 & 8 Core Assessment Week 25th May 2018 – Academy Breaks for Half Term 4th June 2018 – Academy Resumes



# Autism Awareness Cake and Craft Sale – Ms Dainton

Thanks to everyone who supported the Autism Awareness Cake and Craft Sale. We raised almost £65 for A2ndVoice, a local community group supporting people with autism and their families.

Thank you to the lovely TAS students and friends who helped out with the sale.

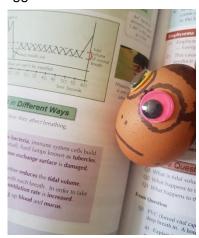


## **Attachment Experiment – Ms Calaca**



The egg experiment is related to attachment and students were asked to bring egg shells from home and they decorated these on Friday the 27th of April. Whilst decorating, students were encouraged to research babies' names (male/female) or even to name them after themselves. Some of the names were Junior and Eggward. Students were told they needed to take a selfie with their eggs every day doing daily activities (scope was to encourage some level of bond/attachment).

Some students unfortunately broke their eggs by mistake, either when bringing them to school, holding them or because they were left in their bags. Faiza was responsible for the Nursery, students were welcome to bring their eggs and leave them in nursery during their school hours.

















The challenge was set for one week so last Friday students came to class and were asked to break their eggs. The boys showed little remorse towards the act but the majority of girls refused to break them and settled for leaving them unharmed in the bin.

On Wednesday 9th, students were debriefed and were asked to share their feelings as a way of avoiding any ethical issues such as psychological harm. Most boys (the ones who managed to keep their egg for the full week) stated they missed their eggs.

The majority of girls wanted their eggs back so they could nurture them. This goes in line with the attachment content of the Spec as students are being taught how bonds are created between babies and the primary caregiver.

# Year 7 & 8 Track and Field Athletics Competition - Mr Burchett

A strong athletics team travelled to Battersea Park Millennium Arena on Wednesday to compete against schools in Wandsworth in the track and field athletics competition. The team started well with Kamara Graham (Year 7) and Demani Marshall (Year 7) qualifying for the finals of the 70M hurdles. This was followed by successful qualifications to the 100m finals for Frederick Nuamah and Tyrese Wright Wallace from Year 7 and Shamarni Henry-Walters and Kyle Baker from Year 8.

Tyrese won the 100m finals walking away with gold and the fastest Year 7 boy in Wandsworth title and Shamarni walked away with silver after a close race in the finals.

The Year 7 & 8 teams as a whole competed very well and should be very proud of their efforts! A huge well done to Mr Carnegie and his team for displaying good sportsmanship throughout the day and competing well throughout.