



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing 17th February 2020



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

London Indoor Athletics – Mr Philpott

On Tuesday 11th February, a group of Year 7 boys represented the school and borough of Wandsworth at the London indoor athletics finals in Harrow. The Boys did extremely well considering it was their first time attending the finals.

The boys had to qualify for the event to represent Wandsworth. The only other schools that qualified to represent the borough were Burntwood & Ernest Bevin College. They participated in a series of events such as: Obstacle relay, 2 lap sprint, shot put, speed bounce and others.

Out of the 8 schools which qualified Southfields managed to come in joint 4th place which is a massive achievement due to the event being for the best of the best.

The boys came out flying with the first event being the obstacle relay and they managed to secure 2nd place with the likes of Joel, Harry, Malachi & Seedy running strong. Christan, Mason & David kept the pressure on with their strong field events display. Massive well done to the boys who attended for their sheer determination to do well and great sportsmanship throughout the event.



Dates for Your Diary

- Monday 24th February 2020 – Academy Resumes
- Thursday 27th February – Year 7 Focus Group
- Thursday 27th February 2020 – Year 9 Parents' Evening
- Friday 28th February 2020 – IEAP Day 2
- Thursday 5th March 2020 – World Book Day
- Friday 13th March 2020 – Pi Day

Year 7 Focus Group Meeting – 27th February – Ms Hughes

On Thursday 27th February we will be holding our second Year 7 Parent/Carer focus group at 4.30pm led by Ms Valin, Principal of Southfields Academy. Parents/Carers who have received invites are given the opportunity to share ideas, be part of the Parent/Carer Voice and become involved with the Academy's future endeavours.

Takeover Challenge – Mr Samuels

Friday 7th February saw staff and students take part in the annual Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge here at the Academy.

Students were able to 'take-over' a teacher for the day to help make key decisions around the academy and develop their leadership skills. Many members of staff including middle and senior leaders took part in the day, allowing students to help them make important decisions about the school.

Some of the duties students were involved with included participating in important meetings, teaching lessons to younger students and delivering assemblies.

The day was organised and run by the Student Council who were responsible for updating our social media account and interviewing staff and students about their experiences.

Overall the day was thoroughly enjoyable for everyone involved and enhanced the high level of rapport between staff and students here at the Academy.





Thought for the Week

“Never judge someone by the way he looks or a book by the way it's covered; for inside those tattered pages, there's a lot to be discovered.”

Stephen Cosgrove



Year 7 vs Saint Cecilia's – Mr Philpott

Tuesday 11th February saw Southfields look to extend their unbeaten run with a game at home against Saint Cecilia's, a team we beat when winning the Wandsworth tournament. The game meant Mr Philpott was able to introduce a couple of new players into the team to combat injuries to the Southfields line up.

Saint Cecilia's started the game on the front foot with a strong attacking performance that really tested the back 3 - Arnav, Alan and Piotr and saw some excellent saves from goalkeeper Aleksandrs. As the first half went on Southfields grew into the game and took a lead just before half time with a brilliantly worked throw in routine which saw David head the ball in from 8 yards. The second half saw Southfields dominate, with David again scoring a wonderful volley to make it two nil. A late penalty saw Saint Cecilia's pull one goal back but this was all they could manage after man of the match performances from midfield trio Joel, Harry and Ismael.

Another fantastic result for Southfields. Keep up the hard work boys!

Devised performance – Ms Brown

International students have been working on a devised performance of ' Cinderella'.

Each lesson students have explored ways to celebrate their own culture within the story.

Students have learnt how to use their performance and vocal skills in creative ways, especially in the style of physical theatre. By using techniques such as canon, unison and accumulation students are able to share their practical and vocal skills.

Take a look at students working together to create a physical door using only their bodies.



Year 9 Spanish Healthy lifestyle Unit – Ms Frith

Students have written a card or made a booklet to describe what they usually eat, the different sports activities they do, and their daily routine. They have also asked questions related to this topic for Spanish students to reply to.

These have been sent to Year 6 students at a bilingual primary school in Madrid, Spain, with whom we have already had an exchange of Christmas cards. Our Year 9s are looking forward to receiving replies to their letters in the coming weeks!

Science Club – Ms Baxter

Toys are even more fun when you make them yourself, right?

That why Year 7s created their own bouncy balls in Science club this week! We think that making them was even more fun than bouncing them after!!





Transformation Trust – Mr Parsons



The following students: Dawid Zieba Henry, Jaime McGuinness, Joshua Hess, Joel Antonio and Abdalla Sharif, completed a 4-week employability programme organised by the Transformation Trust, at Dell's headquarters in Gunnersbury.

Students were teamed up with mentors and had to complete a series of challenges in mixed teams with around 6 other schools partaking.

Yesterday was the final session, where students had to come up with business ideas and pitch them to a team of judges.

Not only did two of our students, Joel Antonio and Joshua Hess, finish on the winning team, the remainder of the group: Dawid, Jaime and Abdalla, finished second!!!

The students were a credit to the academy, both in their conduct at the sessions and in travelling to and from Dell. They really seemed to enjoy themselves and were on a high due to winning the competition.

"It has been absolutely brilliant seeing them develop and grow over the course of the programme, and it was so fab to see them all get up and present yesterday! Your students were such a credit to the school and it was an absolute pleasure to have them take part in the programme." - Maddie Hayden, organiser.

This Week in PE

Year 11 continued their invasion unit, this time participating in Ultimate Frisbee. They then practiced throwing and catching the Frisbee, before moving into drills to replicate a game situation. Students then participated in a game to put those skills into action.

Meanwhile Mr Munro's Year 8 class completed their gymnastic routines this week in PE. They created a routine that contained all of the skills they had learned over the previous five weeks, such as counter balance, counter tension, unison and canon. Students then performed it in front of the whole class at the end of the lesson. They then gave feedback to each other and the lesson ended with a well-deserved round of applause for all pairs.



Year 8 also completed their artistic unit of work this week, creating pair routines. Students created a routine which contained individual and partner balances. They also had to choose if they did the routine in canon or in unison and then graded themselves based on the execution and difficulty of their routines.

The PE department played host to some Year 9 and 10 students for Takeover Day. Students were able to see the day to day running of being a PE teacher. They were also given the responsibility of organising lessons and running their own parts of the lesson. Here you see Alex (Y10) and Frederick (Y9) leading some gymnastics lessons to Year 8 and 9 pupils.

