



# Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

## Week Commencing 2nd March 2020



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

### Sixth Form News – Mr Draper

All Year 12 level 3 students were welcomed by Roehampton University. Students began with a tour round the university by current students. Our students then had a talk from a member of staff from the university.

This talk covered all the different courses that you could possibly do at university, student life including accommodation options, support services and of course student finance. Our students completed an exercise ranking their main requirements for choosing a university.

The student asked some great questions and gained a great insight into student life at university. Many students, on the bus on the way home, had changed their perception of what university is and are now considering it as a future option.



### Latest Advice from the Department for Education about Coronavirus – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Please see the link for the latest advice that we have been given by the Department for Education regarding Coronavirus.

<https://parents.southfieldsacademy.com/page/?title=DfE+guidance+regarding+Coronavirus&pid=1215>

### Dates for Your Diary

- Thursday 5th March 2020 – World Book Day
- Friday 13th March 2020 – Pi Day
- Thursday 19th March 2020 – Year10 Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 25th March 2020 – INSET Day
- Wednesday 1st April 2020 – Year 11 Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 1st April 2020 – Parents' Forum

### Science Club – Mx Rance

'Fresh calamari, anyone? This week, Science club was treated to a detailed expert dissection of a squid by our own Dr Gabert. Particularly brave students even got a chance to thoroughly investigate (poke) all the squishy bits! While this week was mostly watching and listening, next week they might get to do some dissections of their own...'





## Thought for the Week

"We may have different religions, different languages, different coloured skin but we all belong to one human race."

Kofi Annan



## Year 7 News – Ms Hughes

Year 7 are officially half way through their first Academic year here at Southfields and we have seen many challenges taken on and overcome, as well as lots of great successes!

In our Accelerated Reader programme Year 7 have passed over 2000 reading practice quizzes (and for you mathematicians out there) that is close to 38 million words since September! Fantastic!

Our personal development folders are also coming along nicely, please keep up your encouragement for your child to continue adding to their folders.

### Kingswood 1<sup>st</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> May 2020

We have now filled all 60 spaces for the upcoming trip to Kingswood. The final payment will be due on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Students will have the opportunity to experience an action-packed programme of daytime activities with an array of evening entertainment, challenging and high-adrenaline experiences, giving young people the chance to broaden their horizons, learn a new skill and have fun whilst doing it.

### **Young writers**

Many of our Year 7s participated in a competition run by the organisation Young Writers where they are given the opportunity to write a short story. I am proud and pleased to announce that over 20 of our students will have their stories published in an anthology which will be released in the next couple of months. What an accomplishment! We will keep you updated on their exciting news.

### **Young Commissioners**

Congratulations to our newly appointed Wandsworth Young Commissioners: Ruby, Imogen, Ayden and Matthew. As Young Commissioners students will be fully supported, trained and recruited as experts, to shape mental health services and improve existing ones whilst supporting themselves and their peers in positive thinking. Involvement will be rewarded with an AQA record of achievement. It is a great incentive and they will attend their first meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March at Wandsworth Town Hall.

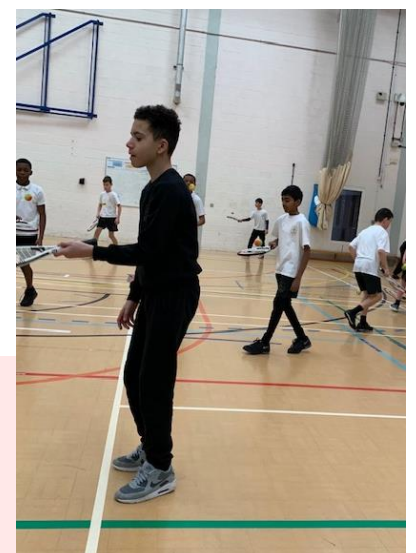
## This Week in PE – Mr Munro

Year 7s started their net and wall unit of work this week for the new half term. Students participated in volleyball squash. This allowed them to understand the concept of a net and wall game, whilst practicing some volleyball skills in an adapted situation, with no net. Students worked in groups of two and four to see how many consecutive shots they could accumulate in one minute.

As Tuesday was a Year 10 History exam, PE had 25 students across two classes. This meant that they were introduced to Kinball. Kinball is a game that is played in teams of 4, with the aim to try and land the 42" ball onto the floor. One team nominates another, and then hit the ball, the other team then have to prevent it landing on the floor. Teams had to use collaboration and tactics to outwit the other teams to score a point. The game was a success and it is something that the PE Dept will trial with other classes.



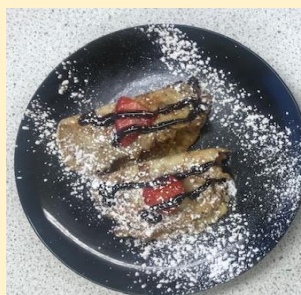
Year 7 continued their net and wall unit on Thursday, this time through tennis. They recapped and reused the "4 Rs" (read, respond, react, recover) that they had learned the previous lesson. Students practiced their control individually, and then moved into pair rallies. One team scored a monumental 53 shots in one minute.





## Pancake Day, Shrove Tuesday – Ms Waugh

The students thoroughly enjoyed making, selling and eating their pancakes this Tuesday in the catering Department. Well done to Koshik and his team for raising money and baking over 50 pancakes.



## Level 2 Art and Design – Ms Waugh

I would just like to give a massive congratulations to Courtney Daley in Year 12 for her beautiful outcomes produced within her Art and Design coursework. Her artwork is outstanding, as is her effort. Keep up the hard work.



## Thank you Reception for Southfields Academy Music collective – Mr Pinder

The wonderfully talented students from 'The Southfields Academy Music Collective' attended a very special afternoon tea reception with The Mayor of Wandsworth, Councillor Jane Cooper JP on Tuesday. The event was a thank you for their brilliant musical performance in the 'Bop to the Eighties' charity event.

During the afternoon tea, The Mayor described the work that she does with three very special charities; Alzheimer's Society, Putney and Roehampton Boxing Club and 'Battersea' formerly known as Battersea Dogs and Cats home.

The students were given the opportunity to discuss their musical experiences in Southfields Academy as well as their aspirations for the future. Alex took the opportunity to try the Mayor's chair



## South East Rivers Trust – Ms Breen We need your help...

We are looking for volunteers to serve refreshments at our monthly Clean-up events



Duties include:

- Directing late comers to a supervisor
- Preparing the hot water using the gas boiler
- Setting out hand washing stations
- Laying out refreshments
- Washing up

Perks include:

- First dibs on the cake
- A comfy chair and shelter under the gazebo
- A general feeling of power as you lord over your kingdom of cake

You don't need to have volunteered with us before and you don't need to be available every month. We hope to build up a bank of volunteers who can help with this role.

Our Clean-up events run on the second Sunday of the month, 11am - 3pm.

If you think you could help out, even if it's just occasionally, please get in touch:

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