



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 29th November 2021



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

AnalogueFolk – Mr Berner

On Wednesday 10th November, Year 10 Computer Science students took part in a national event where volunteers from industry, AnalogueFolk, came in to school to run a dragons den style event. The students were split into teams and tasked with coming up with a solution to their climate footprint by using innovative technologies. The winning team has had their pitch sent off to be judged against solutions from other schools nationwide.

Here is what one of the students, Hensi, had to say about the event:

“On Wednesday we had an exciting opportunity with WWF. We spent the whole day with them. We made some presentations about ideas on how we can reduce our carbon footprint. We were split into groups of 8 and we had to make presentations on our ideas to reduce carbon footprint. There were some fantastic ideas created by some groups. However, the winner was a project called Planet Green. It was an amazing day led by 3 great people. In the beginning of the day, we had to discover the problem. In the middle of the day, we had to research and create our presentations on our ideas then at the end, we went to the front and presented it Dragons’ Den style with the 3 judges asking us questions and giving us feedback at the end. It was a great day and we are very grateful for this opportunity that we were given.”





Thought for the Week

"Communication works for those who work at it." John Powell

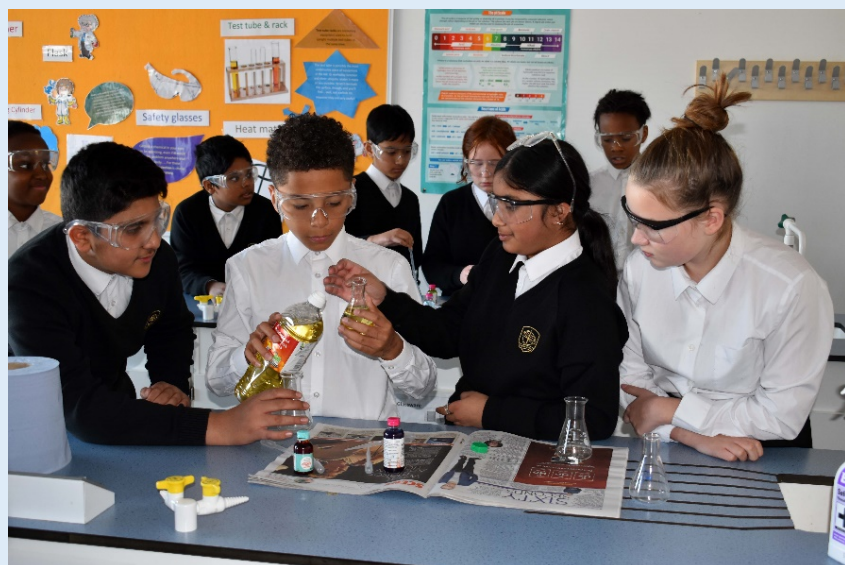
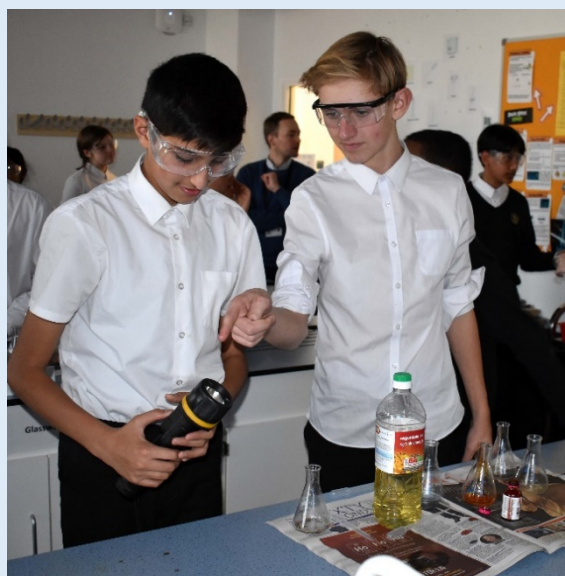


Science Club – Mr Clarke

In this week's science club, students made lava lamps. In a neat way to see density in action, students watched the bubbles produced by alka-seltzer tablets rise through oil, carrying coloured water with them, before they popped and the coloured water dropped back down. When the first lamp started bubbling away, the room erupted with joy. Next week, having graduated from lamps, students will take on the task of making a full volcano! As if cleaning up several litres of vegetable oil wasn't enough...



Week 5 (30/11/21)	Volcanos
Week 6 (07/12/21)	Bouncy Balls
Week 7 (14/12/21)	Bath Bombs (Christmas Presents!)





Southfields Academy's Year 7 Wildlife Photographer of the Year – Mr Bhatti



The Science department are finally able and pleased to announce the winner of Southfields Academy's Year 7 Wildlife Photographer of the Academic Year 2021/2022. This year the department were thrilled with the variety of entries. In second place, we have Isak Parry's moth on a fence proving to all of us that nature and wildlife can be observed and appreciated anywhere.

However, in first place our Year 7 winner is Pelham Miller's thought-provoking entry. We thought Pelham's photograph was very topical and relevant given the recent United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26).

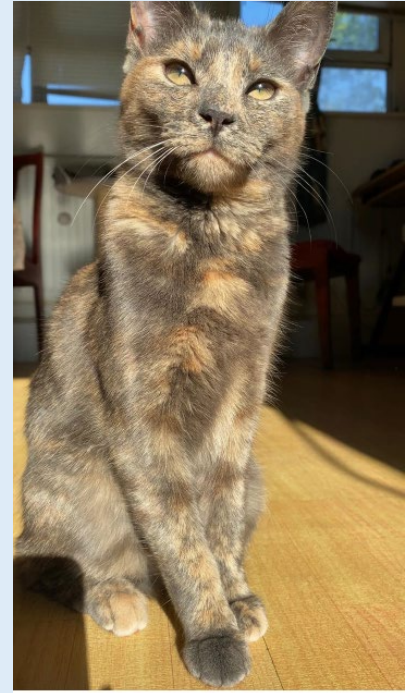
We also enjoyed Ruqayyah Mohammad's cat entry showing us that nature and wildlife can even be found in our very own homes. Congratulations to our winner who will be receiving a 2022 British Wildlife Calendar along with some other goodies in assembly.



1st Place

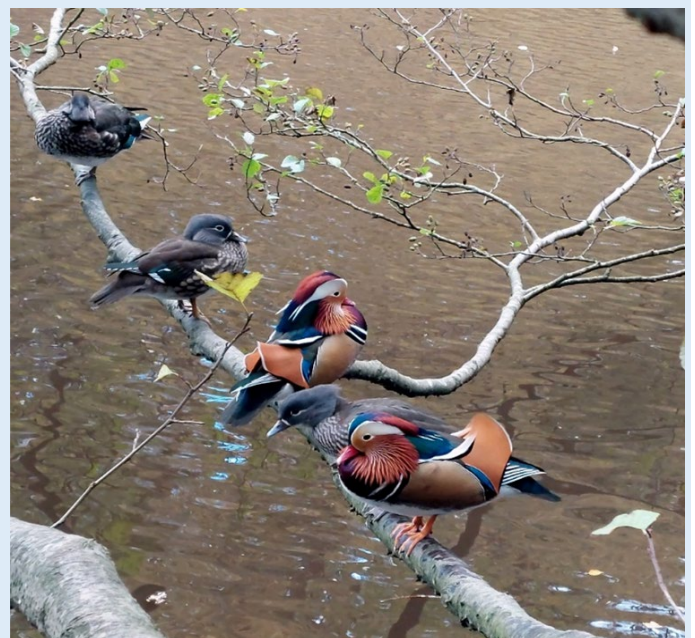


2nd Place



This year was very special as we decided to have a staff competition. Our dear winner is Mr Durdin with his entry 'deers-at-sea' and in second place, the Science Department went quackers for Mrs Gibson's entry entitled 'ducks.'

Congratulations again to all those who took part. We strongly recommend visiting the Natural History Museum's gallery with the winning entries for their Wildlife Photography Competition. Some of their winners can be viewed here: <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/wpy/>





Year 10 News – Ms Gavin



Since being back this half term Ms Douglas and I are pleased to say we have received many positive emails regarding the Year 10 students. We normally only give shout-outs in assembly but we think it is also worth sharing this with parents. Some of the students mentioned are Micah Claxton, Abdimajiid Shattar, Lily Waters and Leona Cole. These students have all been recognised for their amazing work and excellent attitude to learning.

There has also been a shout-out from Ms Risolino regarding her Friday Dance lesson; here is what she has to say, "The students were enthusiastic, demonstrated outstanding effort and excellent leadership as they supported each other in rehearsing all of their choreography, helping each other to get up to speed and their performance to a really high standard. Two members of staff commented on their maturity and their excellence. I am very proud of them".

One more shout-out I would like to mention is Blu Halley-Hutson for being so kind and considerate to her maths teacher.

This half term we would like to focus on homework. There is a link between homework and academic achievement. The time you spend on doing homework will develop more than academic skills alone. Homework sessions encourage you to use your time wisely, work independently and engage better with the subject matter. It will also improve your memory and critical thinking. All Southfields Academy students are provided with a diary at the beginning of the school year. There are many helpful resources in the back pages that students can refer to. If any students need any support, we run a Year 10 homework club after school every Thursday in Ms Douglas's classroom.

Please encourage your child to use their diaries by checking them regularly. There is a section for parents to sign on a weekly basis and another part for notes, and this makes it easier to communicate with your child's tutor. Your child should record three entries a day under the homework details and fill out the attendance section daily. I have been checking diaries this week and I was especially impressed with 10 QRA where every student's diary was being used to the maximum and their presentation was impeccable.



PE HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK



- On Monday 22nd the Y8 netball team travelled to Burntwood for a friendly fixture. The girls showed excellent effort and resilience when playing and have continued to demonstrate excellent netball skills throughout the games. Keep up the good work girls.
- On Thursday 25th the U15 girls team hosted Little Ilford school in a friendly competition East London vs West London.
- On Tuesday the Y10 boys competed in a 6-aside tournament against all the schools in Wandsworth. Both teams made it through to the next round and will play again at a later date to determine the overall winner. Well done boys and keep up the good work.
- On Monday the U16 Basketball team took part in their London School Games preliminary tournaments. They went up against Graveney, Harris Battersea, Ashcroft, and the hosting school Ark Putney Academy. They were able to defeat each of those schools and book their ticket in the finals next month to earn the chance to represent Wandsworth in the London Youth School Games. They have all worked extremely hard to get here and hopefully they can become repeat champions. They have all made Coach Cameron **EXTREMELY** proud.
- On Monday the Sports leaders had an opportunity to host a primary pentathlon event where many schools took part in football activities across 2 afternoons. It was amazing to see so many students being physically active and our sports leaders showing determination, teamwork, commitment and kindness to all and making the day so fulfilling. Well done and Keep up the good work. We also had a special guest **Helen Parraga Salinas** who left Southfields Academy last year and has moved on to study PE and sport at St Mary's university. She supported the event and we wish her luck in her studies.
- Well done to our Y8 boys who took part in the Wandsworth football tournament last week. Great performances from both teams.



#BETHEBESTYOU CAN BE KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK



Thank you to all who participated in 'Odd Socks Day'!



Together we raised £108 for the Anti-Bullying Alliance!



Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 1st December 2021 – Year 12 Level 2 Parents' Evening

Monday 6th December 2021 – INSET Day

Wednesday 15th December 2021 – UCAS Application Deadline

Friday 17th December 2021 – Academy Breaks for Christmas Holidays

Tuesday 4th January 2022 – Academy Resumes – INSET Day

Wednesday 5th January 2021 – Students Resume



The Southfields Business Forum invites you to

SOUTHFIELDS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS



WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER

OPENED BY THE MAYOR OF WANDSWORTH AT 4.30PM
LIGHTS SWITCHED ON BY ANNE KEOTHAVONG MBE AT 5PM

Main stage on Replingham Road

Carols | Mince Pies | Mulled Wine | Live Music
Christmas Market Stalls

Sing SWell choir performing at 6.15pm

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FREE INTRODUCTION TO DIGITAL SKILLS SESSION AT SOUTHFIELDS ACADEMY - THURSDAY 9TH DECEMBER 9AM



POWER TO CONNECT ARE RUNNING SESSIONS FOR
PARENTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEARN DIGITAL SKILLS

THESE ARE BEGINNER SESSIONS AND INCLUDE
LEARNING ONLINE SAFETY, PRIVACY SETTINGS AND
KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

- SESSIONS ARE **FREE**
- SESSIONS ARE **90 MINUTES LONG**
- SESSIONS ARE **DELIVERED BY POWER TO CONNECT VOLUNTEERS**

***ACCESS TO LAPTOPS IS NEEDED FOR THE SESSION (BY THE
SCHOOL OR PARENTS OWN)



**PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR CHILD'S TUTOR OR HEAD
OF YEAR TO SIGN UP!**

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