



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 27th February 2023



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

Anti-Bullying Ambassador News – Mr Samuels

The Anti-Bullying Ambassador team have been working on a variety of projects to support people affected by bullying behaviour in the Academy. In the penultimate week of last half-term, students were shown a pre-recorded assembly by the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors which explained what bullying is and how they will be able to support.

We have also sent a student survey to gather views about bullying and have had over 300 responses so far. Once collected we will share results with the rest of the community as well as what we plan on doing about any issues that arise.

This term we are planning to launch our website that will allow students to report incidents of bullying in a confidential way to help improve bullying reporting tools in the Academy. These projects will help the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors earn their Online Safety badges, which is one of our first goals and measures of success.

Year 10 ADT – Mr Smith

On the last Friday before the half term, the Year 10 creative arts and designs students completed their mock exams. For the practical creative subjects, this meant working in the studios for three hours straight. This will help prepare them for Year 11 when they will be working for 10 hours over two days on their final design, in response to an external brief as part of their GCSE qualification.

The design challenge, received at the start of the assessment and to be finished within the time was to conceive and make a model playground based at a scale of 1:50. Working in pairs and one three, they were each given a different architect to follow their design language and style, as well as a mood board theme for more visual prompts and possible structures or frames to construct. The architects were from a diverse group including Antoni Gaudi, Santiago Calatrava and Bjarke Ingels and more. The mood board themes includes titles like Ant Colony, Dragon Park, Luna Landing and Playing on the Beach.

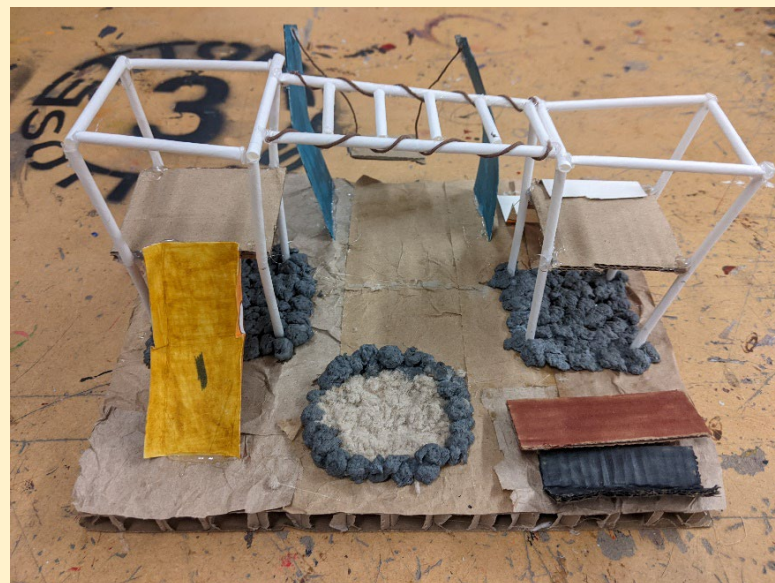
The whole class worked well with the other designated student, exchanging ideas and concepts before sharing the making task, using a range of materials including recycled materials they were asked to bring in. There were a couple of reversals in decisions made, errors made that had to be corrected but the attitude and effort by the whole class was exemplary.





Thought for the Week

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe." – Anatole France





Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 8th March 2023 – Year 9 Parents' Evening and Options Evening

Wednesday 22nd March 2023 – Year 8 Parents' Evening

Thursday 30th March 2023 – Year 11 Parents' Evening

Friday 31st March 2023 – Academy Breaks for Easter Holiday

Monday 17th April 2023 – Academy Resumes

KS3 Cooking Around the World Competition

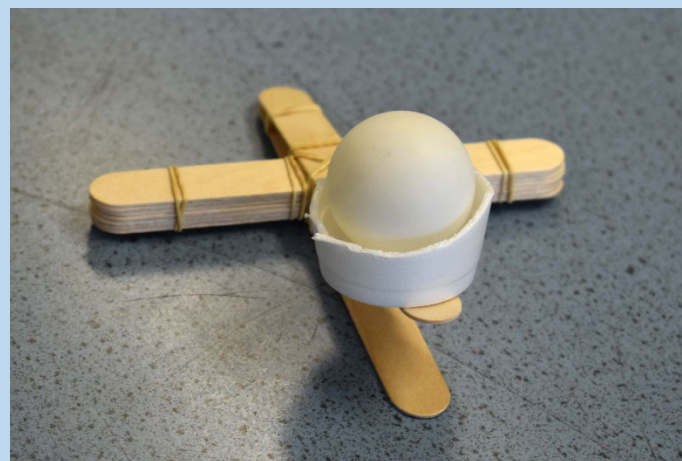
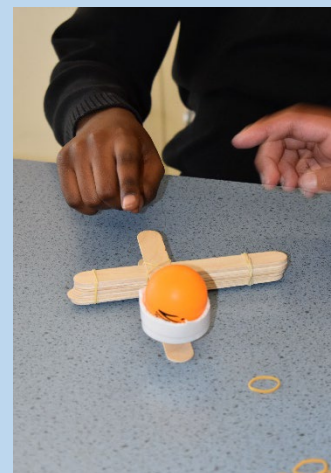
There have been some wonderful entries so far and by popular demand, the deadline for entries has been extended until Monday 27th February!

Please hand all entries in to your MFL teacher.



Science Club – Ms El-Maadi

This week in science club students made a catapult from lollipop sticks, elastic bands and cups. Students got very competitive and creative trying to make the bigger and better catapult. Students successfully all made a working catapult. The students got to take what they had made home with them (sorry parents).



Drawing for Wellbeing – Ms Nearn

Zentangle is a doodling/drawing practice that is easy to learn and has a positive influence on creativity, self-image, focus and problem solving. It is a form of “mindfulness” that has also been shown to ease phobias, addictions, pain, conflict and burnout.

The mental health charity OLLIE (One Life Lost is Enough) has made an on-line Zentangle class available for FREE, or for a £5 donation if you are able. The course is aimed at students, parents, or anyone looking for a tool to support their wellbeing. There are three dates/times to choose from in March. Click [here](#) for more information or to register.

