



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 11th November 2024



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

Year 7 News – Mr Salter & Ms Gbolonyo

Year 7 have now finished their first half-term here at Southfields Academy and we are incredibly proud of how well the students have settled in. The first half term was full of achievements, which we want to share with you.

Kindness

Our theme for the first half-term was kindness, and Year 7 embraced this. There were 140 separate kindness positives given out! Well done!

Year 7 have not only been displaying kindness, they have been putting in outstanding effort, helping peers, and have shown great maturity. There have been **9382 positive logs** so far! This is phenomenal.

Year 7 Sports

The Year 7 football teams had many successes during the first half-term. The Year 7 girls' team have been taking part in the Inner London Cup, and so far, have won every match. The boys' team have been training hard, ready for their upcoming fixtures!

We would also like to congratulate Fabi 07HAD for being the first student in the entire school to collect 15 stamps from extra-curricular clubs! *Southfields Girls Can* is an initiative to get more female students into sports.

Wandsworth Food Bank

Thank you to all Year 7s, staff and other students throughout the school who generously donated food and non-perishable items to St Michael's Church Wandsworth Foodbank.

What a wonderful way to end the half term theme of **kindness**. Thank you for giving back to our local community. The amount of donations from staff and students was astounding! The sheer amount of donations showed how amazing the Southfields Academy community is. Please see feedback received from Wandsworth foodbank.

Dear Ms Gbolonyo

*Please pass on our thanks to all the children, parents, teachers and staff at Southfields Academy for your generous Harvest donation to the Wandsworth Foodbank. It weighed in at **57.8 kg** which we estimate provides **138 meals** for our neighbours having a hard time at the moment.*

Thank you for your kindness and support. From all of us at the Wandsworth Foodbank
Pat Gabriel, Wandsworth Foodbank Administrator



Language Ambassadors

Southfields Academy has students from a number of countries, with hundreds of languages spoken. The MFL department has selected their Year 7 language ambassadors, a big well done to **Fabi 07HAD**, **Oscar 07DSV**, **Lucas 07RBT**, **Kayden 07DSV**, **Zidaan 07HAD** and **Riley 07HAD**!

And a big congratulations to **Cassiel 07RBT** and **Jhillian 07HAD** for being runners up in the "Languages for Peace" poster competition, with the winner being **Ambber 07RBT**!



Key Dates for Year 7

Wednesday 20th November - IEAP Day
December 2nd December - INSET Day





Thought for the Week

“Good communication is the bridge between confusion and clarity.” — Nat Turner



PSHE - Anti-Bullying Week 2024 – Ms Molloy

PSHE lessons next week are focused around bullying with a special focus on the respect we need to ensure bullying does not happen. These lessons are planned so that they are age appropriate and stretch our students to think about the consequence of their actions.

Year 7 students will examine **what bullying is and the part they play**

Year 8 students will examine **how to choose respect by analysing different scenarios of bullying.**

Year 9 students will examine **what makes a good role model and what they do that makes them such.** Teasing out harder scenarios of subtle bullying and micro aggression.

Year 10 students will examine how we should disrespect nobody by **examining the law and social media, particularly centered around images**

Year 11 students will examine **body shaming and respect for your bodies and others exploring the role social media has in this.**

Anti-Bullying Week 2024
MONDAY 11TH TO FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

A TOOL FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

CHOOSE RESPECT

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

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Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 12th November

To view the full booklet and gain valuable tips please follow the link -

https://drive.google.com/file/d/17NibUX9I2Q1AuEAnlviHLLtewOKFnObq/view?usp=drive_link

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 14th November 2024 – Prize Evening

Wednesday 20th November 2024 - IEAP Day

Wednesday 20th November 2024 – Academy Chess Tournament

Thursday 21st November 2024 – Year 8 Parents' Evening

Thursday 28th November 2024 – Year 10 Parents' Evening

Monday 2nd December 2024 – INSET Day

Creative writing – The English Department

The English Department have been so impressed with the creative work of our students that we've decided to share one example per week in the weekly newsletter. Every week, watch this space for a new story, poem, article or speech by our fantastic students. The selected piece will also be on display in our school library for students to read and take inspiration from!

Continuing the theme from last week – writing from different narrative perspectives – please check out the story of Daisy Rolls (Year 10), who decided to write from the point of view of a nostril hair... It's as imaginative as it is repulsive!

Dear diary,

I've never started a diary before, not because I think they're stupid but because before today my life was very boring. I didn't have any friends because as soon as you start to get close with someone they leave you and your friendship is just flushed down the drain. I mean it's not like everyone else really liked me anyways; I was old, I had already started going grey, I always smelt like snot and mucus and nobody ever really noticed me. What can I say, I had a pretty miserable life. Until now...

It was a regular evening and we were just doing the usual routine before bed, checking for any ingrown hairs or ones that were getting a bit too long. Making sure the ear hairs were trimmed. You know what they're like. I caught a sneaky glimpse of myself in the mirror before we moved on to the nose hairs and god, I thought to myself, I really needed a trim; I was going to stick out like a sore thumb if I grew anymore. And that's never a good sign.

Fortunately, nose hairs never really took long, they always just do the ones at the front that stick out the most, so I knew I had nothing to worry about. I watched from afar as those hairs were plucked and washed in a whirlpool of water down the drain. Every evening I couldn't help but think to myself what was down there. If it was a never ending drop to a bottomless pit of nothingness or if it led to the gates of hair heaven.

Either way I didn't want to be the one to find out so I made myself comfy and nestled into my snot blanket for the night. When all of a sudden, I heard a loud cacophony of screams but these screams weren't like the normal faint ones you heard from the front; they were louder and crisper like it was almost next to me. Barry and Susan who lived only a couple hairs up from me, I could see being plucked and dragged away like lifeless bodies.

I was stuck in shock, the mucus on the end of my hair was still and frozen; silence swept throughout the nose as the metal spears came in for seconds. I tried to warp myself into a tiny curl in order to stay unseen and unnoticed but it wasn't enough. Even now whilst writing this, I can still feel the cold sharp pain send chills through my body.

As I was being dragged away, I gazed around at all the other hairs, young and fresh, just starting to sprout. Whereas I was dilapidated. My hips didn't sway like they used to. I was stiff and cranky and starting to wrinkle. It made me think whether it was just my time to go, perhaps I wasn't needed anymore. Maybe it was for the best.

I joined Barry and Susan in the whirlpool of water, before being flushed down into the dark and dingy hole. The water was cold and mixed with small brown things I couldn't quite make out. Cobwebs lined the walls along with an orangey brown rust and a thick greeny sludge. To be honest, this bit of the story tends to get a bit foggy. I think I'd closed my eyes for the most part of it hoping that my death would be quick and painless.

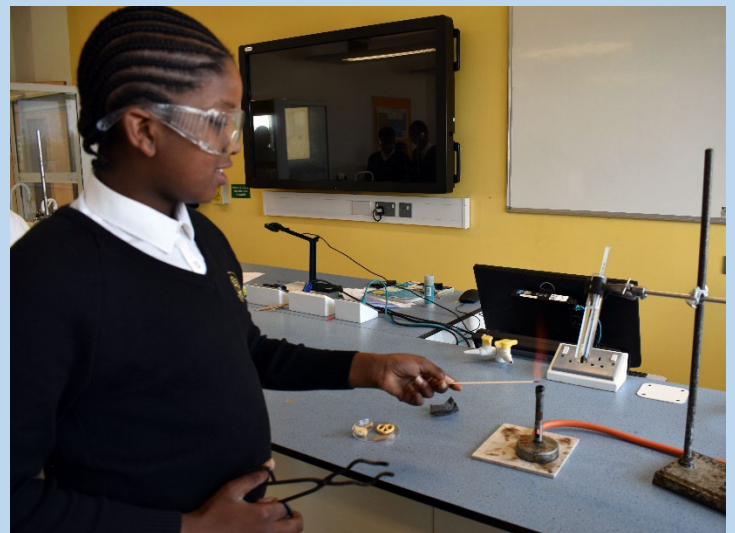
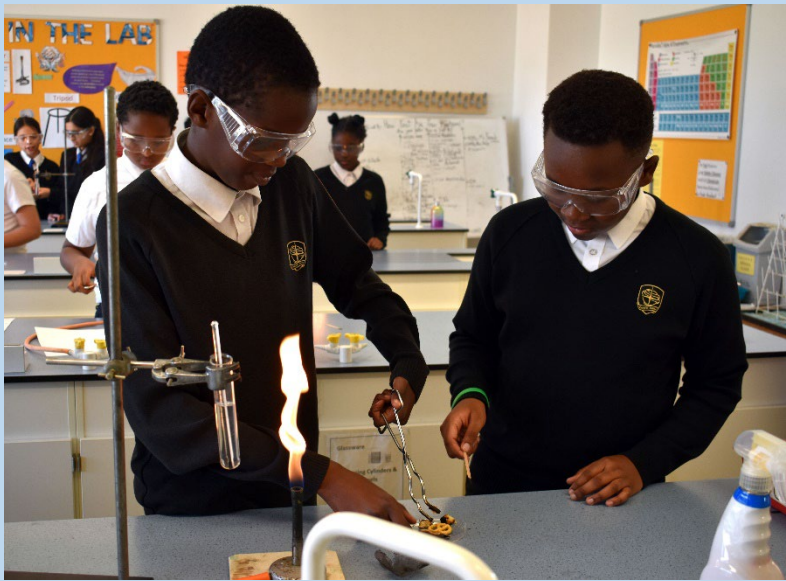
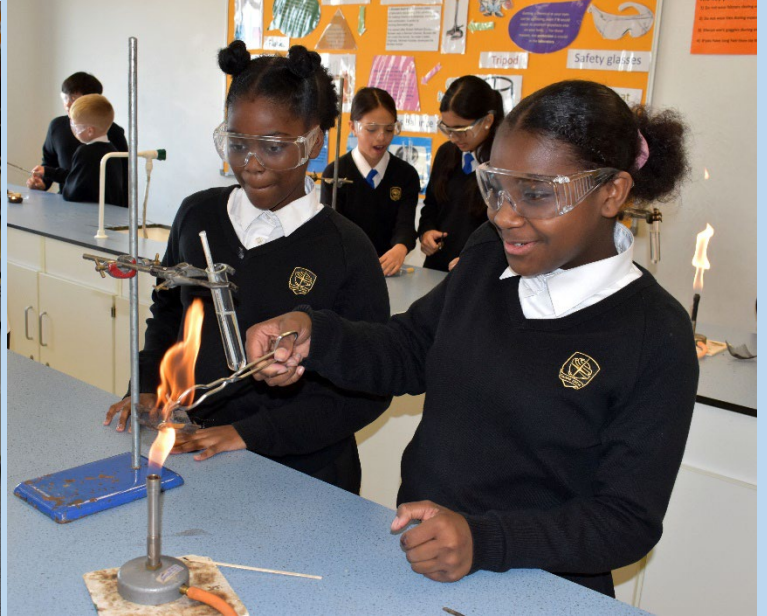
But when I woke up, instead of a dark bottomless pit of nothingness or the gates to hair heaven, I was laying on the streets of a city. A hair city. There were houses made of cardboard boxes and buildings constructed of old washing machines and ovens. There were stalls selling rotten and mouldy fruits and vegetables and discarded rags with holes in them being labelled as curtains. It was almost as if I was hallucinating. In the far distance, I could spot my old lower nose hair friends who were flying in the air, waving to me as I wriggled on the floor down below. And that brings us to now, me writing to you from my new milk carton house on a roll of kitchen towel I found. Although I do miss my little dark corner in the nose, I think I much prefer this magical hair city.

Science Club – Mr Abdirahman

This week, we turned up the heat as we burned food to reveal just how much energy it packed. Let's just say, our snack choices might be more enlightened now!

Next week, we'll spark curiosity by testing the conduction and insulation properties of different materials using electronic circuits. Will they conduct or insulate? Only one way to find out!

Join us to see what makes the current flow or fizzle out!



U15 Girls' Football – Ms Lanning

Southfield's U15 girls put on a dominant display, securing a resounding 10-0 victory against Saint Cecilia's in their recent match.

From the first whistle, Southfields took control of the game, showcasing exceptional skill, teamwork, and a relentless attacking mentality. The team's attacking prowess was evident throughout the match, with Tegan getting a hat-trick, and incredible goals from Ellie-Mai, Sahara, Rakaiya and Sherianne.

The defense remained solid, stopping any attempts by Saint Cecilia's to score. Thank you to Inna, Tegan and Sherianne for stepping out of their comfort zones and making some incredible saves. The midfield controlled the tempo of the game, distributing the ball effectively and providing constant support to the attack. Well done Liza, Gigi, Reah and Jasmin for being exactly where they needed to be at all times, defending and attacking!

The score reflects the team's outstanding performance and their commitment to the game, whilst showing amazing sportsmanship and team working skills.

I am obviously incredibly proud of how the girls played, but they also impressed me with their politeness to the other team and making this an enjoyable game for both sides.

I am not able to pick a Player of the Match as the whole team played so incredibly well!



Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Parenting A Teenager with Autism Spectrum Condition

This webinar is designed for parents of teenagers with diagnosed Autism Spectrum Condition

It will provide parents with a variety of approaches, tools and useful resources.



DATE / TIME

Monday 11th November 6-7.30 pm

LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to this event for free on Eventbrite (and check out our others!) by scanning the QR Code or following the link below:

[Click here to book](#)



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This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**
let's come together and
choose respect!

11-15 Nov 2024

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RESPECT



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Anti-Bullying Week

Odd Socks Day

Tuesday, 12
Nov

*Show your true
colours, because
your difference is*

