

*Small school, big heart,
aiming high together*



Sutton News

8th February 2019

Headteacher's Message

I couldn't believe my eyes when I walked into Class 1 this morning - the room had been transformed into a medieval castle, full of knights and royalty! As part of their topic on 'Castles', the children have enjoyed a day that began with jousting in the hall, moving on to some Maths that involved measuring the distance their handmade catapults could fire, and finishing off with some food-tasting and castle-building this afternoon. Another fantastic example of bringing the children's learning to life.

On Monday, Year 5/6 enjoyed a brilliant visit to York Minster, learning about the history of this magnificent building and the importance of this cathedral within our city. The children began with a workshop, which allowed them to look at different outfits worn by different members of the clergy and complete hands-on activities. The afternoon involved a tour of York Minster, where the children were able to see what they had learnt about in the morning. Their questioning was superb and our guide commented on what a focused group they were.

As part of their History topic, Year 3/4 have used their handmade printing blocks to create some fantastic Viking symbol prints. Lots of careful printing techniques were being used, and the children really enjoyed this session.

It has been another busy week for the teachers. Mrs Comito attended an English Subject Leader course, focusing on developing strong literacy skills across the whole school. These sessions are incredibly important, as they allow staff to access up-to-date educational thinking that can be disseminated to staff and positively impact on teaching and learning for our children. On Monday, all of the staff attended a cluster schools moderation, looking at writing across all of our settings. Again, this is an excellent way of ensuring that our judgements in school are accurate whilst networking with colleagues in the area to share good practice.

Positive mental health and well-being is a priority at our school; therefore, we will be holding a 'Mental Health Awareness Day' on Thursday 14th March. The children will take part in a range of activities which promote good mental health and increase awareness of this important part of being healthy. If you have any ideas, or think you could come and help deliver a session during the day, then please let me know.

Helen Morris (Treetops) will be offering holiday club provision during the Easter and summer holidays. The dates are Tuesday 23rd to Friday 26th April (the second week of the Easter holidays) and the weeks commencing 29th July and 5th August (the second and third week of the summer holidays). Helen has got some brilliant activities planned already and the sessions are sounding really good fun. If you require childcare due to work, or your child just fancies a fun-filled day with their friends, please let Helen know as soon as possible.

It is all looking very exciting in the hall ready for the Gin and Prosecco Night tonight. I hope you all have a lovely evening, and a huge thanks as ever for all your support and to FOSS for arranging this much-anticipated event.

Have a great weekend!



Superstars

Headteacher Award

Ella, for being a fantastic role model in school and for showing great improvement in writing

Stars of the Week

Reception—Eva, for showing perseverance in all her work

Year 1—Flora, for writing a fabulous story

Year 2—Toby Th, for being all-round fabulous and working hard in every lesson

Year 3—George, for perseverance in all he does in class

Year 4—Tiffany, for fantastic poetry-writing this week

Year 5—Orla, for a beautiful poster about the marine biome

Year 6—Henry Ho, for thoughtful contributions during whole-class reading

Happy Birthday!

4th February—Rebecca

9th February—Alfie, Sammy P

Golden table

Esmee, Jessica, Joshua G, Lucas, Sammy P, Scarlett, Toby Tr

House points

This week the joint winners are Byland (Blue) and Kirkham (Purple)

Attendance

Highest average attendance - Reception and Year 6 (both 100%)

Whole school average - 97.9%

National attendance average - 96%

Other news

Internet Safety Day posters

Miss Hodkin is running a Internet Safety Day poster competition, to tie in with our Safer Internet Day held this week. If your child you would like to design an internet safety poster at home (some children may have started these in class), please could they bring them into school by Thursday 21st February at the latest. The School Council will pick one winner from KS1 and one winner from KS2, and there will be a small prize for each winner.

School Twitter feed

We encourage you to follow our school Twitter feed, as we post many photos and videos on a very regular basis, so it's a fantastic way to see what your child has been up to in school and what the school community is doing each week, as well as useful information updates and reminders. It only takes a few simple steps to set up a Twitter account online on a laptop or on your phone, and you will then be able to follow our main school Twitter feed and/or each class feed, at the below:

Main school Twitter feed: [@Sutton_Forest18](https://twitter.com/Sutton_Forest18)

Rec/Year1/Year 2 Twitter feed: [@SuttonYearR12](https://twitter.com/SuttonYearR12)

Year 3/4 Twitter feed: [@SuttonYear34](https://twitter.com/SuttonYear34)

Year 5/6 Twitter feed: [@SuttonYear56](https://twitter.com/SuttonYear56)

Our live Twitter feed can also be found on the homepage of the school website (suttonontheforestschoo.org).

Forthcoming Events - Spring Term

8th February, 8pm - FOSS Gin Night

13th February, 3:40-6pm - Parents' Evening 1

14th February, 3:40-6pm - Parents' Evening 2 - no Times Tables Club

15th February - Tempest class photos

16th February - Helping Day at school

21st February - Cluster Cross Country finals, Queen Mary's School

22nd February - LAST DAY OF HALF TERM

4th March - SCHOOL REOPENS

7th March - World Book Day, Class 2 Cake Sale

14th March - Mental Health Awareness Day

15th March - Red Nose Day

18th March - KS2 visit to Leeds Grand Mosque

20th March - Year 5/6 Cluster Quick Sticks Hockey (TBC)

23rd March - Helping Day at school

1st April - Bag2School bags available

3rd April - Year 5/6 Cluster Netball Tournament (TBC)

4th April - FOSS Class 3 Cake Sale

4th April, 8pm - Year 6 Parents East Barnby meeting at Crayke School

5th April - Science Day

7th April - FOSS Easter Treasure Hunt

10th-12th April - Year 5 Robinwood residential trip

12th April - LAST DAY OF TERM