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EMBRACE CHALLENGE!

SOUTH DARLEY C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



Celebrating our Week

Friday 22nd January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Considering we are in lockdown it has been quite an eventful week. Wednesday morning saw our staff putting up a tent at 8.15 in the morning so that a drive-through book swap for infants could take place at the school gates without the books getting wet due to poor weather. Whilst the book swap was happening, the rain was getting heavier and the council closed Darley Bridge due to rising water levels. The school lunches only just arrived with minutes to spare and others had to go on large diversions to come and collect their children. On Thursday many of the staff couldn't come to school due to the flooding, closed roads and snowy icy conditions on high ground. Although hopefully not much learning was lost due to the fact the remote learning was provided.



Also this week, we received covid tests for school staff as we are being asked to self-test twice a week to prevent the virus spreading. We have therefore been learning how to do it, hoping that results are negative. If there are positive results then the school may well have to close for all, including key worker and vulnerable children, although hopefully remote learning would remain.

Anyway, take care and keep doing an amazing job at home-schooling. We continue to be very impressed.

P Wilde, Headteacher, South Darley CE Primary School

Our Infant Pupils in school and at home

The infants and their parents have had another fantastic week with absolutely everybody joining our zoom and adding work to the dojo. The children have loved finding out about trains and the 'father of the railway' George Stephenson and making boats from tinfoil that would hold as much weight as possible. The YR children are now experts on 2D shape and are spotting them everywhere. Miss Gill and Mrs Fletcher were really pleased to see so many people at their all-weather drive-thru reading book swap and it will be running again next week, hopefully with less 'weather' to contend with!

Our Lower Juniors in school and at home

Well done for another great week of online learning, you have all posted some superb work, which you should be very proud of. Next week, we are going to write a balanced argument discussing the question 'Should Moon Dog go with the fairies?'. In Maths, Y3 are going to start looking at money and Y4 are going to investigate area. In Science, we are going to build on our work about Space as we explore the different phases of the moon. In Art, we are going to draw some characters from Moon Dog in the style of the illustrator.

Our Upper Juniors in school and at home

Another massive well done to Years 5 and 6 and their parents for all your hard work this week. It has been lovely to see all the fab work you have been doing. Next week we are going to plan and write our own stories in the style of 'Moon Dog'. We will have our own planet inhabitants and unusual visitors – it will be good to see what everyone thinks of! In Art we are going to find out about the artist of the pictures in 'Moon Dog' and do some work in the same style as him. In Science we will be looking at electrical circuits.



Well done to all those children who took part in the Girls v Boys TTTRS battle which finished on Tuesday. The competition was very tense towards the end with the girls finally winning by a narrow margin. As the boys are very keen to prove they can beat the girls, another battle was set up on Tuesday to run for a week. Good luck everyone!

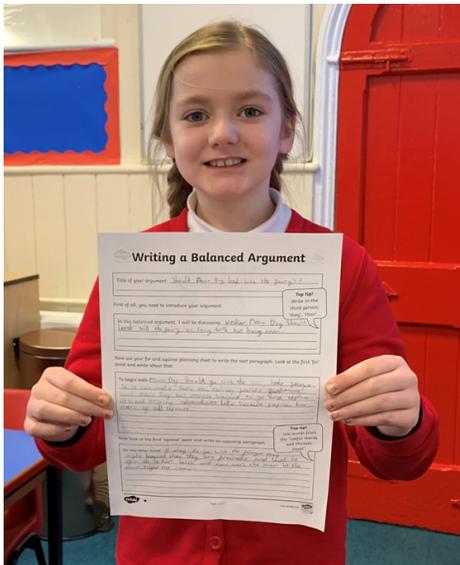
Scores: GIRLS – 1310 BOYS – 1276

1st Place – Lilly-Mae, 2nd Place – Finn and 3rd Place – Holly

Best work of the week was awarded to Ellie and Orla for their science videos, Isla for a fantastic plan for a balanced argument discussing 'Should Moon Dog leave with the fairies?'. Caitlyn and Ruby for winning the infant times tables game, Maisie for her picture and writing about her Daddy being as funny as a clown, Lucas for his solar system presentation, William for his science video and Imogen for her sheep diaries.



Maisie



Lucas