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SOUTH DARLEY C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



Celebrating Our Week

Friday 3rd December 2021

Infants— Looking back at last week

We have been reading list poems, including lists of things the poet has done today and a list of things you'd find in a shipwrecked sailor's pocket. We wrote our own list of things that you might find in the pockets of, for example, Rudolph, a mermaid...and Miss Gill! We have studied 3D shapes and enjoyed making different amounts with coins. Reception have enjoyed more poetry and are becoming very good at rhyming words. In Maths they were fantastic with days of the week and enjoyed the story of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar".

Infants—Looking forward to next week

Next week we will be looking at 2D shapes and using them to make patterns, adding money and giving change and reading, sequencing and retelling the Christmas story. And there will be some Babushka rehearsal... Reception will be doing their last week of poetry and composing their own poetry book. In Maths they will be learning how to tell the time looking at O' clock and will be making their own teddy bear clock.

Lower Juniors looking back at last week

We have had an action packed week in the lower juniors classroom with lots of very excited children. In Art, we made some salt dough Christmas tree decorations that will be sold during our Barnardos sale. In English, we have started 'A Christmas Carol', looking at the character of Ebenezer Scrooge. The children have produced some excellent expanded noun phrases and similes to describe him. In Maths, we have continued with our work on times tables and division. Year 3 have now looked at 3, 4 and 8 whilst Year 4 have been focusing on 6, 9 and 7.

Lower Juniors looking forward to next week

We will be finishing off our classroom tree decorations to personalise them. In Music, we will continue to learn Feliz Navidad and learn the carols for Friday's Blessing of the Christmas Tree, led by Reverend Monk—we hope to see you all there. In SPaG we will look at conjunctions and how they can be used to add additional information into a sentence.

Upper Juniors looking back at last week

This week we have been thinking of Mrs Worth as she recovers from Covid. In Maths the children have been continuing long division with Y6 also looking at Pie Charts, and Y5 Timetables. In Computing, children were designing robots which will help protect the world, and in Wider Opps, children are getting more confident with their violins. We have also had our first presentation of the new school year – well done Finn for volunteering to get us up and running.

Upper Juniors looking forward to next week

Next week in the Upper Juniors we will be continuing with our work on 'A Christmas Carol' by exploring the visits from the ghosts and planning our own ghost story. As well as this, we will carrying out some assessments and continuing to work on our Christmas Crafts. We look forward to working with the infants on their nativity and learning some more about mechanisms in Science.

Best Work of the Week was awarded to Finlay, Mina, Garin, Libby, Maisie, Shohei, Evelyn, Jacamo, Ellie and Minnie



House Points

Haddon - 24

Riber— 25

Chatsworth— 20

House Points Prize Winners—
Tamsin & Maisie C

What's on next week

Mon 6th	
Tues 7th	Individual violin lessons
Weds 8th	Y5/6 PE
Thurs 9th	
Fri 10th	Infants and Y3/4 PE. 3.30pm Blessing of the Christmas Tree in school playground. All welcome.

Sports Fixtures and Results

PE Stars
of the
Week

Sophia &
Kyle

Haris &
Ellie

Takuma
& Ellie

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Water Polo—letter from the organiser

Thank you to the South Darley CE Primary School Water Polo team for coming to the water polo event and putting in so much energy and enthusiasm! I enjoyed the afternoon, so I hope you did too?

We were certainly more excited and noisier than the other pool – even though we were just 4 primary school teams. The final winners were Serpents (Crich Carr 2), with second place – Deer (South Darley) decided on the last match of the tournament. Joint third were Fish (Matlock Water Polo) and Crocodiles (Crich Carr 1).

Considering it was your first time playing mini water polo you all showed you had good throwing and catching skills – it must be all the other sports like handball/netball, you play. Your stamina levels were very good to keep striding through the water or swimming to take advantage of your ball possessions. I would also like to congratulate all the goalies from every team for their phenomenal reflexes to keep out so many goals – the nets were peppered with throws but the scores reflect how many were kept out!

Please thank your teachers, parents and “family taxi” drivers who also gave up their time to make the event happen.

You might be interested in a **series of 6 sessions of mini water polo** starting 10th January and another series 28th February 2022. Just like independent swimming lessons it is for individual families to arrange, it is held at the Arc on Mondays between 7pm – 8pm. Contact me to reserve a place.

Thank you once again

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Music Lessons

