



## *The Principal's Weekly Newsletter*

Mr Deryck M. Wilson



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Children and Parents,

### ***History in Year 7 'The Roman Empire'***

The year 7 History students have been studying the Roman Empire and this week, following an assessment on the Roman army, have done a role-play activity where they presented a 'TV programme' in 150AD. In groups of four, the students played the roles of a panel of experts interviewed about the phenomenal success of the Roman army. The students decided on their roles and researched the information for their parts. The students were extremely well informed and very persuasive! **Ms Vicky Salmon**





### **Natalie Neven's homework 'Discovery of the Elements'**

As part of the Key Stage 3 Science course, our Year 9 students were set a holiday assignment.

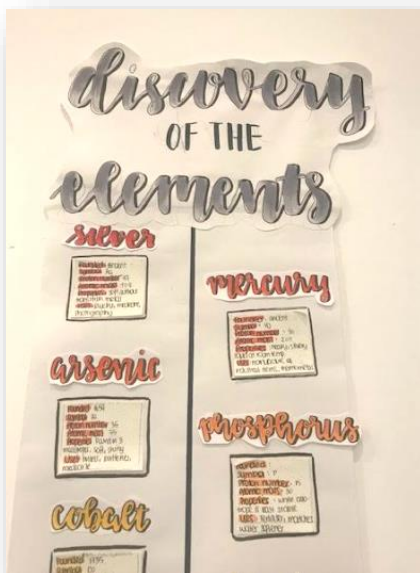
This assignment was to create a time-line to show when some of the elements were discovered.

There were many creative, ingenious and colourful examples. A big "Well Done" all around.

However, one example did stand out as an example of creativity and initiative. This example is shown in the accompanying photographs.

So, an extra-special "Well Done!" to Natalie Neven for her excellent poster.

**Mr William Edwards**  
**Head of Chemistry**



### **Year 5T creating a 'Viking Home'**

We have gone back to nature and travelled back in time in 5T this week, embarking on a project to create a Viking home using natural materials. Teamwork has been key as we worked in pairs to bind sticks together using long grasses to create the frame for the house's structure. Throughout this activity we applied our scientific knowledge of materials, and the minds of engineers, as we assessed the suitability of materials due to their characteristics; strength, flexibility, durability. It has taken a lot of patience so far, and it is an ongoing project so we will let you know when we complete the build. Next week we will be weaving the walls and roof.





## ***Being Outside Makes Us Smile!***

To celebrate International Day of Happiness and using our 'Action for Happiness' January calendar, some students of 4A went outside today to complete today's happiness challenge: go outside and find five things that are beautiful. At Southlands, we are extremely lucky that we have so much outside space for us to choose from! We walked around the garden and the orchard, listening to the silence, the birds, the church bells in the distance and thought about some things that made us happy. We then took our ideas back to the classroom where we wrote them up to display around school. You may see some of this wonderful work soon! Here are some quotes from the children:

"The trees are beautiful because they make oxygen for us to breathe." **Lara Tanzini**

"I like the flowers because they remind me of when I was small and my granny had flowers in her house, which makes me happy." **Cayetana Gonzalez Priego**

"I liked staying outside because it was calm. I could smell the fresh air and I could hear the bells ringing." **Silvia Piergallini**

**Miss Armitage**





### **Year 3" 'Rocks and Soils' topic**

After the excitement of December, 3W have had an excellent start to 2020. We've turned our minds to Science, continuing with our 'Rocks and Soils' topic. This week, the students worked in groups to bring the Rock Cycle to life. They were given a challenge, to explain how different types of rock are formed... without using any words! Here we can see some students acting out the formation of sedimentary rock. Well done 3W! Ms Wells



### **Football Tournaments for 2020**

As you know, at Southlands International School, we pride ourselves in offering many activities and are pleased to announce the upcoming fixtures for Southlands Students interested in participating in Football Tournaments at the weekend.

These dates are subject to change and more will be added once they have been organised in the calendar.

For more information, please speak with Mr Hough if you are interested in being involved or would like to know more about it.



Date	Venue	Age Group
25/01/2020	U11 Boys/Girls Football Tournament	Marymount School
01/02/2020	U14 Boys Football Matches	St George's School
07/03/2020	U7, U9, U11 Football Tournament	Southlands Int Sch
28/03/2020	U14 Boys Football Matches	St George's School
09/05/2020	U7, U9, U11 Football Tournament	The New School

## Year 6 Parents' Meeting

Your child is reaching the end of their time in the Primary School and you might be wanting to find out more about what is on offer in Year 7 and beyond in the Senior School. It is my pleasure to invite you to an information morning regarding the curriculum offer for our Year 6 going into Year 7 in September 2020.

To find out more about the curriculum offer in your child's next steps at Southlands, please come along at:

**8:40am Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 in the school gym**

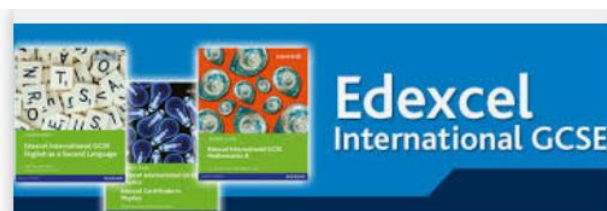
I look forward to the opportunity to meet with you and discuss your child's future and answer any questions you may have. **Mrs Carly Barber, Head of Senior School**



## IGCSE offer 2020 for Year 9 Parents

We are excited to share with you the curriculum available next year for our prospective IGCSE students. All parents with children ready for year 10 in 2020 are invited to attend our IGCE information evening, with extra information about the courses on offer and how this leads to the IB. The evening will be held on **23rd January at 5:30 pm**. If this is not convenient or you wish to have a one to one chat, please do not hesitate to make an appointment.

We look forward to seeing you there.  
Mrs Barber, **Head of Senior School**



WWF's mission is to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature.

Globeducate is the first International Schools Group to go into partnership with WWF. Southlands will benefit from a wealth of resources. We will keep you updated with the various initiatives that we will be involving students and families throughout the year.



## Southlands first steps to Achieve Eco-Schools status

Staff and students have started working towards making Southlands an Eco-School. Plastic cups are no longer in use in the school offices and also in our hot drinks vending machines.

### Let's Live a Plastic-Free Life

- ✓ Carry reusable shopping bags. Carry whatever works for you. Some people like reusable canvas totes.



- ✓ Give up bottled water. Not only does it come in a plastic bottle, but tremendous resources are used to extract, bottle, and ship. Get a reusable stainless steel bottle **plastic free - no plastic on the cap at all!**
- ✓ Carry a stainless steel travel mug or water bottle at all times for coffee and other drinks while out and about.

## Just a reminder for your child's vaccination schedule.

### Children from 5 to 6 years need the following boosters:

- DTP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)
- IPV (polio)
- MMR (mumps, measles, rubella)
- Chickenpox

### Children from 12 to 14 years:

- HPV (human Papillomavirus)

### Children from 11 to 18 years need the following boosters:

- MMR
- DTP
- IPV

Please ask your family doctor if you have any questions and bring in copy of updated vaccines.

Thank you

**Nurse Diana & Nurse Lanny**



## Message from Administration

### Let's Party!

Looking for a place to host your child's next birthday, a reunion, event, shower, or just celebrating? Look no further!

Why not celebrate your child's special day with us and his/her class mates directly at school on a Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Children can be taken directly after school to the lunchroom where you can celebrate without the hustle of car pooling children to your home.



Cari Genitori,

Non è mai troppo tardi per imparare l'inglese!

Southlands è lieta di comunicarVi che da Gennaio 2020 partiranno i corsi di inglese per adulti. Le lezioni si terranno di mattina a scuola con un nostro insegnante madrelingua, in giorni ed orari che verranno concordati a seguito di un piccolo test di ingresso.

Potrete prenotare il Vostro incontro tramite la Segreteria della scuola in base alle Vostre disponibilità, chiamando il numero 065053932.

### **It is never too late to learn Italian!**

Southlands is pleased to inform you that starting from January 2020 you will have the opportunity to learn Italian directly here at school. Our Italian adult course will be taught by one of our Modern Foreign Language specialist teachers, Mrs Ana Lain Del Forno.



Our Italian language course will provide you the necessary tools for approaching the language and totally understand the Italian culture. Lessons will take place every Tuesday afternoon from 3.45pm to 4.45pm. If you would like to sign up for the course please contact the school office tel 06 5053932.

### ***Listening Centre***

The sessions will take place with Dr. Francesco Anuso (Psychologist) who has a wide experience working with children and adolescents and speaks English and Italian. The Centre is an opportunity for parents who wish to talk about any kind of family matter, children's behaviour or who seek professional advice.

Please visit **www.schoolbookings.net** and use **Event Code: sswz5** to book your slot. The 20-minute sessions will be held every Thursday from 09:00 to 10:00. Sessions will take place in the SEN room in front of the C31 classroom (staircase on top of school shop).

### ***Dates for your Diary***

Key Stage 4&5 French Theatre trip

Year 6 Transition Meeting

Year 9 IGCSE for 2020 Meeting

Half Yerm Holiday

Parent/teacher conferences (holiday for children)

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – 8.40am

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Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

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Do have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deryck M Wilson'.

Deryck M Wilson

Principal