

## ***The Principal's Weekly Newsletter***

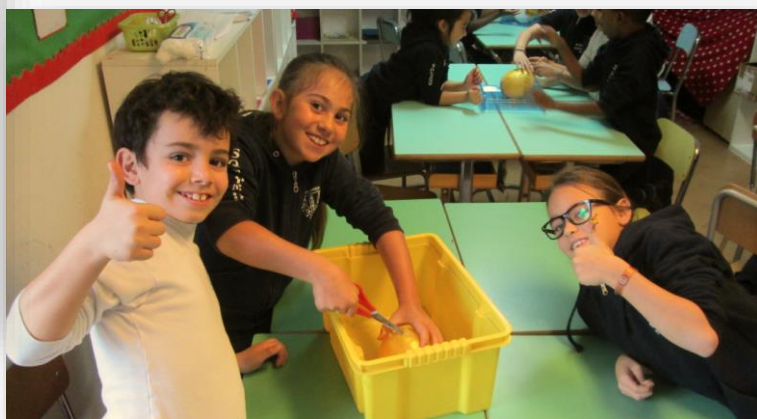
Mr Deryck M. Wilson

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Dear Children and Parents,

### ***4B Inflating our Knowledge with Ice Balloons***

The class thought our recent experiments were *as cool as ice* and nothing *slipped* their mind when in lessons this week. Year 4B have been investigating the way solids, liquids and gases can change state. To do this, they placed four ice balloons in various places around our building and monitored the rate at which they melted. The children were *ice cool* when they completed their tables showing our results. Ask anyone from 4B to share their discoveries if you would like to know what happened. We also completed an experiment dissolving different materials in liquid! We saw what happened to sugar, tea and sand when they were put into water and stirred. **Mr. Barker"**





## Year 6C Science

In Year 6C Science, we have been studying the father of genetics, Gregor Mendel, and what DNA and heredity means. We really enjoyed constructing our deoxyribonucleic acid ladders last week. **Ms Laura Cahall**





## VIII Globeducate International Music Festival.

Julianne joined students from RIS to attend the Globeducate Music Festival in Bilbao. We understand that the students are having a fantastic time and are looking forward to performing on Saturday morning. I am lucky to be a member of the audience.



Julianne Friedenthal Year 8S

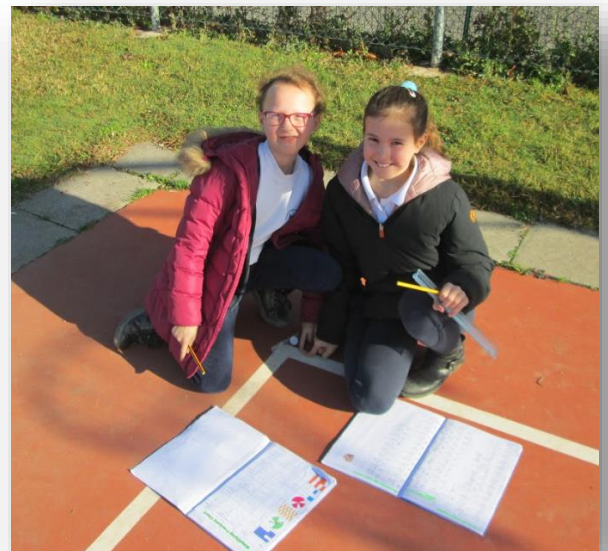
### ***Maths... In Real Life?***

This week in 4A, we have begun studying the different types of straight lines in preparation for our big study on angles and shapes next week. We initially learnt the names for the three types of lines: parallel, intersecting and perpendicular. However, instead of staying in the classroom, 4A once more took their learning outside to see if we could spot any examples of these types of lines in real life. We had a look at the buildings, the pink court and in the garden and found some wonderful examples! I was very impressed by the children who were using the correct mathematical language to describe what they were seeing. My favourite moment was when we found giant intersecting lines on the building of the Year 6 classrooms! Here is what some of the children had to say about what they learnt:

*"I learnt that there are so many perpendicular lines in real life, they meet at 90°!"* **Giulio Pecorella**

*"I liked being outside because it makes me feel relaxed and I feel like I was learning more. I didn't realise that there were so many lines in real life."* **Viola Sessa.**

*"The best place to find lines was on the Pink Court. I found parallel, perpendicular AND intersecting lines!"*  
**Oscar Chen. Miss Armitage**







## Nursery 'Snow and Ice' topic

The Nursery classes have been learning about snow and ice. We made an iceman and watched him melt in the sun. We made fake snow and had fun playing in our igloo. **Mrs Shirley & Mrs Luisa-Jane**





## ***Year 1 Celebrates Happiness Day***

As well as wearing their favourite clothes to school, the pupils in Year 1 spent the day engaged in activities that made them happy. At the end of the day, they were joined by some Year 2 children in the Outdoor Learning Area where there was dressing up, bug hunting, playdough and creative activities to enjoy.



## ***Taking Maths Outside***

This week, Year 1 used the fence in the Outdoor Learning Area to make a number line from 0 - 100. With much discussion, using their Maths vocabulary and sequencing skills, they found the correct place for each number. This activity, besides being a lot of fun, practised and consolidated their maths language, understanding of place value and ordering skills. **Mrs Wilson & Mr Gray**







### ***Curriculum information events***

Thank you to all the parents who attended the key stage 3 and 4 curriculum information events on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. We believe preparing well for the periods of transition in school really helps the children settle quickly, making good continued progress and engendering a positive feeling achieved through clarity of what is coming amongst both the students and the parents. The questions parents asked throughout the presentations in both the potential year 7 and year 10 events really helped cement the feeling of what it is to be a student in the senior school at Southlands International School.

I also thank Mrs Atturi for her clarification of how the Key Stage 3 curriculum runs alongside the Media programme of the Italian school, allowing us to identify how the focus on mother tongue learning is valued and possible to continue through to IBDP.

For those of you who were not able to attend, but wish to find out more, please find a copy of the presentations and the curriculum booklets in the link below and feel free to make an appointment if you have any questions related to your child beginning year 7 or 10 in September. **Carly Barber, Head of Senior School**

### **KS3 CURRICULUM BOOKLET**

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=12iWcbZoiW5UeYKd-isTp6XM1vbs76u26>

### **KS4 CURRICULUM BOOKLET**

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1ur2fj4rI4MFG9TGAjdIAYHsEwwRwO5xR>

### **Presentation**

Key Stage 4 Options presentation -

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B7fTYmVZfR9bekJPcHNld2dtTVIfNlpDWTBxVEUwR1QxazJn>

Parents Transition presentation -

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B7fTYmVZfR9bQW9QRmVVSvVTNU9Mb192ZkFEcHdvWmZOMFdv>



## Carnevale

This year's "Carnevale" will take place on Friday 21st February. We will be following the tradition of the children wearing fancy dress costumes and parading for parents. For those of you who are new to the school, children, may wear any form of fancy dress. We will ask parents not to send in replica/toy weapons of any kind.

## Parades

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2      just after 11.00 a.m. on the Pink Court  
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6                              just after 11.30 a.m. on the Pink Court

## Globeducate News

Dear Parents,

We wish to inform you that STONAR and ICS schools who are part of the Globeducate group are offering Southlands' students 20% discount on tuition fees for their Easter and Summer School programmes.

STONAR School brochure

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1FECRB2Te2dd1gnnNpMmt8UelbH3iMpbC>

ICS brochure

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1hrK-y6\\_TV1egphsKzA5pXJT\\_x\\_zNiDgoK](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1hrK-y6_TV1egphsKzA5pXJT_x_zNiDgoK)



## ONE WEEK TO GO!

Next Friday, 7th February, The Eco Committee will host the Southlands Ski Sale in the courtyard outside the office from 15:00-16:30 as a fundraiser for Australia. Thank you for all of the generous donations so far. We will continue to collect donations of ski clothes for people of all ages until Thursday 6th February.

There will also be a stall selling ice cream and hot chocolate for €1 each.

Thank you for your generosity and support, we look forward to seeing you there.

**Naomi Taylor, Year 5 Teacher**

**Eco Schools Coordinator**



Dear Parents,

Hand washing is like a "do-it-yourself" vaccine—it involves five simple and effective steps (Wet, Lather, Scrub, Rinse, Dry) you can take to reduce the spread of diarrhoeal and respiratory illness so you can stay healthy. Regular hand washing is one of the best ways to remove germs, avoid getting sick, and prevent the spread of germs to others. It is quick, it is simple, and it can keep us all from getting sick. Hand washing is a win for everyone, except the germs.



### First Line of Defence Against Germs

Germs can spread in many ways including:

- \* touching dirty hands
- \* changing dirty diapers
- \* through droplets in the air released during a cough or sneeze
- \* on contaminated surfaces
- \* through contaminated water and food
- \* through contact with a sick person's body fluids

When children come into contact with germs, they can unknowingly become infected simply by touching their eyes, nose or mouth. In addition, once they are infected, the whole family can become sick with the same illness.

Good hand washing is the first line of defence against the spreading of many illnesses- from the common cold to more serious infections, such as the flu, conjunctivitis, hepatitis A, bronchiolitis, meningitis, and most types of infectious diarrhea.



**Again a reminder for all. Please keep your child at home when they are not feeling well or ill. Sending them to school when ill will only spread germs to the whole class, and makes your child's recovery take a longer time.**

Thank you  
**Nurse Diana & Nurse Lanny**

### Upcoming Football Tournaments for 2020

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

Date	Venue	Age Group
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

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



## Southlands International School End of Term Performances Video

To view and download the video of your child/ren's performance please click on the link below.

CLASS	LINK
Nursery D & F <b>Elves Christmas Concert</b>	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=13Z8nROa_Ws20ER6CRcM1G_2QRTzR2-sS">https://drive.google.com/open?id=13Z8nROa_Ws20ER6CRcM1G_2QRTzR2-sS</a>
Reception L <b>Reception's Christmas Wishes</b>	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=1MXsmLspLbOW31NIA1Qr0GmbEblCzK8Pt">https://drive.google.com/open?id=1MXsmLspLbOW31NIA1Qr0GmbEblCzK8Pt</a>
Year 1G & 1W <b>Away in a Manger</b>	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=1hKzAfgA1b_qzjt-mnZO4_oSuAdvnwsEH">https://drive.google.com/open?id=1hKzAfgA1b_qzjt-mnZO4_oSuAdvnwsEH</a>
Year 2J & 2P <b>Ralph the Reindeer</b>	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Gkpray6RAA-Q_HHxnNMpSKc44bcGSd-d">https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Gkpray6RAA-Q_HHxnNMpSKc44bcGSd-d</a>
Year 3S & 3W <b>Eddie the Penguin Saves the World</b>	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=15mf-xxu5kpN8Gtb21oD4TgJes6iBZCMR">https://drive.google.com/open?id=15mf-xxu5kpN8Gtb21oD4TgJes6iBZCMR</a>
Year 4A & 4B <b>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</b>	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Ai0Pk-9A4Et4bh99Inds53MnMaiFHzYO">https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Ai0Pk-9A4Et4bh99Inds53MnMaiFHzYO</a>
Year 5T & 5TC <b>Southlands Musical</b>	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=1KBGF6Lv5ZNzOXD4mUi9Y9JB8C1c5INKE">https://drive.google.com/open?id=1KBGF6Lv5ZNzOXD4mUi9Y9JB8C1c5INKE</a>
Year 6C & 6H <b>Not Another Christmas Story</b>	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=13JwU7Fn__bMvJ1gjr76ch6wXLuvCjBOW">https://drive.google.com/open?id=13JwU7Fn__bMvJ1gjr76ch6wXLuvCjBOW</a>
KS3 <b>Cats</b>	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=1t1qJKjCeWbklFfJWaKq-M2kW5W0sKgp_">https://drive.google.com/open?id=1t1qJKjCeWbklFfJWaKq-M2kW5W0sKgp_</a>

### Listening Centre

The sessions will take place with Dr. Francesco Anfuso (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](http://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).

### Message from School Manager

Dear Parents,

I am proud to announce a collaboration with AIRC, (The AIRC Foundation for Cancer Research in Italy) and an upcoming 'Pink Event', which will be held before Easter at school. You can support this initiative by buying a limited edition 'Pink Southlands t-shirt', which can be ordered via a google form that you will receive shortly or by placing an order directly at the school shop.



A sample of the t-shirt that students, staff and parents can wear on this day are available in the school uniform. The scope of the event is to raise awareness and to raise funds.



All sizes can be purchased for your child/ren, friends & family, which will contribute to making the event even more special.

The cost of the t-shirt is Euro 15,00 and a part of the amount will be donated to AIRC. You will receive shortly a google form where you can place your order.

We will keep you posted in the forthcoming newsletters.

**Mr Gabriele Beretta**


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

CWMUN ROME  
Eco Committee Ski-wear Sale  
Year 6 Victorian Day  
Half Term Holiday  
Parent/teacher conferences (holiday for children)

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
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Do have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Deryck M Wilson  
Principal