

24.11.23

Attached alongside this week's newsletter in the confirmation of our recent OFSTED visit. We are delighted to finally be able to share with you the outcome of this in which we were judged to be "Good" across the board. The report is extremely positive and testament to the work that the staff and pupils demonstrate, as well as the commitment of you the parents in supporting us in our journey since the previous report in 2018. The report can be found here [50233463 \(ofsted.gov.uk\)](https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50233463). We have been given one area for improvement; Persistent absence for some pupils is too high. This means that some disadvantaged pupils miss out on important learning. Leaders must refine and focus their approaches to working with parents to reduce persistent absence rapidly for disadvantaged pupils. And will continue to work with pupils, families and look for support from other agencies to endeavour to improve this.

In other news this week we had a visit from Sally Ann Hart MP, we discussed concerns around the traffic in the morning and afternoon around the academy, as well as the recent OFSTED report and of course the swimming pool. However, the highlight of the visit was the tour of the academy led by our Pupil Presidents; Noah, Leo, Miles and Lacey; all of who were very vocal about the academy, and gave a wonderful tour.

Weekly Smiley Awards

EYFS – Year 3 – Maple Class with over 300 smileys

KS2 – Elderflower Class with over 300 smileys

CHRISTMAS DINNER



This year our Christmas is on the 8th December – this is now live on ParentPay, please order your Christmas dinner by Friday 1st December. There is no Jacket potato or Packed lunch option on this day.

EYFS 2024

We have had our first EYFS Open Event this week which was well attended, the next is at 2.00pm on Tuesday 28th. Booking is still open if you'd like to join! Visit: <https://bit.ly/3RdRQWa> to secure your place now.

#openevents #education #primaryschool #startingschool #openday2023



DRIVING ON SITE



A quick reminder that cars should not be driving on site between 8.30 – 9.05 in the morning, and 3.00 – 3.30 in the afternoon. We always try and support traffic if the site is clear, but please be aware. This is for the safety of all members of the community accessing the academy at those times. With children and parents we have a footfall close to 1000 people at the start and end of the day so driving is not advisable. Thank you

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MO-EMBER

This academic year the University of Brighton Academy Trust (UoBAT) is fundraising to support the **Sussex Cancer Fund**, and your generous donation can make a significant difference. Your donation, regardless of its size, plays a crucial role. Your contribution will directly aid in improving the lives of individuals and families affected by cancer in Sussex, offering them hope, care, and support during their challenging journey. This month Mr Mann is taking part in MoVember, if you would like to donate to the charity please follow the QR code linked in the poster. Thank you in advance for your kind-hearted support #TeamUoBAT

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

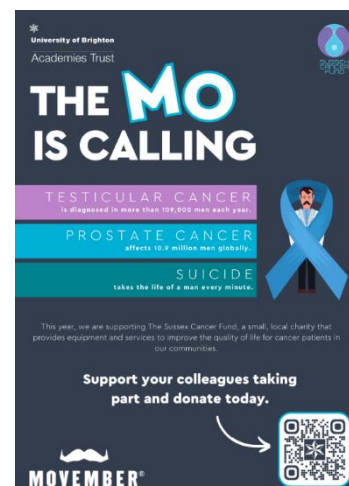
As we navigate the bustling routines of dropping off and picking up our children from school, it is essential to take a moment and reflect on the significance of respecting our school neighbours during these daily transitions. We understand that as the winter months draw in more and more people drive children to and pick up from school in their cars. This in itself brings about a number of issues regarding parking and the congestion on the roads. Our school is not an isolated entity; it exists as a part of a larger community that includes residents, businesses, and other institutions. By demonstrating consideration and respect for our neighbours, we can foster positive relationships and create a harmonious environment for everyone. Let us remember to park responsibly, ensuring that driveways and entrances are not blocked. Let's be mindful of noise levels and refrain from honking unnecessarily. Most importantly, let us model courteous behaviour by using footpaths, obeying traffic rules, setting a positive example for our children and respecting other people's property. By showing respect towards our school neighbours, we contribute to the collective well-being and promote a sense of unity within our community.



YEAR GROUP UPDATES

This week Early Years have focused on 'birthdays,' continuing our theme on celebrations. It has been interesting for the children to share how they celebrate birthdays at home. Each class has a special teddy, 'Pip' in Apple Tree, 'Cherry Moose' in Cherry Tree and 'Olive' in Olive Tree. They were all six years old too, which links to our 'number of the week'. (Such incredibly coincidences-ha ha!) This has created such excitement in our classrooms and a real purpose to write. The children wrote invitations to send home, lists of party food, ideas for games they would like play, they created named placemats and made birthday cards. Their cake designs were wonderful as well, they completed surveys to find out which cake flavour had the most and fewest votes. Our learning on shapes linked to presents the children wrapped, this gave them a good understanding of the properties of each shape. The mathematical language they are using to describe shapes has been very impressive, such as curved, circular edges, flat, solid etc! Next week we will talk about Advent, as well as the Nativity story, in maths we will be reinforcing language and concept of more/most, equal, fewer/least by comparing amounts. Have a lovely weekend.

This week Year One have been designing gadgets to aid Traction Man in his quests: a very inventive year group we have! We have been busy adding our gadgets to our utility belts and explaining how to use them through role play and amazing written explanations! In Maths this week we've continued to look at addition and subtraction working within 20 using a range of resources to support our learning. What else? ... DT: ask the children about their puppet design! History: what they know about children's toys in the past. Science: properties of materials and the new scientific words we have learnt. A polite reminder that as winter approaches and everyone is wearing bigger coats, it is super important to keep baggage to a minimum in our cloakrooms. Lots of rucksacks are creeping in which are too big to stay hanging on the pegs and it becomes a bit of a trip hazard when everyone's coats are pushed off the pegs and onto the floor. If possible, please just send your child with their bookbag, coat, lunchbox and water-bottle. The



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drawstring PE bags hang nicely under the coats but anything extra starts to cause problems. Thank you for your support. Don't forget to spend some time on Bug Club, Maths Seeds and have a great weekend.

Brrr, it's been a chilly end to the week, but Year 2 are still giving it their all! In English, we've been delving into the fascinating world of Guglielmo Marconi, the Italian inventor, known for his wireless telegraph system. The children absorbed the facts and worked hard on crafting detailed reports about his life. In Maths, bar models have been a great resource to tackle addition and subtraction problems. Geography has turned into a compass adventure, with the children enjoying directing Harland to the Titanic. Destination Reader has been all about the art of summarizing, and our children have been engrossed in the thrilling tale of Vlad and the Great Fire of London. Through Vlad's adventures and vibrant illustrations, they've been uncovering the mystery of how the fire started, its wild spread, and the heroic efforts of Londoners to fight and escape it. It's been an exciting week of learning, and we can't wait to see what the next one holds! Have a lovely weekend.

Year 3 have worked really hard this week. In English, the children became journalists and interviewed the dreadful Aunt Carlotta and the old lady who was one of the last people to see Nikolas. They then used this information in their news reports about Nikolas going missing. In maths they have been focussing on exchanging ones, tens and hundreds in preparation for learning formal methods for addition and subtraction. Science has been great fun. The children investigated whether the length of a person's femur affected how far they could jump. Their findings were very interesting and, in most groups, it wasn't the person with the longest femur who jumped the furthest. The children then shared their theories about why not. Finally, congratulations to Rowan class for a wonderful assembly on Thursday. They were brilliant!

This week year 4 have been busy writing formal letters to King Edward from Harold Godwinson. We started the week examining formal language and considering how it is different to the informal language they were using last week. The children worked hard with both the planning and writing and the outcome was some brilliant letters with a formal tone. In maths we have moved onto formal written methods of addition and subtraction. We have been super impressed with the determination the children have shown throughout the week. Each day three children have been applying their skills to a variety of question types, including trying to discover missing numbers within calculations. In science, we have continued with our units 'States of Matter'. The children have been monitoring their experiment from last week which focussed on evaporation. All of the classes have noticed a change and they are looking forward to seeing more results over the coming weeks. Our lesson this week focussed on condensation, we were able to show how the temperature of the water can create condensation in a variety of ways. In history we have been examining artefacts found at the Sutton Hoo site in 1939. The children acted like archaeologist and made predictions on who they thought might have been buried there hundreds of years ago.

This week, in Year 5, we have been reading some more of our book and it looks like Felix has left the orphanage. I wonder where is going to go. In English, we have been writing our own biographies about Anne Frank. Did you know that Anne Frank's diary has been translated into 70 different languages and has sold 30 million copies? What an inspirational person she was. In maths, we have continued with the written method for addition and subtraction. The children have worked really hard in maths. We are so proud of them. In history, this week we have been learning about ghettos and concentration camps. In PSHE, we learnt about direct and indirect bullying. In computing, we continued to learn about polling programs and created our own pedometer. Don't forget to log into times tables rock star and rollama. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend. See you Monday! J

This week Year 6 have continued to write their balanced argument on whether animals should be performing in circuses, they have done a fantastic job connecting their points made with complex conjunctions and paragraphing well. In maths Year 6 have been working hard on their fraction work, revising how to convert improper fractions to mixed and simplifying them. We have also enjoyed creating our own pieces of street art, taking inspiration from our great Street Art Walk around Hastings. In geography we have studied time zones, understanding why there are over 20 different time zones across the world! We have also learnt about Longitude and Latitude - Earth's invisible lines! Next week we continue to focus on fractions in maths and delving into journalistic writing, ready for some newspaper report writing. Have a great weekend all!

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PTA UPDATE - CHRISTMAS JUMPERS



We are inviting children to wear their Christmas Jumpers to school on Friday 8th December, the same day as the Christmas Dinner and the panto (this year fully funded by the PTA – thank you!)

We are looking at running an afterschool PTA Christmas jumper sale; if you have any old Christmas jumpers that no longer fit and would be happy to donate to the sale please send these in with your children, and hand to the class teacher or the front office.

All donations and monies raised will go towards the PTA.

Christmas event info; Sat 9 the Dec 12 till 2.30pm.

Bouncy castle; Refreshments; Sweet stall; Kings cakes bakes; Christmas arts & crafts; Children's games; Emily's Christmas necklaces;

Santa's grotto - Tickets available next Monday and Tuesday in reception 8.30 till 9.00am. £2.50 per child (siblings and friends can attend one slot together just 30 slots available)

All profits towards our PTA charity which will help to fund some wonderful things for all the Silverdale pupils

Plus we will have a year 6 enterprise stall run by the pupils themselves

Hope to see you there for some Christmas fun!

The Name the event competition has been extended until Sunday 26th – please send entries to silverdaleprimarypta@gmail.com

TESCO STRONGER STARTS FUND

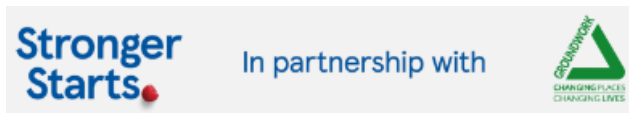
Don't forget to vote with the blue chip for our Silverdale Primary Academy

Supporting Early Writers Project - Transforming the EYFS outdoor area into an enriching space to foster early writing skills, where children can engage in imaginative storytelling and writing through role-play.

Voting commenced in store from the first week of October 2023 and is open until Mid-January 2024. You can cast your vote using a token given at the check-out each time you shop.

Do:

- Cast your vote as soon as you receive your token
- Only submit Community Grants tokens to cast your vote
- Encourage friends and family to get involved with Community Grants voting



Have a great weekend,

Mr Morris & the Silverdale Team.

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Dates for your diary 2023-24

- 23.11.2023 – 30.11.2023 – Travelling Book Fair
- 28.11.2023 – New EYFS open event (Sept 24 intake) 2.00pm - <https://bit.ly/3RdRQWa>
- 1.12.2023 – Magnolia Class Assembly (9.00am start)
- 6.12.2023 – New EYFS open event (Sept 24 intake) 4.00pm - <https://bit.ly/3RdRQWa>
- 7.12.2023 – Whitebeam Class Assembly (9.00am start)
- 8.12.2023 – Christmas Dinner Day
- 8.12.2023 – Christmas Jumper Day
- 8.12.2023 – Christmas Panto
- 9.12.2023 – PTA Christmas Fayre (12:00 – 14:30)
- 11.12.2023 – Year 3 & 4 Christmas Concert @ 2.15 (Booking info to follow)
- 12.12.2023 – EYFS NATIVITY @ 9.30 (Booking info to follow)
- 12.12.2023 – Year 2 Christmas Celebration @ 2.15 (Booking info to follow)
- 13.12.2023 – EYFS NATIVITY @ 9.30 (Booking info to follow)
- 13.12.2023 – Year 1 Christmas Celebration @ 2.15 (Booking info to follow)
- 14.12.2023 – Joint Year 5 & 6 Christmas Carol concert @ 2.15 (Booking info to follow)
- 2.1.2024 – INSET
- 11.1.2024 – Rearranged Pine Class Assembly (9.00am start)
- 18.1.2024 – Maple Class Assembly (9.00am start)
- 19.1.2024 – Hornbeam Class Assembly (9.00am start)
- 25.1.2024 – Blackthorn Class Assembly (9.00am start)
- 26.1.2024 – Elderflower Class Assembly (9.00am start)
- 1.2.2024 – Sycamore Class Assembly (9.00am start)
- 2.2.2024 – Elder Class Assembly (9.00am start)
- 3.2.2024 – Rearranged PTA Bonfire and Fireworks – Join us for our New Years Celebrations!
- 9.2.2024 – INSET
- 23.2.2024 – PTA Disco (Times TBC)
- 28.3.2024 – INSET
- 22.7.2024 – INSET
- 23.7.2024 – INSET

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OUT OF ACADEMY OPPORTUNITIES

The Pauline Quirke Academy of Performing Arts offers OUTSTANDING performing arts tuition for 4-18-year-olds, focusing on our 3 core modules – Musical Theatre, Comedy & Drama and Film & Television!

We are SUPER EXCITED to launch a BRAND-NEW PQA at Silverdale Primary School with everyone's favourite day – a FREE Open Day! Yay!

This is a special event dedicated to welcoming new students, parents, friends, grannies and uncles to join us for FREE and DISCOVER all things PQA. Children and young people will take part in sessions of Musical Theatre, Drama and Comedy and Film Making. There is also tea and cake for families and parents.

DID YOU KNOW: We are the largest provider of Film & Television training to young people in the whole of Europe!

If your child is aged 6-18yrs and loves to sing, dance, act, perform, make new friends, and have FUN then book your space on our Launch event via our website –

BOOK YOUR OPEN DAY SPACE HERE - <https://www.pqacademy.com/academies/hastings-and-st-leonards/>

We also have classes for children aged 4 & 5 – PQA Poppets! An hour and a half of fun, taking children through activities in singing, dancing and acting!

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Any questions you can get in touch with Principal Ross Drury on 07941853040 or by email - ross.drury@pqacademy.com



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