



SOUTHWOLD HIGHLIGHTS

Week ending **Friday 9th February 2018**

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Governors held their termly meeting at the end of January where all three schools were discussed along with our current priorities. There has been on-going discussion regarding the future working model of Hackney Learning Trust and how our partnership of schools will work in the new educational landscape. We are fortunate that, as a successful and established working federation, we are in a good position and would not have to make significant changes to fit any new working model, meaning that we can continue to focus our energies on our rich curriculum and ensuring that children are achieving. We will of course, keep parents up to date with any concrete proposals or changes that are suggested. Should you wish to know more about what we do and who we are, there is more information about our Governors on our school website.

We aim to change home reading books at least once a week (more often for younger children) Returning home readers to school will help us to do this and make sure that children have a wide selection of books to choose from. Although we invest in new home reading books every year, many often get lost or go missing. Please could you check at home for any school home reading books that have not been returned and pop them in children book bags or give them directly to any member of staff. We have set some holiday homework tasks for children to prepare for new half termly projects which will have been sent home today. Please support and encourage children to complete these as they very much help them to get off to a better start in the new term.

We break up for half term today, Friday 9th February at the usual time of 3:30pm and children return to school on Tuesday 20th February.

Mr Stephen O'Brien

Mr Stephen Hall
Executive Headteacher

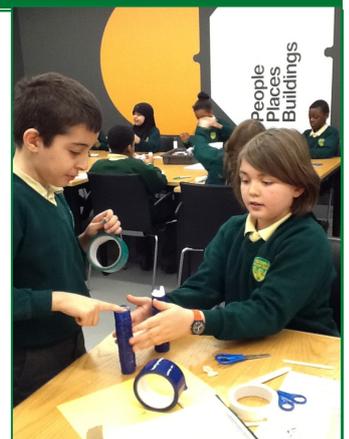
SOUTHWOLD CYCLISTS



Nine intrepid cyclists from Years 4,5 & 6 rode to a roller race. They rode in a snake (a line of bikes with an adult at the front and back) on roads from the school to the race. In each heat there were four stationary bikes on fixed stands, and in each race four children from different Hackney schools raced furiously to get the fastest time. possible.

ARCHITECTS

Year 5 visited the City of London, Architecture gallery. They looked at unique three dimensional models of the borough and which reflect the past, present and future model of London. As part of their trip, they took part in a different workshops creative activities all related to design, architecture and the built environment.



They learned all about what Architects do. Deniz said, "My favourite part was designing my own building on the architecture platform on the laptops!"

**THE SECOND HALF OF SPRING TERM STARTS ON
TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY AT 8:55AM**



YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

Year 6 have spent Enterprise Week writing a sales pitch for a new phone design and subsequently giving a presentation to a real life entrepreneurial 'Dragon'. The children produced fantastic persuasive writing and showed great confidence in presenting their ideas clearly and confidently.



FIREFIGHTERS

Woodpecker Class visited Stoke Newington Fire Station to learn all about the work of a firefighter. As soon as they arrived, both fire engines were called out

to an emergency, so the children had to wait! Fortunately, the firefighters returned and the children were able to take a good look around. They all got to take a turn with the hoses, pretending to put out a fire. The children had prepared some really great questions and loved hearing about the firefighters' work.



FRIDAY STAY AND READ!

We love having the opportunity to read with parents and carers every Friday morning in Early Years and Years 1 and 2. We have a wide selection of books to choose from and comfy cushions to relax on! If you are a parent or carer with a child from Nursery, Reception or Key Stage 1 please come in with your child for 15 minutes and enjoy some quality reading time!



SPRING TERM COFFEE MORNINGS

We have planned a new series of coffee morning workshops on various themes for the Spring term. These run in the bottom hall at 9:15am on Friday mornings. We hope that you can make time to drop in and join us. Tea, coffee and biscuits are all provided!

Date	Focus
Friday 23rd February	Learn how to become a geographer in your local area with your child
Friday 2nd March	Learn to code like your child
Friday 9th March	More science experiments to try out with your children
Friday 16th March	Easter Holiday activities
Friday 23rd March	Parent Reading Celebration Assembly

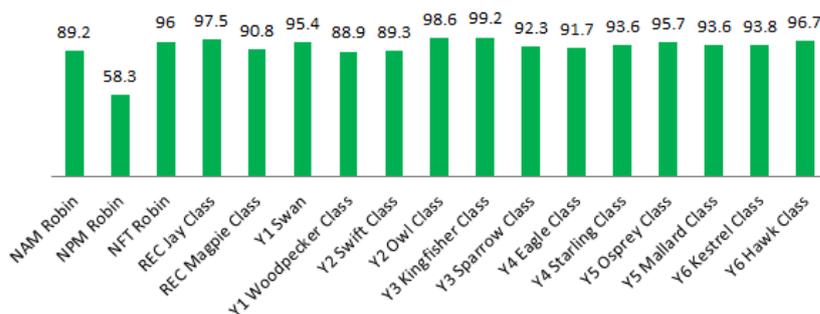
Key dates

Spring Term 2018
Half Term Holiday
 Monday 12th to Friday 16th February
Staff INSET Day
 Monday 19th February
World Book Day
 Thursday 1st March
Science & Technology Day
 Friday 16th March
Parents Evening
 Wednesday 28th March
Finish Date
 Thursday 29th March at 2pm
Summer Term 2018
Start Date:
 Monday 16th April
Families Week
 Starts Monday 23rd April
Bank Holiday
 Monday 7th May
Half Term Holiday
 Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June
Keeping Healthy Week
 Starts Monday 25th June
Parents Evening
 Thursday 5th July
Staff INSET Day
 Friday 6th July
End of Term Finish Date
 Friday 20th July at 2pm
Autumn Term 2018
Start Date:
 Wednesday 5th September
Half Term Holiday
 Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October
Children Return
 Monday 29th October

ATTENDANCE

Children have only 190 school days in a year so coming to school everyday makes a real difference! Whole school attendance for last week was **93.5%**
Well done to Kingfisher Class, the weekly winners with 99.2%

29th January to 2nd February



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