

South Norwood Primary School



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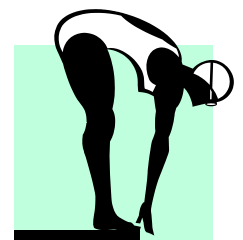
ACTIVEMARK AWARD

I am delighted to inform you that we were recently awarded the Sports Activemark Award. The award lasts for 12 months and has been awarded to the school because 90% or more of our children are taking part in at least 2 hours high quality PE and school sport each week.



Currently, children at South Norwood Primary benefit from the following physical activity, in addition to their regular class PE session(s);

- Sports coaches supervise a range of sports each lunchtime in each playground;
 - The Playground Buddies promote an extensive range of games and activities for both Infant and Junior children each lunchtime as part of the 'Huff and Puff' programme;
 - A sports coach has been coming in during this spring term to lead the Year 2 indoor PE sessions;
 - Year 2 have also enjoyed a sports coach working with them during their teachers' PPA time as part of their rotation of creative and enrichment activities on a Tuesday afternoon;
 - Some Year 1 children have attended the after-school 'Fitfun' sports club;
 - Some year 2 children have attended the after-school 'Multisport' sports club;
 - The Fitness Trail is used on a rotation basis for the Infants during morning play and is open to all Infants at lunchtimes;
 - All children from Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 are having expert coaching from the coaches from Crystal Palace in the Community: football in the autumn term, currently hockey in the spring term, with cricket and tennis in the summer term. This takes place during their teachers' PPA time;
 - After-school netball for Year 5/6 children led by Ms Habboo;
 - Saturday morning football training led by the school's Site Manager, Steve Smith;
 - After-school football training for selected Year 4, 5 & 6 children led by Crystal Palace in the Community coaches.
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- Both the netball and football teams have taken part in a number of competitions and done extremely well. I would like to formally express my thanks to Steve who gives up his Saturday mornings and to Mrs Brock who attends not only the training but also the matches after school. My thanks also to Ms Habboo who leads the netball team and has arranged many matches this year.
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- We participate enthusiastically in any School Sports Partnership tournaments which take place regularly in the schools in our local cluster. Sports so far have included: netball; football; rugby and multisports.
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- Chris Snode, former Olympic diver and now Olympic Coach, recently came into school to scout for any potential diving champions of the future. A few of our children in the Juniors have been identified to attend training...watch this space!





SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

Once again, Sainsbury's are issuing 1 voucher for every £10 spent as part of Active Kids '08. Please do collect them and send them into school as they are a valuable source of additional PE equipment. Please ask your friends and family members to collect for us too – thank you.

SNAPS MEETING

Many parents have expressed that they cannot attend the evening meetings due to issues with childcare. The next SNAPS meeting therefore is on Tuesday 1st April at 2pm in the SNAPS Room in the Infant Building. Please do come along. Nearly £300 was raised from the recent Disco which is fantastic and I know that everyone had a really good time. Please do try to attend the meeting and offer just a little of your time...many hands make light work!

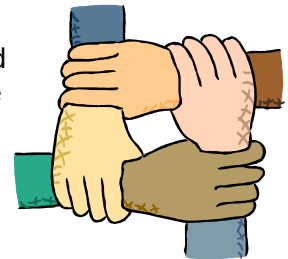


SMILE POSTER COMPETITION

On Monday I launched a competition for all children in the school. They have been asked to create an A4 poster to be put up in the school to encourage everyone to smile. It has been scientifically proven that smiling is good for the brain and creates a great 'feel good' factor. Plus...it is contagious! If you smile, others smile. There will be prizes for the winning entries plus their posters will be displayed around school.

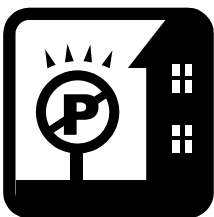
COMMUNITY GOVERNORS

We currently have two vacancies for Community Governors. These would be people, other than parents/carers, who live in the local community and would like to become part of a proactive and effective body of people who, with the children's interests at heart, become involved in strategic decisions that impact the learning and development of all of our children. We also have a significant range of ethnicities in the school and currently our Governing Body does not reflect that diversity.



I have been greatly heartened by the excellent response we have had to Parent Governor nominations and elections and I am now asking whether you know of anyone who may be interested in becoming a Community Governor. There are four full GB meetings each year, which start at 6pm and end at 8pm. Also, each Governor is asked to sit on one of the sub-committees: Finance & Personnel, Curriculum or Premises & Health and Safety. The time commitment is not too great and now is actually a very exciting time to become involved with all of the improvements taking place.

Please ask family members or friends within our local community and please let myself or one of the Parent Governors know if anyone shows an interest. Showing an interest does not automatically mean you are 'signed up', it means that you can come and have a chat about it.



CARS IN THE PLAYGROUND

A few parents/carers are driving their cars into the playground through the Gresham Road entrance to collect their children from Playzone. We do have after school clubs taking place when children are in the playground and under the care and Health & Safety procedures of the school. Driving into the playground endangers these children and member(s) of staff who are with them. Please park outside – thank you.



EASTER WEEKEND

School is closed this Good Friday and Easter Monday. I wish you all a very enjoyable Easter weekend and look forward to seeing you back in school next Tuesday 25th March.