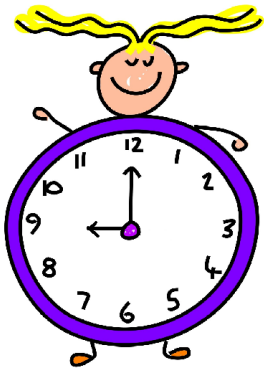


# SOUTH NORWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: Tuesday 29th June 2010

## SNAPS WORLD CUP SUMMER FAIR

Please note that the date of this exciting event has been changed. It was planned to be on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July but has been brought forward to **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July**. Please put it in your diary and we hope to see as many of your there as possible.



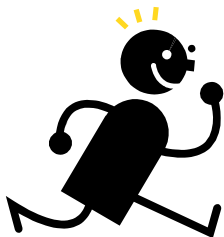
## A NEW START TIME FROM SEPTEMBER

From the first day back after the summer holiday: **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**, both the **Infants and the Juniors will be starting school at 9am**. This is a very important change to our school day and this change of start time has been fully ratified by the Governing Body. In next week's SHINE Assembly, I shall be launching a competition for the children to design posters and come up with a slogan to help everyone remember the change.

## PRIMARY SCIENCE CHALLENGE

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June, a group of eight children from Year 5 went to the finals of the Primary Science Challenge, following a most successful qualification a couple of months ago. The children had to work independently to complete specified tasks: creating cups out of paper to transport water; create paper boats to carry weights and design and make water bottle carts that can travel far in a straight line. After winning the first event, they again performed fantastically in the second, with the third task proving to be quite challenging. Mrs Shaikh was so impressed by their collaborative working, their focus and their application and a most enjoyable day was had by all.

Well done to: Wendy Quainoo; Surayya Butt; Katherina Jackson; Aron Berhane; Charlie Ollett and Morgan Myers.



## CROYDON ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last week, a team of children went to Croydon Arena to represent the school in this annual event. Everyone performed extremely well in the very hot and sunny conditions, demonstrating a lot of natural talent and potential.

Well done to:

**Sprints:** Rezunic Wright; Xavier Robinson; Jasmine Clenelle; Mario Stewart; Emily Johnson; Ternel White; Susana Wikho Ng & Caleb Joyce.

**Long Jump:** Charday Tamakloe; Rebekah Robinson; Shadrac Howell & Rhys Melhado-Thompson.

**Rounders Ball Throw:** Megan McManus & Mario Lewis

**Relays:** Charday Tamakloe; Emily Johnson; Rebekah Robinson; Miranda Best & Megan McManus and Shadrac Howell; Ternel White; Ajani Blackwood; Caleb Joyce & Rhys Melhado-Thompson.

### *A particular mention for the following:*

Rhys came second in the final of his Long Jump...just 3cm behind the winner.

Mario was second in the final of the Tennis Ball Throw, again, very close to the winner.

Charday came 4<sup>th</sup> in the long jump, just 1cm behind third place.

My thanks to all who took part, the impressive parental and family support we had and of course to Miss Hayward and Mrs Casey for their hard work in preparing the team and for their excellent organisation.

### **YEAR 6 ASSEMBLIES**



Just to let all parents of children in Year 6 know that due to the preparation for the Leavers' Production of 'Oliver', there will no longer be a second class assembly for 6B & 6M.

Apologies if you have already made arrangements to attend.

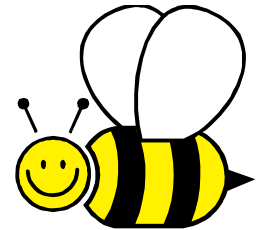
The performances of 'Oliver' will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 10am and 7pm and on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 7pm. More news about this soon.

### **COLLECTION AT THE END OF THE DAY**

Just a quick reminder that although the door to the Junior building is open at the end of the day to allow access to the Office, parents are asked to wait outside in the playground and not to come into the building. If everyone did this, we would have no room for the children!!! Thank you.

### **HMI (HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE) MONITORING VISIT**

Last Wednesday morning, I received a call from Ofsted informing me that we would have a 1-day Monitoring Visit the very next day. It is now common practice that schools who have been judged to be 'satisfactory' in their last inspection (as we were in June 2008) have such a visit to ensure that they are making progress, rather than waiting for their next 2-day inspection three years later.



So last Thursday, we welcomed two Inspectors who came to check on the progress we were making. The outcome is subject to moderation so I am unable to share the exact judgments with you as yet, but suffice to say I am very happy with the outcome. As soon as I can, I shall send a copy of the HMI letter to you.

### **ATTEMPTED ABDUCTIONS**

No further attempts have been brought to my attention. Just to inform you that the reports of an abduction in New Addington were false and no child was missing. Whilst I am relieved that there have been no further attempts, we must all remain extremely vigilant and continue to be alert at all times.

Thank you to all of those parents who have kept an eye on our children who do walk to school and home by themselves; it has been much appreciated, thank you.

### **GRESHAM ROAD PEDESTRIAN GATE**

As you will have seen, the gate will be completed very soon. This gate will provide pedestrian access directly into the school so will completely remove the need for children or parents to walk into the road as they currently need to, to come into the playground.