

Sauncey Wood Primary Newsletter

Friday, 16th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy couple of (warm) weeks at Sauncey Wood and it has been lovely to talk to so many of you before and after school and also at the sporting events I have attended recently. Parental engagement and input plays a vital part in the progression of our school.

As a school, we are always keen to hear your open and honest feedback in all areas of school life.

Please ensure that you contact us with any thoughts and suggestions as this always helps us to develop and improve. Feedback in all areas including the curriculum, home learning, additional school events, P.E. events and opportunities, school trips, uniform and plays/productions is always very much appreciated.

We continue to be very keen to have more reading volunteers in school. Have you got an hour to spare on a regular basis? We would love to have your support. Do not worry if you have not volunteered before as we are more than happy to guide you. Huge thanks in advance.

We are always absolutely delighted to receive freebies whether this is your time through volunteering, helping school projects and/or receiving items that can be used in the school setting for learning and fun! With school budgets being tight, please always consider us if you have items that you think we could use e.g. rolls of plain paper, reading books for the class libraries, old scooters, buckets and spades, plants...there is not much that we wouldn't put to good use!

Letters gone out this fortnight:-

26.05.2023 Afternoon of Tunes
06.06.2023 Mexicolore
06.06.2023 Sex & Relationships Education (SRE) - Yr 1
08.06.2023 Year 6 - End of Year Social at Roller City
08.06.2023 Year 6 - Class Enterprise Project
09.06.2023 Sex & Relationships Education (SRE) - Yr 3

School News

Bikeability

The annual training for our Year 6 pupils has taken place this week and the children have been working in two groups both on and off the school site. The key skills that are given to the children are to enable and encourage them to ride safely on the roads. The feedback we have had from the instructors has been really positive and the children have followed the training really well.

It is now about putting this into practice and being as safe as possible on main roads. We are fortunate to be able to support the children on their bikes when they are inside the school grounds during Wheelie Wednesday but this safe riding practice that we encourage here should also be used on the roads AT ALL TIMES.

Boys and girls; please stay as safe as possible and please remember your training it really can save your life.

Kwik Cricket

Yesterday saw 8 of our Year 5 and Year 6 children take part in the HDSA Kwik Cricket Tournament at Harpenden Cricket Club. As you can imagine, it was a particularly warm day and the event was a huge success for all of the local Primary schools involved.

Sauncey Wood made another positive start, losing the first game and then winning the next two of the following three games. Sadly, the team came up against some of the larger schools, who had County players in their teams and lost the remaining games that they played. This meant that they did not make it through to the play offs.

Either way, the children had a fabulous day and Mr Holmes was immensely proud of how the boys and girls conducted themselves. I was there for most of the day with the team and they were an absolute credit to the school and to you as parents and carers. The one thing that always stands out to me about the children of Sauncey Wood is that they are determined, polite and considerate children, who win respectfully and lose gracefully.

We are always proud of the children of Sauncey Wood.

Reading Spotlight

Key Stage 1 Author of the Month - Britta Teckentrup

Britta Teckentrup is an award-winning illustrator, author and fine artist. She was born in Hamburg and grew up in a city called Wuppertal. She moved to London in 1988 to study illustration and fine art at St.Martin's College and The Royal College of Art. Her awards include a nomination for the Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis and two special mentions at the Bologna Ragazzi Award for 'Alle Wetter' and 'The Egg'.

'Don't Wake Up Tiger' was the Dutch picture book of the year, 2018, and 'Under the Same Sky', was on the shortlist for the Kate Greenaway Award. Britta has been invited to give workshops at the Edinburgh Book Festival, Hay Festival, Bath Festival. Her fine artwork has been frequently exhibited at her London gallery and at art fairs all over the world. Since 1993, Britta has written and illustrated over 120 picture books which have been translated into over 30 different languages. After 17 years in the UK, Britta now lives and works in Berlin with her Scottish husband and their son Vincent.



FRIEND'S NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has donated bottles and jars for the Colour Run. These can still be brought in - Clare has plenty of spare jars if you would like one!

Next Friday is our "Break the Rules" Day! Look out for the posters with the list of rules, which can be broken for 50p each. We look forward to seeing lots of tattoos, crazy coloured hair and own clothes for this fun day.

We have big plans for our Colour Run this year. This will also be the last FoSW event that will see Mr Lloyd involved in too, so please do come down to be part it. Tickets will go on sale very soon for the run and also the BBQ. We will need volunteers on the day so please look out for information soon and do sign up. We can't run these amazing events without volunteers.

Finally, FoSW AGM will be held on Tuesday, 11th July at 8pm via Zoom. Please do come and join us. We will also email out the zoom link. The committee needs to be re-elected in and this is your chance to come and share views and opinions with us! We look forward to seeing you all virtually!

Topic: FoSW AGM

Time: Jul 11, 2023 08:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82633148332?pwd=TEZ1SXh6bUNxOFVlem9HQlJ6UmhzUT09>

Meeting ID: 826 3314 8332

Passcode: Z7iUz9

Clare and Gemma



Dan Klinger - Schools Game Manager sent us this lovely message yesterday.

I just wanted to share with you that I won the Spring Term Award in the Development Champions category at the National School Games event last night and received a Highly Commended award. It was a lovely evening at the CVS Arena in Coventry. Thank you to the staff and students at **Sauncey Wood** and Katherine Warington Schools for supporting the event that led to the award.

Thank you to all of you for your continued support and commitment to the School Games programme it has been a pleasure to work with you all and your schools over the past 17 years and looking forward to more years to come.

Thanks
Dan