

Southdale Sparkle

30TH November 2018

Aobha has been selected by her dance academy to participate in the all Scotland's Championship. She has worked very hard at reaching the required standard of dancing and to be able to participate is reflective of this. Aobha has achieved second place in the groups and is still to dance in the singles. We wish her good luck and hope all her hard work is appreciated.



Year 3

This week, we have been working hard to draft the story of Henry, the book eating boy. We have focused on our success criteria and have included fronted adverbials of time, commas in lists, a variety of synonyms for the word 'ate' and exclamation marks! The year 3 team have been very impressed by the children's enthusiasm for writing and their growth mind-set when editing and improving their work. We can't wait to read their finished pieces!



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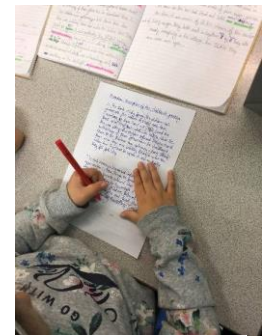
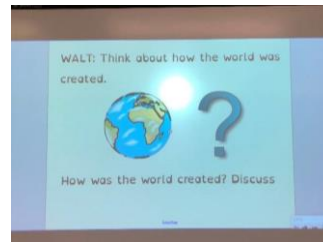

In maths, we have continued to add and subtract numbers up to 3-digits. Children are becoming increasingly confident when using a column method with the use of pictorial support.



The Christmas Hamper Appeal is off to a great start! Thank you to all those who have contributed so far.

For more photos of these events please see our twitter page @ SouthdaleY3

Year 4



This week, Year 4 have been working hard to publish our finished pieces of writing. We are taking lots of care to ensure our presentation is fantastic for our school displays which showcase our outcomes. We think these are some of our best pieces of writing yet!

In art, we have been finishing our sketches of trees by using our shading skills. We have then looked at some artwork of trees and had a go at drawing our own parts of the images. All the children have shown fantastic perseverance and commitment to their art lessons.

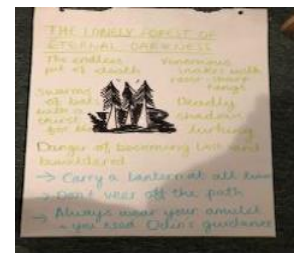
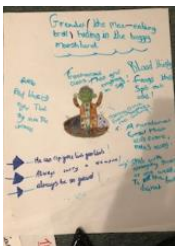
During the week, all the classes have been discussing about how the world was created. We have looked into the beliefs of different religions about creation and compared similarities and differences. This has challenged the children to think in depth about our world. This led onto a discussion about how people treat the world. Do you have to believe in a Creator God in order to look after the environment? We all agreed that no matter what our beliefs are, we all live in the same world and should look after it and treat it with respect for future generations to enjoy.



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Year 5

Year 5 have been on a journey to Valhalla this week! Using the ideas that they had mapped out and the challenges they had planned along the way, the children created a set of instructions to reach Bifrost in the Land of Ice and Fire. It was important to think about the equipment they would need and the reason as to why they would need this. We feel that Gunnar will greatly appreciate the published pieces next week for his own quest to Valhalla. In Maths we have focussed on squared and cubed numbers, progressing onto multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000 where further practice will be carried out next week. As part of our narrative immersion, we have located Viking homelands and where they invaded. 5AM and 5GB were fortunate to participate in an NSPCC workshop within class this week. The children worked well as a team to discuss scenarios and be aware of important messages. 5SB will also participate in this next week.



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Year 6

We have been getting down to business in Year 6, this week: working hard to develop our test technique by doing our 'Walking Talking Mocks'. They are very excited for next week's breakfast club (8.15 Mon-Thurs) and to show in their tests how much they have learnt since September!

We have spent a lot of time perfecting and polishing our work to create some amazing biographies of Wilfred Owen for our museum. We're very proud of our writing and how much it has improved throughout the year.

In other events we have had lots of visitors this week: A show about the importance of recycling and 6ZR and 6RM had their workshops from the NSPCC. 6MF will have theirs on Wednesday next week.



Linked to our 'narrative journey', we have also made a start on our Banksy-style artwork in memory of the fallen. Furthermore, the whole of Year 6 had a very productive drama session, recreating scenes from Rose Blanche by performing a 'Dance Past'. It really helped us to develop empathy for victims of the Second World War and to tune into their thoughts and feelings. We were totally immersed in this scene and are excited to write about this on Friday. Linked to our 'narrative journey', we have also made a start on our Banksy-style artwork in memory of the fallen. Furthermore, the whole of



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Special mentions

3LH	Matthew	His endless positivity and enthusiasm every lesson
3AS	Morgan	For trying really hard in English and having a positive attitude to writing
3LS	Joanna	For a fantastic story about Henry- you have tried to include all the elements you have been taught
4RD	Millie	For being the very best version of herself a Southdale Sparkler
4RR	Phoebe	For being an all round superstar
4SF	Samuel	For always doing his best a superstar!
5SB	Neave	Some outstanding Historical investigations
5AM	Matty	For having a brilliant enthusiasm in maths lessons this week and for solving some of the 'Barvember' questions independently
5GM	Amber	For completing extra work outside of school inspired by our book –Viking Bay
6MF	Olly	For settling in brilliantly @ Southdale and quickly becoming an important asset to Year 6
6ZR	Joseph	For a huge Improvement in his writing this week.
6RM	Dominic	For working exceptionally hard in his writing this week
HT Award	Skyler and Bella	For being super helpers at lunchtime. Thank you

Attendance winners for the week 3LH with 99%



3AS	97%	4RD	95%	5AM	96%	6MF	95%
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Important Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
6 December	School Christmas Disco
11 December	Year 3 nativity in school
13 December	Year 3 Nativity in the church
13 December	School Christmas Lunch
9 January 2019	Young Voices
18,19 and 20 March	Year 4 Visit to Robinwood
25 March – 27 March 2019	Year 5 visit to Whitby
24 June – 27 June 2019	Year 6 visit to France

Term Dates 2018 - 2019

Date	Event
Monday 3rd September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 4 th September	School opens
Thursday 25 th October	School closes for half term
Friday 26th October	INSET DAY
Monday 5 th November	School opens
Friday 21 st December	School closed for the Christmas Holidays
Monday 7 th January	School opens
Friday 15 th February	School closes for the half term
Monday 25 th February	School opens
Friday 5 th April	School closes
Tuesday 23 rd April	School opens
Thursday 2nd May	INSET DAY
Friday 24 th May	School closes for half term
Monday 3 th June	School opens
Friday 19 July	School closes for the summer holiday

We have 0 closure (INSET) for staff training to be allocated for 2018/2019