



Soudley News

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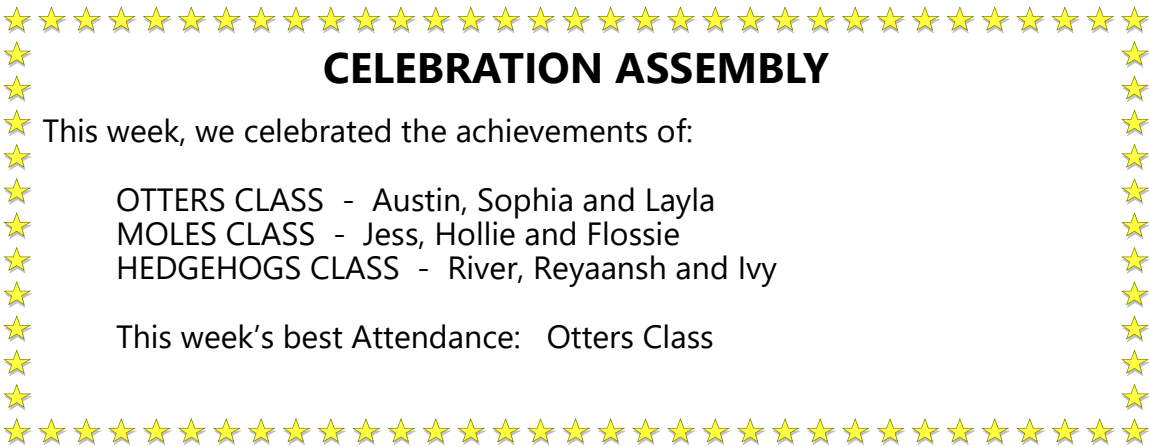
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This term's school value is Friendship

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



This week, we celebrated the achievements of:

- OTTERS CLASS - Austin, Sophia and Layla
- MOLES CLASS - Jess, Hollie and Flossie
- HEDGEHOGS CLASS - River, Reyaansh and Ivy

This week's best Attendance: Otters Class

Term Dates

Term 1
4 Sept to
27 Oct

Term 2
6 Nov to
22 Dec

Term 3
8 Jan to 9 Feb

Term 4
19 Feb to
22 March

Term 5
8 April to
24 May

Term 6
3 June to
22 July

INSET days:
~~4-September~~
~~6-November~~
~~22-December~~
24 May
22 July

Other dates:
Bank Holiday
- 6 May

Dear parents and carers

I am very pleased to announce that following a Governors' Meeting on Monday 15 April, Soudley School was officially federated and is now part of the Forest Federation of Soudley, Steam Mills and Woodside Primary Schools.

Mr David Wildin was appointed Chair of the Federation
Mrs Alison Davis was appointed as Vice Chair of the Federation
and Mr Alex Lewandowski and Mr Marc Jones were both appointed Federation Governors.

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Mr Marc Jones for his time as the of Chair of Governors of Soudley School, and also for all his hard work helping with the federating arrangements.

I would also like to give a big Soudley School WELCOME to Mr Edward Phillips who joined our team of staff this week. Mr Phillips was originally from the Forest of Dean, and he is returning to his roots after spending a number of years working in London. Mr Phillips is bring a wealth of experience and expertise to Soudley School in his role as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant.

I wish you all a very lovely, relaxing weekend.

Kind regards
Mrs Mel Davis
Executive Head Teacher



Federation Football

It was lovely to see Y5/6 children from Steam Mills, Soudley and Woodside schools join up this afternoon to enjoy a Federation Football tournament.

Well done to the Soudley football team for competing in the Federation Football tournament.

David Wildin

The Soudley team were amazing; drawing with Woodside 1-1 and beating Steam Mills 5-0.

They enjoyed taking part in a mixed school game to end the afternoon.

Thank you to Mr Knight and Becky Beard for escorting children on the bus and to parents for coming and support.



Mrs Mclean

Hedgehogs Class



Key Stage One children have been continuing with the book 'Ocean Meets Sky'. They have worked on writing in the past tense and have written diary entries. Towards the end of the week they wrote instructions and made their own boats. They tested these out.

In art the children were texture detectives. They went on a walk exploring textures through touch and wax rubbings. They collected textured items from nature such as bark, pine cones and leaves. Back in class the children explored making textures with paint by using different equipment.

We ended the week with some music exploring pulse and rhythm. The children set out their own rhythmic patterns and used percussion instruments to play their musical pattern.

Mrs Toomer

Otters Class



In **science** this week children discussed the findings of Isaac Newton and learnt the difference between mass and weight. **Mass** is a measure of the amount of matter (or stuff) an object is made out of (what is inside). Mass is measured in kilograms (kg). Very small masses are sometimes measured in grams (g). **Weight** is the force that acts on mass due to gravity and is therefore measured in newtons (N). Children tested the weight and mass of objects in our classroom to check their weight and mass using Newton metres.

In our **writing** sessions this week we have focussed on different word classes and how an author will use these for a specific purpose. Children have unpicked the effect that different word classes can have.

In **maths** this week, Year 6 have concluded their unit of ration and proportion and have started a short unit of revising converting units of measure. Year 5 have continued their work on measure and have started to learn how to calculate the perimeter of rectangular shapes.

In **RE** children continued to explore the question of 'What matters most?' and learnt a little more about the Hindu faith.

Children took part in a mosaic workshop on Thursday afternoon with the artist Rachel Shilston. Their artwork will be displayed in the new Forest Hospital in Cinderford. They all thoroughly enjoyed learning about mosaic and having a go themselves.

All children have homework and it should be returned on Monday.

Have a wonderful weekend.



Mrs Mclean



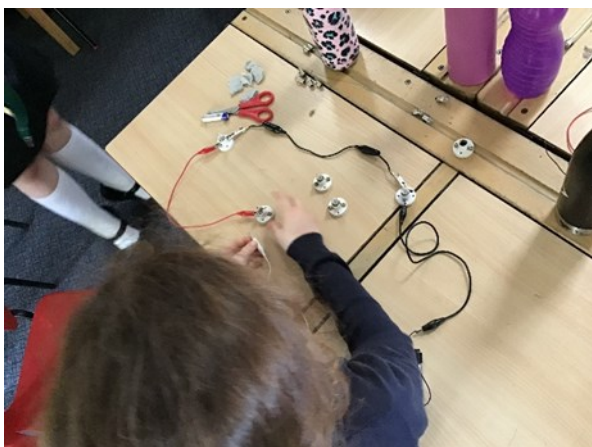
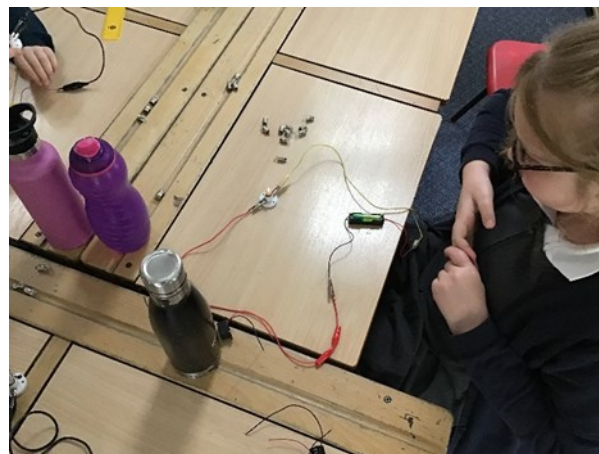
Moles Class



This week in Moles we continued our science topic of electricity and began looking at complete and incomplete circuits. We learned that a circuit needs to be complete to work and spent some time getting all the equipment out and experimenting making our own circuits with all different components.

In our Egypt topic we started to look at mummies this week. We watched a video about a famous mummy called 'sleeping beauty' that is said to still blink. After watching this video, the children had many questions about why the Egyptians mummified people? Did everyone get mummified? Where were they kept? So, they were set with the task of researching all about mummies and creating some amazing posters all about it.

Mr Martin



YOGA

Friday afternoon Yoga sessions in Term 5 (8 April to 24 May) will be for Moles Class and Otters Class.

In Term 6 (3 June to 19 July) Hedgehogs Class will do Yoga on a Friday.

Things Happening at Soudley School Week Commencing 22 April 2024

8am – 8.30am DAILY - BREAKFAST CLUB
• **£2.50 per child per day**

- Mon** Celebration Assembly
- Tues** Year 6 SATS Booster Session
- Weds** ~~Lunchtime knitting club with Mrs Barnard for children in Moles Class~~
Knitting Club will recommence in the Autumn
- Thurs** 3.15-4.15 pm **Golfway Club** — for pupils in KS2 (Year 3 to Year 6)
3.15-4.15 pm **Athletics Club**—for pupils in KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
- Fri** Yoga for Moles Class and Otters Class

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is £2.50 per day and is payable DAILY.

As we continue to be a cashless school, if your child/ren attend Breakfast Club, please go into your child's ParentPay account to pay the £2.50 on the day that they attend. Thank you.

Breakfast Club runs from 8 am until the start of school every school day during term time.

DIARY DATES 2023-2024

April 2024

- 30 Year 5 Computing lesson at The Dean Academy (minibus transport provided by The Dean Academy)

May 2024

- 3 YMM visit - 'What is Mental Health?' for Years 5 and 6
- 13-16 SATs week
- 15 Big Brush Club visit - (At Home Dental)
- 21 Phonics Development day
- 24 INSET day**

June 2024

- 3 Leavers' and Class photographs
- 4 Sports Day at Soudley Recreation Ground
- 10 Bicycle mechanic in to service bikes for Year 6 pupils
- 11 Cricket Festival at Westbury-on-Severn
- 11-12 Bikeability Training for Year 6 pupils
- 18 Year 4 to "In the Net" at St White's School
- 20 Years 3 and 4 Federation trip to Clearwell and Hopewell
- 24-28 Dene Magna Year 6 Induction week
- 25 Sports Day Reserve Date
- 27 Phonics Development day
- 28 YMM transition visit for Years 5 and 6

July 2024

- 2 & 3 Five Acres High School Year 6 Induction days
- 17 2.15 pm Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
- 22 INSET day**

CHARGE FOR DAMAGED BOOKS

That due to an increasing number of books being returned to school in an unsatisfactory condition, there will be a charge incurred for any books that are returned to school damaged.



Special Jet Age Anniversary Event



SATURDAY 27TH APRIL 2024

April marks the 83rd anniversary of the first flight of Sir Frank Whittle's revolutionary jet engine in a Gloster E28/39 at the Gloster Aircraft Company airfield, Brockworth, in 1941.

On Saturday 27th April in the Community Learning Space we will mark the occasion with a series of special talks to allow visitors to learn about jet powered aviation and hear pilots' stories.

The Talks:

1030 – 1115 - Introduction by Jet Age Museum Patron, Ian Whittle (RAF Meteor and Boeing 747 pilot).
The Dawn of the Jet Age -
The Whittle Jet is Airborne.

1130 – 1215 –
Gp Capt Laurie Hilditch (RAF Phantom and Test pilot) –
Part 1: Fast Jet Test Pilot -
The Boscombe Years.



1330 – 1415 -
Gp Capt Laurie Hilditch –
Part 2: Fast Jet Fighter Pilot -
The Mighty Toom!

1430 – 1515 - Capt John Tye
– Flying Concorde.

We will be joined by several other jet pilots who will be invited to take part in Q&A sessions and there will be jet related table displays including an opportunity to purchase John Tye's new book - Life of a Concorde Pilot.

Please support the event if you can.

It promises to be an interesting day.

Plus all the normal attractions of Jet Age Museum

Museum open 10am- 4pm

No Admission Charge

but all donations welcome to our all volunteer museum

Meteor Business Park, Cheltenham Road East, Glos GL2 9QL

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BATTLE RE-ENACTMENT



MAY HALF TERM *Holiday Club*



VENUES

- Primrose Hill, Lydney
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- Ashfield Park, Ross
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- Picklenash, Newent

28TH - 31ST MAY

8:30am - 4:30pm

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Walking with Dinosaurs

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**Saturday
18th May**

**Make a dinosaur
nest and eggs**



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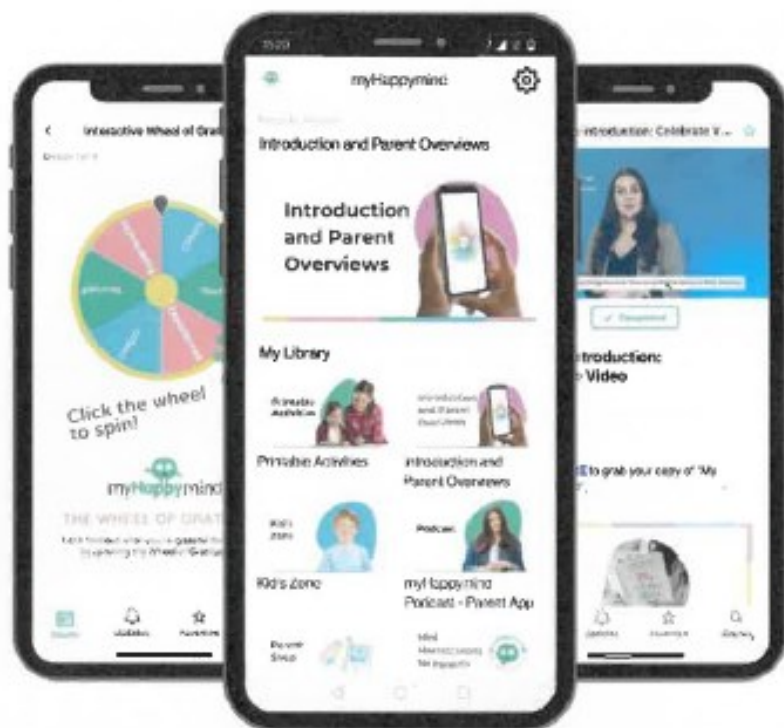
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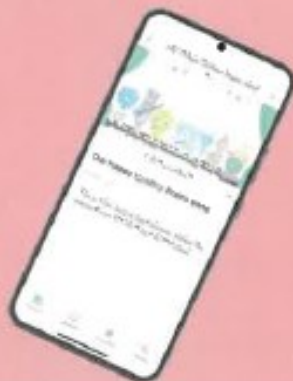


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Unhelpful Thinking

Unhelpful and negative thinking habits can lead to negative feelings without us even noticing. The first step in changing negative thoughts to more positive ones is to become more aware of what we think. Everyone has unhelpful thoughts sometimes but it's when they happen all of the time that they can have a negative impact on our mental health.

Which unhelpful thoughts do you recognise?



predictions



I make negative predictions about what might happen in the future even though I have no way of knowing this.



judgements



I make judgements about things even though there is no evidence or facts to back this up.



catastrophising



I always think that the worst thing or that something really bad is going to happen.



perfectionist



I put a lot of pressure on myself to do well and set unrealistically high expectations for myself.



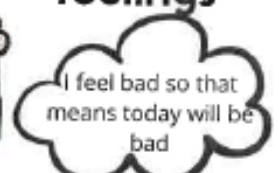
negative glasses



When I have my negative glasses on, I only see the bad things and don't notice any of the good things.



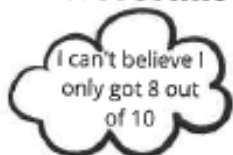
feelings



If I notice negative feelings in myself or by body, I automatically think that it means something bad is happening.



mountains & molehills



I tend to take more notice of the negative things in a situation and down play the positive things.



memories



Some things trigger my negative memories which makes me think something bad will happen again now.



black & white thoughts



I usually think things are either really good or really bad with nothing in between.



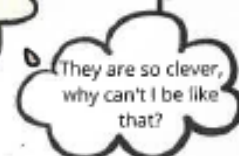
mind reading



I assume I know what other people are thinking and this is usually negative things about me.



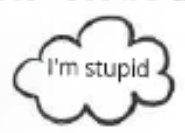
compare & despair



I notice positive things about other people but then compare myself negatively to them.



self critical



I am very critical of my own abilities and about myself.

THE DANGER ZONE!

Parking on zig-zag lines is dangerous and can incur a fine if you are caught!

Zig-zag lines are there for a reason; to allow good visibility for drivers to see pedestrians in high risk zones (ie on pedestrian crossings and outside of schools).

Please do not put the lives of our children at risk by parking on the zig-zag lines outside of the school, even for the shortest time.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Appointments during school hours

Please avoid arranging medical/dental appointments during the school day.

We do know this cannot always be helped, however, appointments at the end of the school day (from 2 pm onwards) are far less disruptive to your child's education than morning appointments please.

Pupils should be collected from school with just enough time to allow to get to the appointment on time and, if the school day has not ended, they should be returned to school immediately afterwards please.

You should also provide the school with a copy of your child's appointment letter for the attendance register.

Thank you for your continued support.

Weekly Reminders:

- Please ensure that Lunches are ordered on ParentPay by 8.30 am on the day they are required
- For the Health and Safety of the children, parents must not bring their children through the staff car park when dropping off or picking up from school.

Children may only be brought through the staff car park when the pedestrian gates to the playground are locked during the school day, and then **children must be escorted through the car park to keep them safe.**

- Please remember to inform the school office by 9.30 am each day, if your child is going to be absent from school.

Thank you

What can you do to help?

Take an interest in your child's education.

- Ask them about their day and praise and encourage their achievements at school.
- If your child is missing school or is seemingly unhappy, you should discuss your concerns with your child.
- Make sure your child understands that you do not approve of them missing school, but be on the alert for any particular reasons for non-attendance, such as bullying or problems with school work.

Contact the school as soon as possible when a concern is identified so that you can work with them to resolve any difficulties.

Be willing to engage with any support offered by the school or Gloucestershire County Council Support Services.

Make sure your child arrives at school on time for both the morning and afternoon sessions.

If your child is ill or absent for any other reason, contact the school on the first day of absence.

Follow the school's procedures for notifying absence, and always let the school know of any days that your child is unable to attend.

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It all adds up!



Can they afford to keep missing out?

Every Minute Counts!

Being late for school reduces learning time.

5 minutes late every day = 3 days of learning missed per year.

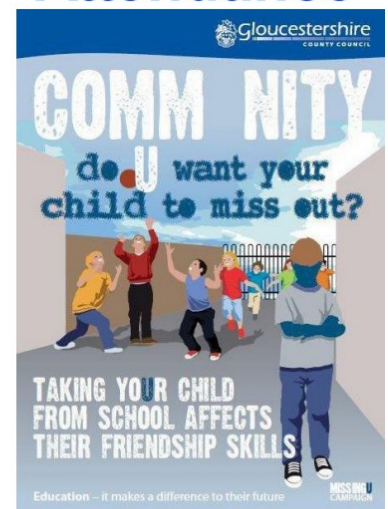


15 minutes late every day = 9 days of learning missed per year.



Arriving late can be very disruptive for your child, the teacher, and the other children in the class.

School Attendance



Information for Parents and Carers



Why is it important for children not to miss school?

Children only get one chance at school, and your child's chances of a successful future may be affected by not attending regularly. If children do not attend school regularly they may:

- Struggle to keep up with school work. In a busy school day it is difficult for schools to find the extra time to help a child catch up.
- Miss out on the social side of school life. Poor attendance can affect children's ability to make and keep friendships; a vital part of growing up. Employers want to recruit people who are reliable. Setting good attendance patterns from an early age will also help your child later on in life.

What might the impact of poor attendance be on your child?

Research shows children who are not regularly attending school are:

- More likely to become involved in, or be a victim of crime and anti-social behavior.
- More likely to fall behind due to the strong link between attendance and achieving good results.
- Less likely to achieve 5 good GCSEs (grades 9-5) compared with those with less than 8 days absence.
- More likely to have increased levels of anxiety due to inconsistencies and uncertainty in their routine.
- More likely to have reduced self esteem due to finding learning increasingly hard having missed out on key information.



What does the law say?

By law, all children of compulsory school age (between 5 and 16) must get a suitable, full-time education. As a parent, you are responsible for making sure this happens, either by registering your child at a school or by making other arrangements which provide a suitable full-time education.

Once your child is registered at a school you are responsible for making sure he or she attends regularly.

What happens if your child does not attend school regularly?

If your child fails to attend regularly - even if they miss school without you knowing - the Local Authority (LA) may take legal action against you.

Schools will notify you if your child's attendance level is a concern and look to work with you to put in place steps to improve it. If attendance continues to require improvement then schools will look to initiate an Attendance Improvement Meeting (AIM).

The AIM is the start of the legal process. It is important you engage with the process and work with the support provided to meet the agreed targets. These targets will be reviewed and progress evaluated at a review meeting. If satisfactory progress is made then targets will either be considered met or adjusted until attendance is satisfactory. If progress is not made then you may be referred to the LA for legal intervention.

You run the risk of being issued with a Penalty Notice or being prosecuted in court. If this happens:

- Parents can be fined up to £2,500 or imprisoned for failing to ensure that their child attends school regularly.
- Magistrates can also impose a Parenting Order, which means that the parent has to attend a counselling and guidance programme, usually a parenting class.

When is absence authorised?

There may be times when your child has to miss school because they are unwell. If your child becomes ill you should notify the school immediately and follow the school's absence procedures.

Children may have to attend a medical or dental appointment in school time. However, you should, whenever possible, try to make routine appointments such as dental check-ups during the school holidays or after school hours. Schools have the right to request medical evidence to validate absences for medical reasons.

If you think you might need to take your child out of school, discuss the reasons with the school as soon as possible. Absence must be requested as far in advance as possible. Absences will only be authorised by the school in exceptional circumstances.

Examples of absence that may be considered as exceptional circumstances include family bereavement or taking part in an agreed religious observance. The decision on whether to authorise absence is made at the headteacher's discretion.

For more information

For more information you can contact the Local Authority's Education Inclusion Service at:

Phone: 01452 427274

Email: Attendance@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Website: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning





Although term time leave request forms are available from the office, this does not mean that holidays are authorized or the request will be granted. Please read the below regarding penalties:



Request for a leave of absence during term time

Parents should be aware that the law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. The Department for Education allows a Headteacher the discretion to consider authorising a leave of absence in term time only in "exceptional circumstances".

You may consider that a holiday will be educational but your child will still miss out on the teaching and learning that their peers will receive whilst your child is away. Children returning from a leave of absence during term time are also unprepared for the lessons which build on the teaching they have missed and arrangements need to be made for individual children to catch up on missed work. Disruption to the continuity of teaching and learning is something we all have a responsibility to avoid.

If requesting a leave of absence you will need to complete the form on the reverse of this notice, setting out the reasons. If the holiday is not considered to be an exceptional circumstance it will not be agreed. If you nevertheless take your child out of school for the leave of absence this **will be recorded as unauthorised leave**.

In the case of an unauthorised leave of absence the headteacher may request that the Local Authority issue a Fixed Penalty Notice without further warning to the parent.

Please note that such a penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school.

A Penalty Notice is a fine of £60 if paid within the first 21 days which increases to £120 if paid between 21 and 28 days.

Thereafter, if the penalty remains unpaid this may lead to prosecution through the Magistrates' Court.

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