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Soudley News

Congratulations to this weeks Star's of the Week

- ★ Monty, Willow & Marie — Hedgehogs
- ★ Layla B, Ruby & Hunter — Moles
- ★ Layla S, Alia & Mia-Lilly — Otters

The award for attendance this week goes to — Otter Class!!



Dates for Diary

June

- 17th June—Sports Day!
- 19th June- Y5/6s to Soudley for sports activities (packed lunch required)
- 19th June—6:30pm Sept'25 New Starter info evening for Parents
- 21st June—FOSS Bingo Night—see poster
- 23rd -25th June—Yr 5 & Yr 6 Viney Hill Residential Trip
- 24th June—Pre-school open afternoon—prospective pre-schoolers
- 30th June—Yr 5 Taster Day at The Dean Academy

July

- 3rd July—EYFS and KS1 trip to Porthcawl beach
- 18th July—Last day of term
- 21st July—INSET Day

Icepop Sale Today

On the playground

Every Friday at 3:10pm

Lollies—30p

All money raised will go
towards the Year 6 leavers
trip!

***Please remember to send
your child to school with a
healthy snack for break time***

Relationships & Health Education Lessons— whole school

Relationships and Health Education lessons will be taking place in the summer term. If you would like to find out more information, you can check the Relationships and Health Education Policy available on the school website.

<https://soudleyschool.com/jigsaw-rse/>



School Council Trip to The Houses of Parliament

On Tuesday, our school council (plus a few extras), went to visit the Houses of Parliament in London. We had a fascinating tour around both the House of Lords and House of Commons and even watched a live debate on Net Zero with Ed Milliband.

Our local MP, Matt Bishop met us in the education centre for a Q and A session and the children asked lots of interesting questions. We even stood above the place where Guy Fawkes was discovered with 36 barrels of gunpowder in what has come to be known as the Gunpowder Plot.

We learnt many interesting facts about the Houses of Parliament; they are colour coded - red for the Lords, green for the Commons and gold for the monarch, the King is not permitted to go into the House of Commons, it used to be a Royal Palace, it was destroyed multiple times by fire.

All children were impeccably behaved and represented Soudley School brilliantly!

This week in Hedgehogs....

We have had a fun week with our story Look Up! Yesterday we wrote our very own stories based on the story structure of the book. Year 1s did their phonic screening check and did amazingly well.

In Science we have been doing some field study like real biologists. We sampled areas of the school field counting how many daisies were in a cut out of our footprint. We found more daisies in the middle of the field than the edges and we thought that was because there was more sun there.

In Maths KS1 have been continuing their time unit and reception have been getting very good at recognising numbers on ten frames without counting.

In RE we have been learning more about Islam. We learnt that God has 99 names. The children chose their favourite one eg The Strong One, The Most Loving and The Avenger and then had a try at writing the name in Arabic!

Happy weekend everyone!

Mrs Saeed

This week in Moles class...

In Maths, Year 3 have been exploring the topic of money. The children have been using coins to make different amounts and have enjoyed solving real-life money problems. Year 4, meanwhile, have started their new topic on decimals. They have been learning how to recognise and write tenths and hundredths, both as fractions and in decimal form, developing a strong understanding of place value.

In Literacy, we've been reading *The BFG* by Roald Dahl. The children have been inspired by Dahl's imaginative language and have worked on replacing the word "said" with more expressive alternatives. We've also explored alliteration to make our writing more creative and engaging.

During Guided Reading, we have been focusing on our VIPERS skills while reading *Women in the Skies*, which tells the inspiring story of Amy Johnson. The children have practised skills such as inference, prediction, and vocabulary understanding while learning about this remarkable historical figure.

In Science, we've been investigating magnets. The children have tested the strength of different magnets through practical experiments and enjoyed making predictions and recording their observations.

Our RE lessons have included a special visit from Mrs Saed, who spoke to us about Ramadan and shared insights into what matters most to Muslims living in modern-day Britain. It was a meaningful and enriching experience for the whole class.

In French, we've been learning the vocabulary for family members. The children have been practising how to introduce their family in French and using their new words in fun speaking activities.

Miss Cameron

In Otters this week...

In writing this week, we've continued to hurtle through *The BFG*! The children have been learning the spelling rules for the '-shun' suffix — looking at when to use *-tion*, *-cian*, *-ssion*, and *-sion* with root words. They then used these 'shun' words to write some wonderfully comical dreams. We also explored the character of Sophie in more depth and created a 'role on the wall' to consider her emotions and personality traits.

In maths, Year 5 have continued their work on angles. They've been calculating missing angles around a point and on a straight line, using their knowledge of degrees in a full turn and a half turn to help them.

In guided reading, we continued learning about Malala Yousafzai. The children have shown real interest in how women are treated in different cultures and the extreme actions some people take in the name of religion. We had some thoughtful and mature discussions around terrorism, and the children impressed us with their sensitivity and insight.

In geography, we looked at the climates of various mountain regions. The children compared these with our own climate and made informed decisions about whether they'd like to live in the mountains or somewhere else — most opted for somewhere else!

In our SCARF lesson, we discussed trust — who we trust, why we trust them, and what we might do if that trust was ever broken. We also continued talking about feelings, especially how our bodies often give us clues before we even realise how we're feeling. I was really impressed by how many of the children were able to recognise the physical effects of strong emotions and the strategies they use to manage them.

Homework has been sent home and is due back by next Wednesday. Alongside this, children should be practising their lines for the summer production — it's coming together nicely!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Reminders for next week:

- **Tuesday 17th** – Sports Day
- **Thursday 19th** – Year 5/6 Federation Afternoon at Soudley Village Hall (*Packed lunch required!*)

Mrs McLean

ACHIEVEMENTS



District Netballs finals @ Newent School

On Monday, 9th June, our school netball team proudly represented us at the district finals held at Newent School. It was an exciting and closely contested match against Hopebrook School, with the game lasting 24 minutes divided into four six-minute quarters.

The match started with a tense and nervy atmosphere, as both teams played superbly in defence, keeping the score at 0-0 after the first two quarters. It was a real test of skill and composure, with neither side giving an inch.

As the game progressed into the third quarter, our team began to find their rhythm and confidence. Thanks to a fantastic passing team move finished off by a goal from Bea, we took the lead, going 1-0 up. We continued to create scoring opportunities, and although Hopebrook's strong defending prevented us from increasing our lead, we remained confident.

Unfortunately, Hopebrook responded quickly in the fourth quarter, scoring two quick goals to win the match 2-1. Despite the loss, our children should be incredibly proud of their efforts, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout the game.

This marks the second year in a row that our school has reached the district finals, which is a fantastic achievement, especially for such a small school like ours and we couldn't be prouder!

We are all so proud of our children and their incredible performance. Well done team Soudley!

Thank you!



PRESENTS

BINGO NIGHT!

**CASH
PRIZES**

**SATURDAY 21st June
WHITE HORSE INN,
SOUDLEY**

**FAMILY
FRIENDLY
FUN GAMES**

Advance ticket sales now available
email foss@soudley.gloucs.sch.uk

On night
Ticket sales 7pm
Eyes down 7.30pm

fundraising event for Soudley School





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FOSS Newsletter

We have some fun and exciting events happening over the next few weeks, although these events aren't necessarily parties everything we do is in the interest of the school and the children - raising essential funds for us to be able to support trips, IT equipment and other essential equipment to aid the children's education and school experience

Volunteers Needed

We would like to thank those that have helped with the Orchard project and the vegs on the school field, but there's still plenty more to be done and will still need more volunteers to complete the work. Please let FOSS know if you can help in any way, we really appreciate anything you can do to help.

Find us on Facebook:
Friends and Community of Soudley
School

A Friendly Reminder About Our Facebook Page
We love keeping you updated through our Facebook page! It's a space where we share:

- 📅 Upcoming events
- 🏫 School progress and achievements
- 💰 Fundraising news and opportunities

To keep our community space positive and focused, we kindly ask that any complaints or concerns be sent directly to us via email. This helps us respond more effectively and ensures the page remains a helpful resource for everyone.

Please note:

We reserve the right to remove individuals, comments or disable commenting if necessary to maintain a respectful and supportive environment.

🙌 FOSS is run entirely by volunteers, and we truly appreciate your kindness, patience, and continued support.

Thank you for being part of our community!



If you would like
to join FOSS
please drop us
an email or chat
to one of us on
the playground

Upcoming events

Next FOSS meeting
21st June - Bingo night at
the White Horse
11th July - end of year
celebration - details to
follow

More Events Coming Soon

We have a large selection of pre-loved uniform available in our uniform shop, please let us know if there is anything you need and we can have a look for you.

There is a small charge for this service of 50p per item or £4 for 10 items but please do reach out to FOSS should you need our support.

This service is available all year round.

Just drop us on email or approach any of the FOSS committee on the playground

Don't forget you can label your child's uniform and support FOSS by purchasing your labels at www.stikins.co.uk using fundraising number 18190