

The Southover Partnership NewsLetter

Autumn 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

The lead up to Christmas this year has comprised of the highly energetic and nail biting Students vs Staff table tennis championships, special Christmas meals, festive activities and of course, the recent snowy weather. I would like to thank you for your continued support – we are truly blessed to have a strong school community, supporting our students to be the very best versions of themselves.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our exceptional staff for their hard work, dedication and unrelenting kindness – Thank you!

Very Special Thank You goes out to Jenny Merryweather, Head of School at our Southgate site, who leaves at the end of this term after 12 years of outstanding service to our students. We wish her the very best as she sets off on adventures beyond Southover.

Special Thanks also to Samantha Blendis, SENCO, who is also off to pastures new. We wish her well in all future endeavours.

Huge congratulations to Kate Chapman and her partner who welcomed Cora, their beautiful baby girl, just a few weeks ago.

We wish you all a very happy festive season and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Take care and Stay safe!

Merushka



This term has been a busy but brilliant one! Over the last few months, we hosted and enjoyed a range of events – school trips including visiting the museum, secret Santa shopping trips, visiting the farm and stables. We also raised £40 from our children in need events, consisted of us wearing odd socks / shoes, taking part in whole school P.E. and a scavenger hunt! The most recent event was the most competitive - table tennis tournament! Pupils continue to work hard and fulfil their potential; most students had their careers' meeting to identify their future pathways and continue to work towards their goals. Like I said, it has been a busy one! I do look forward to the Christmas break and I hope you all have a well-deserved break too!

Special thanks to another pupil who 'built' the new shout out tree; we continue to facilitate a space for pupils and staff to share their shout out messages with each other.



It seems a long time ago now, in the Arctic conditions of Finchley, since we came back to school, at the end of summer. We greeted new students; Jake, Blu and Adriano. Many of you have moved on to study new topics, dance and photography have made an appearance. We have had charity events, rambles and last week's Ice Skating was a wonderful way to end the term. Thank you all for a wonderful term!



After a little over 12 years working at Southover, it's time for me to say my goodbyes. It has been a privilege working with such talented young people over the years and definitely the best colleagues anyone could wish for! This term I have been reflecting on how much our current students have achieved, both educationally and personally. They have demonstrated considerable resilience as ever and made us laugh, cry, think - and at times tear our hair out! Keep on working hard and believing in yourselves. I wish both students and colleagues the very best for the future.

Jenny, thank you for easing me into school, like a sleigh. Thank you for helping me to complete my UCAS application. You are a very technological person and a genius
From James

Have a good one.
You will be very missed
From Adam B

Thank you for helping me
enjoy this school
From Krisy

Good Bye
from Adam D



Stanborough Lakes



Southover made our annual return to Stanborough Lakes for kayaking, canoeing and paddleboarding.



A great day was had by all and getting wet was part of the enjoyment, of course!



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



Macmillan's Coffee Morning is a big fundraising event to support people living with cancer.



**COFFEE
MORNING
THIS WAY**



We made and sold cakes to raise money for this important charity.



At The Farm



Jasmin leads a sheep out from the pens and finds an egg in the chicken coop.



George teaches Imen how to make hot chocolate.



Dylan is sawing wood for use on the farm.



Adriano, Adam and George planting garlic and onions for next year.



Will teaches George how to be a farm cafe barista.



Imen makes beautiful muffins at the farm cafe while Parisa looks on.



English



Your friend's holiday abroad has been cancelled. He is very upset about this. Write an email persuading him to come and visit you.

To

Charlie

Bcc

Cc

Hi Charlie,

I was very sorry to hear that your flight to Cyprus was cancelled. The weather might not be as great as Cyprus, as London is frequently wet and damp, but I was wondering if you would like to visit me in London?

In our capital city there's a wide collection of cultural places and museums to visit ; London is an amazing, beautiful and breath-taking place. If your feet get sore from walking then you can jump on our hop on hop off buses for free, or you can travel on trains with an Oyster card. London is the 25th most densely populated city in the world. If you would like to visit the most popular places in London then you can visit the Clock Tower, which was renamed Elizabeth Tower for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2013. Or if you prefer, we could visit Buckingham Palace instead.

In addition, London has over 100+ museums and theatres to visit: the V&A, Natural History Museum, Museum of Childhood and my personal favourite the Sky Garden. The Sky Garden has some of the most outstanding views in London. Fancy a bite to eat? There is also a sophisticated relaxing restaurant at the very top of the building.

Can't wait to meet my best friend!
See you soon.

Best wishes,
Krisy.

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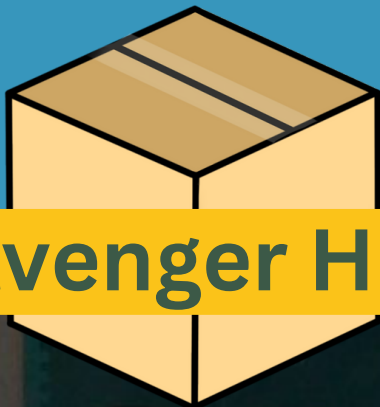
Children in Need

Ramble



Your support means that Children in Need can be there for children and young people right across the UK, helping them to be the best they can be. This includes supporting children & young people living in poverty, providing emergency support to families in crisis, providing comfort to children feeling sad, lost and alone, helping children overcome social injustice and supporting children to feel safe and secure again.



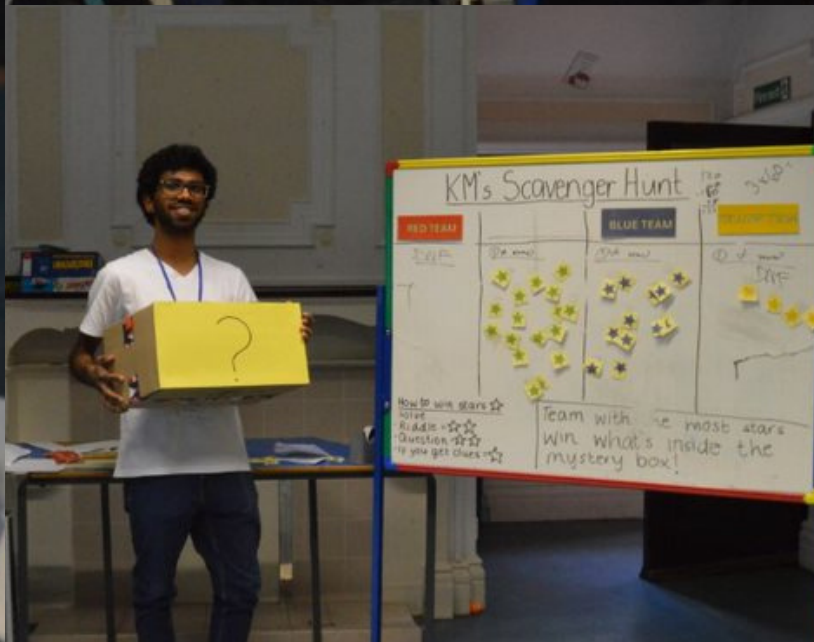


Scavenger Hunt



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Basketball

We raised £122 with game, sports
and baking activities.



THANK YOU

The Southover Partnership

for raising a fantastic

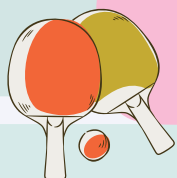
£122

The money you have raised will be used
to help change the lives of children and
young people facing disadvantage in
communities across the UK.

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CHILDREN
IN NEED



Organising the table tennis tournament at KM: By Jasmin

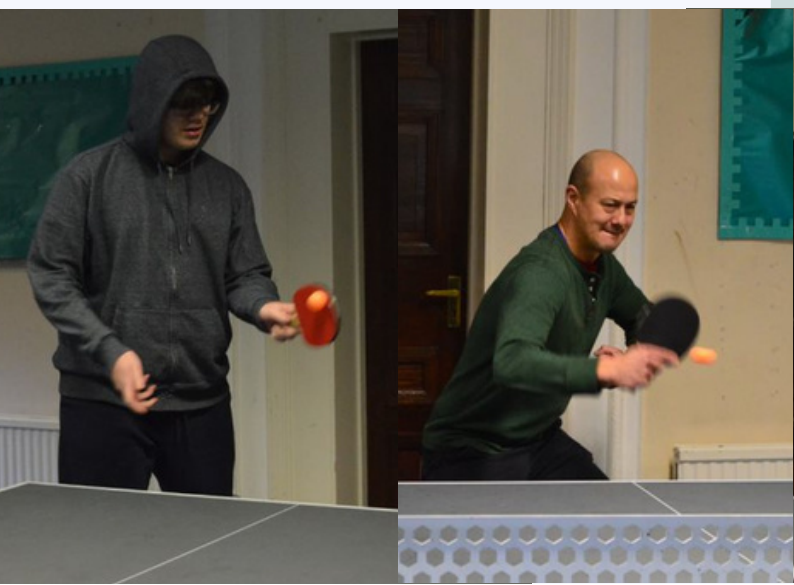


The school acquired a ping pong table in September 2022. Ali the PE tutor had an idea to organise a table tennis tournament involving the pupils and staff members.

I was in the PE room one day when Ali was playing table tennis against another member of staff. After losing the game, Ali asked me if I could organise a tournament so that we could see who is the best table tennis player at KM.

I made a signup sheet asking pupils and staff members if they will be willing to take part in the tournament. Nearly the whole school signed up on the first day. Unfortunately, we lost the sheet, and we have to improvise a new list by randomising the names of the participants.

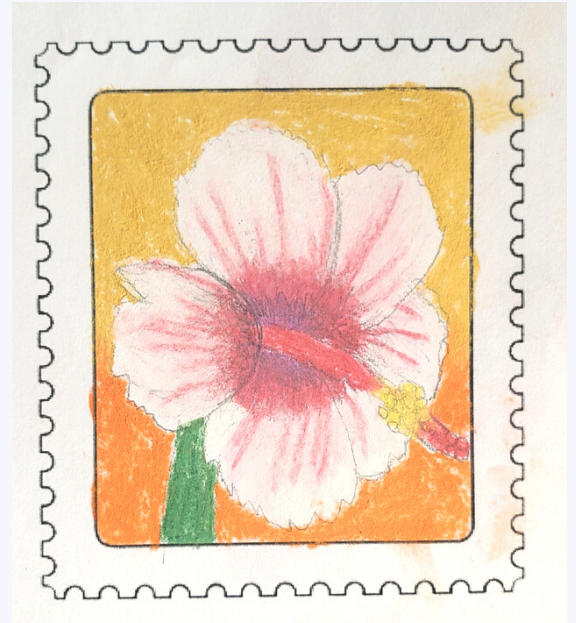
We set up a schedule for single elimination matches. The first matches took place on Wednesday the 7th of December. We're still yet to find out who is the ultimate table tennis champion!



Art



by Aleika



by Imen



by Jake



by Elkie

Our Trip to The British Museum





Humanities



We learned about the Black Death this half term. The Black Death was a disease. The people who got the disease were sick and developed buboes (big lumps on the body). After 1-3 days they died. An interesting fact is that the Black Death did not have a cure. I would like to know how the Black Death finally ended. I would like to learn by going to the Science Museum with Shawn and Rostam.

By Sadie



English



My biggest achievement this term

By Malik

I entered the Kingsbury Manor Ghost Story Competition because I felt I could put my creativity to use. Therefore, I got thinking about what I should write about, so thought of some of my favourite things like anime, music and pop culture. Using these ideas, I created a story called 'Umbral Castle' – though the name later changed to 'The Space of The Spiritual Elite'.

Some of the anime that inspired me when I was creating my story included 'Bleach' because of Mizu's battle with his inner conscious, 'Soul Eater' because of the 'Magik' tools, and 'Fairy Tail' due to specific magic abilities that I could use for some of the characters in my story. For example, one of the characters in the story (Shoto) is capable of matter manipulation, and that is a 'Magik' in the anime 'Fairy Tail'.

Though the story is not complete, as I want to keep developing it, I handed in the beginning with a cliff-hanger to my English teacher (Simon), and won the runner-up prize. This made me feel happy due to my accomplishment of managing to make story using my hobbies and interests to make a story.



At The Farm



Jake taking the sheep
out to the field



Christmas bunny
photo shoot





College



I am at CONEL college, I am currently studying Carpentry and Plumbing Entry Level 1. I enjoy this course because it is practical and hands on and is helping me develop valuable skills for the future. I prefer the plumbing course over woodwork, because I get to use equipment that I have not used before such as a wrench and pipe cutters. I like college because it gives me more independence, I have attended all my lessons so far, and have been able to find my way around the college. This has helped me develop my time management and organizational skills. There is also a wider selection of food, including hot and cold food options and you can eat meat. Break and lunch are both a lot longer than at school. Also at break we can use our phones I have also met nice people that have offered to help me when needed it. I am looking forward to my future progress at CONEL College.

By Omaid

Work Experience

In September I began a work experience placement for 6 weeks at Johns bike shop in High Barnet. Whilst I was there I gained a lot of knowledge on bikes and how a shop environment works. My confidence in identifying various parts on bikes that needed fixing, helped me with my problem solving. I now understand about stock taking and the understanding of how a shop operates. John taught me a lot about selling and repairing bikes as well as how a business works.



By Louie





English



NEWS

Mobile Phones Banned at School in the North of England!

Students protest outside of Southover School about a ban on the use of mobile phones.

A crowd of Year 11 and 12 students went on a strike outside their school building in response to a blanket ban regarding bringing mobile phones to school. They didn't attend their lessons and refused to do so until their voices were heard. Over 500 of these students signed a petition in order to urge the head teacher to lift the ban.

The head teacher refused to meet with the students and claimed that the reason the ban was enforced was, "fair and reasonable", believing that mobile phones are a distraction, resulting in lower academic achievement, and that they can provide a "breeding ground" for cyberbullying.

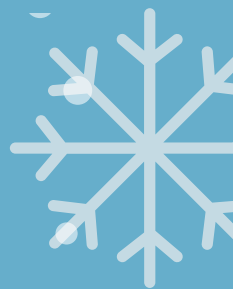
However, the students believe phones can be useful as they help some pupils to learn, particularly those with learning disabilities. They claim these phones can be used to set reminders regarding homework and could prove invaluable should there be an emergency, for example, an accident.

Finally, these young adults believe they should be given the chance to demonstrate the benefits of mobile phones being used productively during the school day. They have urged the head teacher to meet with them in order to discuss this matter further.

By Imen



Ice Skating



Music



SET LIST
Master of Puppets
Smoke on the Water
Smells Like Teen Spirit
I'm Yours
Teenage Kicks



Design & Technology



'I have made several things this term but the cats are my favourite.' - Omaid



Emile and Reece made a cupboard



Carlos made a new 'Shoutout Tree'.



Louie made two 3D light boxes for Christmas



Our Trip to The Sky Garden

On Friday 18th December, we went on a visit to the Sky Garden; this trip was part of my Bronze Arts award in photography. We got off the tube at Bank and began to walk to the Sky Garden. As we walked we took lots of different photos of various buildings from different angles; we also made use of the natural light, taking some photos of buildings that were bathed in natural sunlight, while for contrast, we took snaps of objects that were partially shaded. A little later, we made our way to the Sky Garden which offers excellent views over the city. We had to go through airport style security before taking an express elevator up to what felt like another world. The views were breath-taking, providing a 360 degree view of our capital city. This is a great spot for photography. We took snap shots of some of the most famous buildings in London: The Gherkin, The Shard, The BT Tower, The Elizabeth Tower, The London Eye, Tower Bridge, Tate Modern and Saint Paul's Cathedral.



After taking photos in the Sky Garden, we then focused on the actual gardens. In order to take a good photo of the plants, I had to position myself and the camera at ground level in order to capture the variety of Mediterranean and South African plants. Among the flowering plants, I photographed were an African Lily, a Red Hot Poker and a Bird of Paradise. Later that day, walking through Leadenhall Market, we soaked up the atmosphere of a busy workspace. The Market is a vibrant, intriguing, iconic place to visit where we photographed the Victorian built arches which were designed many years ago. I would thoroughly recommend studying photography as you will visit cosmopolitan and sophisticated places of interest.

By Krisy



Over the last 6 weeks, Hutton Grove have hosted their 2nd table tennis tournament.

The seeding was based off the results from the last tournament and a double elimination bracket was used to give people a second opportunity

Round 1

In the big match, Liam lost to Lewis in a huge shock which sent The Lewis through to play Reece. In another match, Edyta beat Kate P and went on to face Davut! Jake and Adriano fought valiantly but both lost to the top 2 seeds from the last tournament.

Round 2

Davut and Joel both had big wins over Edyta and Kate C. In a brilliant match, Lewis narrowly lost to Reece in a great game, that arguably Lewis should have won. After the match, Lewis said "I should have won that match. I know I should have won that match".

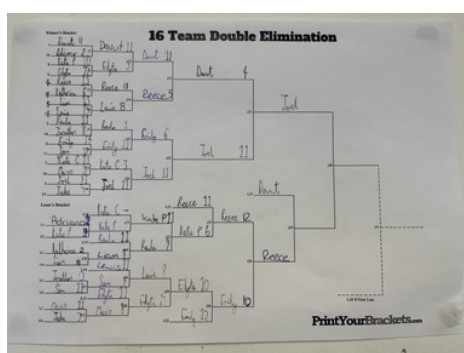
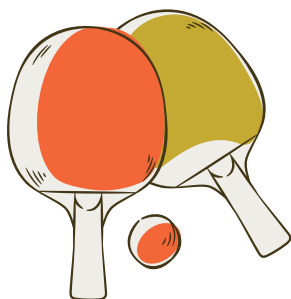
Winners' Bracket Semi-finals

Joel beat Emily in a close fought contest to face Davut in the winners bracket final after he beat Reece more comfortably.

Winners' Bracket Final

At the start of the match, it was close. Then Joel took over and dominated the rest of the game. When Davut was asked for comment after the game he growled and said, "He only wins when it matters".

The Losers' Bracket Final and Grand Final will take place in the last days of term and an update will be given in the next newsletter.



ENEMY OF BOREDOM



Robot design
by Dylan

*Happy
Birthday!*

Adriano, Blu,
Imen, Tia, Justin,
Jasmin, James, Leon,
Emma, Dany, Catherine, Sam,
Jonathan, Lewis, Kate C, Aous,
Katie P, Roulla, Josh, Reece,
Joel, Rakhee, Valbona, Shaneen



Welcome

Kai, Adriano, Jake,
Blu, Becky, Jo, Mazz,
Ediz, Sue, Amber,
Manna, Aous, Rayane,
Chryston, Shawn

Bye!

*ALL
the
BEST!!!*

Jenny, Maria, Metin,
Sam, Janet, Charlotte,
Valbona, Rakhee, Fiona,
Sonia, Paolo

THANK YOU!





Christmas lunch was delicious.
After lunch we had fun racing sprouts.



Feather Trees
by Omaid





JOKES



What do you call a
fish wearing a bowtie?
"Sofishticated."

I only know 25 letters
of the alphabet. I don't know y.

What did the man say
when he scraped his hands
on the cheese grater?
It's ok, I've had grater problems!

What's Beethoven's
favourite fruit?
ba-na-na-naa



How does Father Christmas
get to work?
By icicle

What did the cheese say
when it looked in the mirror?
Halloumi (Hello me!)



Important Dates

Term Dates:

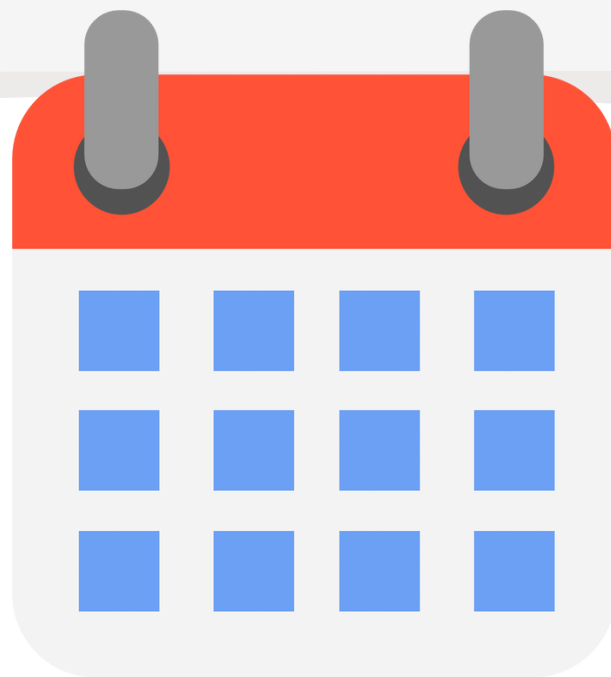
Tuesday 3rd January – Friday 10th February 2023

Tuesday 3rd January 2023: INSET day (No students in school)

Wednesday 4th January 2023: Learning Review meetings
(Students attend a 20-minute meeting with Parent/carer)

Thursday 5th January 2023: Teaching commences

Half-term – Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February 2023



Have a lovely break! See you in 2023