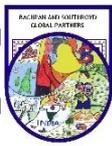


# SOUTHROYD SPECTACULAR



Friday 24th January 2014

## **Big Talk**

This week we have been continuing to think about our goals and dreams.

The whole school remembered Martin Luther King Day on Monday, thinking about the kind of man that Luther-King was, the impact his life made on others and the significance of inspiration in our lives.

Around school we've already seen classes reflecting on their dreams for the future, based on Martin Luther King's "I had a Dream" speech. It is a nice opportunity to talk with your child about role models and inspirations, as well as the important theme of resilience which is such a large part of the lives of heroes like Mandela and Luther-King.

## **School Council**

This week class councils talked about important energy saving measures we can take to reduce the amount of energy that we waste. It was felt that although we did really well last year, we can still strive to do more. School Council agreed that new Eco-Monitors will measure the performance of classes, and suggest some rewards for the energy efficient classes, as well as leaving a note to say how energy saving could be improved. The council believe that this will help the school improve overall.

## **DIARY**

Tues 11th Feb: Safer Internet Day

Wed 12th—Fri 14th Feb: Year 6 Residential

14th—21st Feb: 3 Teachers visiting Bachpan

17th—21st Feb: Spring Half term holiday

**TRAINING DAY : 7th March (School CLOSED)**

## **Football Report**

On Wednesday 22nd January, year 5 and 6 football team went to Crawshaw to play the 3rd Fixture of the event. In our first match we won 3-0 against Swinnow Primary. Chris Hill, Louis Farquharson, Liam Ord and Daniel Woodhead played excellently together to score goals.

This was followed by an amazing defence and outstanding work from our keeper Lucas Marshall. In our next match we played Park Spring and won 2-0. Then we played Waterloo but unfortunately we lost 3-0 even though all our team played extremely well. In our third game we played Greenside. The score was 2-0. We would just like to thank all the team for their effort and a big thankyou to Mr Overton for coaching us and Mrs Hargreaves and Miss Woad for taking and supporting us

### **Training Day Change:**

**Monday 2nd June is NOT a training day anymore—school is open.**

**Friday 7th March is a training day now—school is closed.**

## **CHINESE NEW YEAR**

Next week is Chinese New Year. There will be lots going on out in the community of Leeds and Bradford that you can get involved with. In school we will be talking about Chinese New Year and celebrating together on Friday with a special Chinese New Year lunch for children on school meals. If your child has packed lunches why not ring the changes and try a Chinese New Year themed lunch box—perhaps some noodles or spring rolls?

If you are one of our many Chinese families in school and would like to come and talk to any of the children about how you celebrate Chinese New Year please talk to your child's teacher as they would be more than happy for you to come and do a bit of show and tell!

## **MENTAL MATHS**

The children are really getting on with their 'OUT OF THIS WORLD CHALLENGES' as well as practising their mental maths strategies at school. Please try and look for real life opportunities to practise the times tables with your children out of school.

The supermarket is a fantastic place for on the go mental maths! With so many things coming in packs—for example, how many eggs altogether do I have, if I buy 2 boxes of 6 etc?

You can bring money into it too - I have bought 5 packets of sweets at 20p each- how much will it cost?

Learning and applying their tables to real life context will provide the meaning the children need to be able to apply these skills confidently to written and oral challenges in the school (and later work!) environment. Have a go—find different ways to get those tables in.

Remember - its not just about the 0—12 x. knowing the 25x, 50x and 100x tables is very very useful too!

There are lots of ideas for mental maths and times tables activities on our website—follow the student links and have fun!

*Mathletics:* your child can access additional maths activities/homework on a computer anytime they choose. Log on to [www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk). Your child has their own password.

## **Video Your Child's Talent**

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of our link with Bachpan, School Council are launching a competition to showcase our talents! Could your child make a short 1-2 minute video of their talent? (dance, karate, skateboarding, music etc) After half term, School Council will judge the best and share them in a special anniversary meeting with our Indian guests. If you want you can send entries to Mr Manton or arrange for your child to video their talent in school, using a school video camera. Be creative!

## **PURPLE PENS**

We have been reviewing our approach to marking and feedback in school and have introduced PURPLE PENS for the children to respond to teacher marking, do their corrections and to edit and mark their own or friend's work. The response has been very positive with children being eager to use their pens. We know that the best way for children to make rapid progress is to listen to and respond to feedback and we hope that the purple pens make this process clearer for everyone. The children seem to be enjoying it and teachers are feeling that some children are really moving forward quickly because of their engagement with it. Some feedback, especially for younger children, is more verbal and can look different in their books—but the principle is the same in that they are being asked to think about how they can improve their work.

## **FOSS DISCO:**

FOSS have planned another super DISCO for the children to enjoy. Letters will come out soon for tickets. It is after school on 6th February.

The Leeds Rhinos rugby club will take place that night but children need to bring clothing for an OUTSIDE session!

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