



# South Ascot Village School

## Newsletter



21st July 2023

### Dear Parents and Carers

Another academic year is drawing to a close and the summer holidays are upon us once more.

Rather than information and instructions this last newsletter of the year is to showcase some of the events that have been happening in this busy half-term.

### September 2023 Teaching Structure

Foundation Stage Class

Mrs Selina Slone

Year 1

Mrs Lizzie Kelly

Year 2

Mrs Jacqueline Grumbt

These classes will be supported by Mrs Josephine Wallis and Mrs Ume Zaidi

Year 3

Miss Holly Foulkes

Year 4

Miss Naomi Webb

Year 5

Miss Shelley Gardener

Year 6

Mr Jack Forrest

These classes will be supported by Mrs Lisa Mescall, Mrs Christine Wynne, Mrs Tara Kidd, and Mrs Tracy Hughes.

The Canopy

Mrs Ilaria Winterbottom

This class will be supported Mrs Carolyn Shepherd and Mrs Nicole Warner

Forest School and PE

Mrs Nicola Higgins

Forest School and ELSA

Mrs Lucy Anderson

Speech and Language

Mrs Tracey Abbotts

## KS2 SATs Results

We are incredibly proud of all our Year 6 pupils at South Ascot Village School who performed exceptionally well in their SATs. Every pupil, without exception, has made phenomenal progress, not just during their time in Year 6 but throughout their primary school education,

Congratulations! We all believe here at SAVS, that you have had the very best possible start to your education and you will continue to thrive in your new secondary schools having the skills to progress even further. Good Luck Year 6 – you will be amazing and greatly missed!

These statistics cover the attainment of year 6 pupils who took assessments in summer 2023. These pupils experienced disruption to their learning during the pandemic, particularly at the end of year 3 and in year 4.

**Achieving Expected Standard Reading, Writing, Maths (TA) = 65.5% (National 59%)**

Average Scaled Score Maths: 106 (National 104)

**Achieved Expected Standard Maths: 69% (National 73%)**

Average Scaled Score Reading: 105.56 (National 105)

**Achieved Expected Standard Reading: 69% (National 73%)**

**Working at Expected Standard Writing (TA): 79.3% (National 71%)**

Greater Depth in the Expected Standard Writing (TA): 10.3%

Average Scaled Score Grammar, punctuation and spelling: 109.67 (National 105)

**Achieved Expected Standard Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: 79.3% (National 72%)**

**Working at Expected Standard Science (TA): 79.3%**

## The Canopy



The Canopy is our new addition to South Ascot Village School and is based in the EYFS building at the end of the school playing fields on Liddell Way.

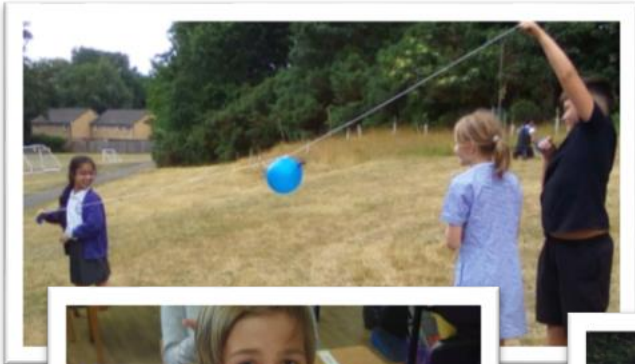
In September, we will have nine autistic children joining us across Foundation, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4. Although they will spend much of their time in The Canopy, they will also get to meet with the rest of their year group and join in for some lessons. This will

be a gradual process and they will be fully supported by an adult.

This is a really exciting time for everyone. Embracing being a diverse and inclusive school and enabling our mainstream children to understand how unique we all are; a powerful life lesson that will equip them for the future. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email Mrs Kelly, our SENCo, on [c.kelly@southascotvillageschool.org.uk](mailto:c.kelly@southascotvillageschool.org.uk)

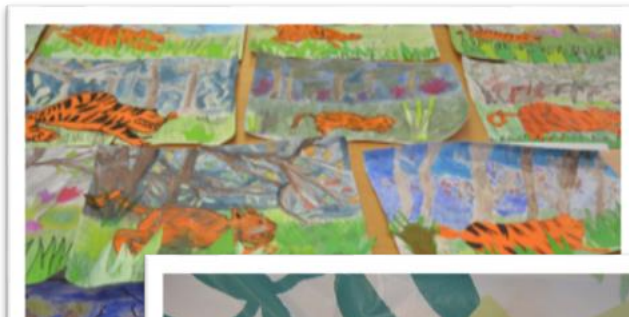
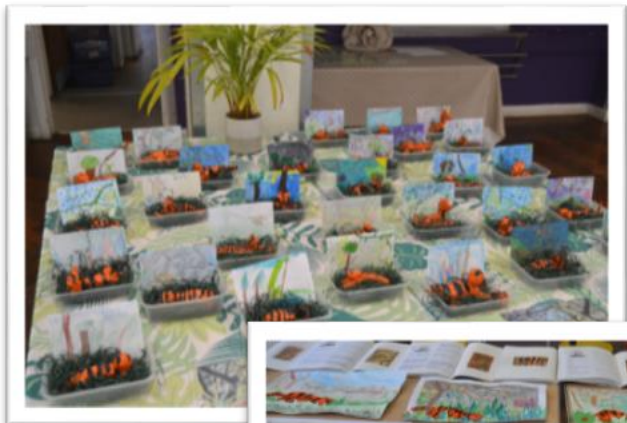
## Science Day

Inspired by the theme of Rockets and Space the children enjoyed a day of scientific research and experimentation. Rockets were jettisoned high into the sky and the children investigated forces and the planets of our solar system.



## Art Exhibition

The Art Exhibition held at the end of June was a great success. The children's work was exceptional and it was amazing all the ways that the original artwork by Henri Rousseau was interpreted. A BIG THANK YOU to Miss Webb for having the inspiration and leading this event.



## Sports Morning

A magnificent sports morning took place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The parents all came to support their children and cheer them on. The children competed well and showed a great deal of positive sportsmanship too.



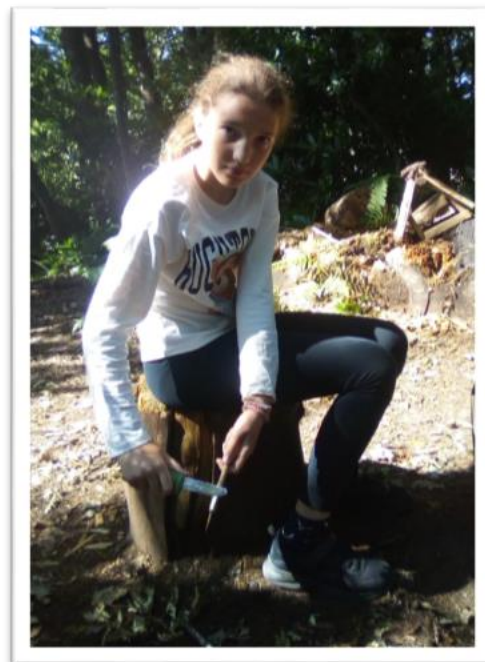
**Congratulations to Birch House (Blue Team)  
who won the event!**

## Forest School

### Human Pencil Sharpeners in the woods!

In Forest School we use tools, including the Bow Saw, Loppers, Knives, Bill Hooks, hammers, drills, augers, and secateurs. Tools are only ever used after a 'Tool Talk' and with a 1:1 ratio of pupils to adults in a calm and controlled environment. This is only possible as we follow the Forest School ethos and have small group sizes so the pupils can get a real hands on experience.

The year 2, 5 & 6 pupils have been so busy in Forest School learning how to use a new tool safely. Each pupil has improved their whittling skills and made a sustainable pencil using resources from within the school grounds. After lengthy discussions about the Sheath Knife, its parts, its uses, demonstrations and questions the pupils understood how to use the tool safely.



### How to make a woodland pencil.



Many pieces of Hazel were cut to pencil lengths using loppers. (Hazel is perfect as it is soft and easy to sculpt with). A small hole was drilled into one end of the stick by an adult. A 2 cm long pencil lead was then glued into the hole with wood glue and gently tapped into position with a rubber mallet – also by an adult. A name space and nib was carved into the stick using a knife with close supervision.

The benefits of this activity are enormous, All pupils have improved their dexterity, fine motor skills, hand strength, resilience,

perseverance and most importantly they understand how to use a tool safely in a way that gives them confidence. We produced 200 sustainable, SAVS sourced, woodland pencils which will be a souvenir to cherish forever.



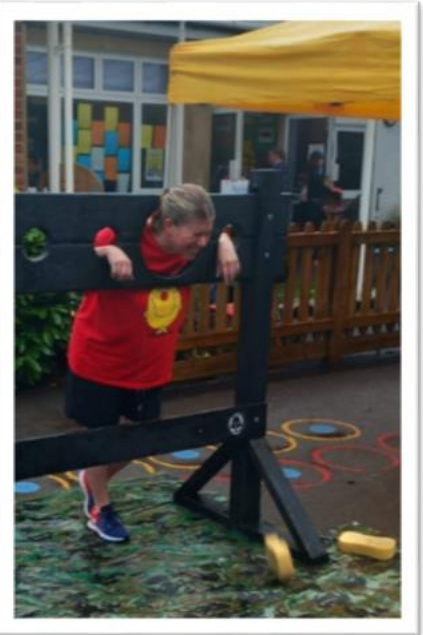
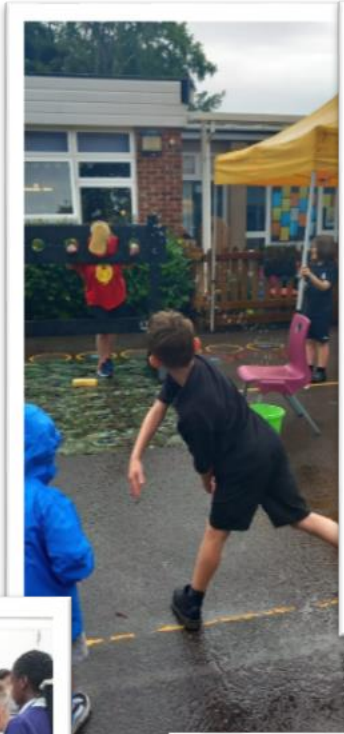
## Summer Fete

Despite the weather, the school enjoyed an extremely successful Summer Fete.

Thank you to the PTA, volunteers, staff and children who organised and ran all the stalls. Without you, this would not have been possible.

The event raised over £2,200 for the school. Funds that will be utilised in the coming months to provide even more enrichment activities.

Thank you to all that attended.



## Cycling Proficiency



Twelve of the Year 6 pupils took to the playground and to the streets of Ascot in order to show their competency skills on their bicycles. Each child passed Bikeability Level 2. Well done!

Bikeability Level 2 taught the children to:

- **Start and stop** with more confidence
- **Pass stationary vehicles** parked on a road
- **Understand the road:** signals, signs and road markings
- **Negotiate the road:** including quiet junctions, crossroads and roundabouts
- **Share the road** with other vehicles



Well done! We hope to see you travelling around Ascot safely on your bikes in the coming months.

## Prom 2023

The prom went off with a bang on Thursday night. Everyone had a great time. If you'd like to see the photographs taken please click on the link to below. These photos are shared with the proviso that they are only for personal use. [Prom 2023](#)





Goodbye and Good Luck Year 6!



And finally...

I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer holiday. Enjoy your time with your family and friends and we will be back to welcome you all back on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Miss Kate Rimell

Headteacher

