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In celebration of World Poetry Day this week – and of our Poetry Performance this afternoon, here is a poem ‘after’ Brian Moses ...

What Teachers Wear in Bed

It's anybody's guess
what teachers wear in bed at night
so we held a competition
to see if any of us were right.

We did a spot of research,
although some of them wouldn't say
but it's probably something funny
as they look pretty strange by day.

Our Headteacher's quite old-fashioned,
she wears a Victorian nightshirt,
Mrs Jolly wears her tracksuit
and sometimes her netball skirt.

That new teacher in the juniors
wears bedsocks with stripy pyjamas,
our Deputy Head wears a T-shirt
she brought back from the Bahamas.

We asked Mrs Reed what she wore
but she shooed us out of her room
and Mrs Riley said, her favourite nightie
and a splash of expensive perfume.

Now the last verse of the original poem
doesn't fit our school staff – who can write
their own – maybe featuring their teacher?

Have a lovely weekend, Ms Cartledge

Who won the Attendance Cup?

WELL DONE
Burnham – 100%!
We aim for +97%
(National Average: 96%)

Week Ending: 15/3/19

Epping	99.5%
Ashdown	99.1%
Burnham	100%
Fleet	98.1%
Gisburn	96.8%
Wykeham	98.6%
Carrick	90.4%
Newborough	97.1%

NEXT WEEK / EVERY WEEK

Every Monday	Theme Assembly 3:00 pm in the Hall – Families Welcome.
Tuesday 26 th March	Beachborough Cross-Country (runners already selected).
Every Wednesday	Parent / Carer and Toddler Group – 9:15 – 11 am. Friends from other schools welcome to join our families. Please sign in at the office.
Wednesday 27 th March	Year 6 SATs Information Evening – 6pm.
Every Thursday Morning	Adult Art Group – 9:15 – 11 am. Please sign in at the office.
Every Friday	Celebration Assembly 3:00 pm in the Hall – Families Welcome.

LOOKING FORWARD

Monday 1 st April	Lower Key Stage 2 Easter Performance – 2:45pm.
Wednesday 3 rd April	Superstars Tea.
Friday 5 th April	Open Afternoon, Celebration Assembly. Last day of Term 4. Parent Charity Cake Sale – please bring donations in the morning (see attached flyer).
Tuesday 23 rd April	First day of Term 5 – re-open to pupils.

STAFFING UPDATE

Message from Mrs Reed: I am moving onto pastures new at Easter but I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Southfield family and will miss all the staff and children. Wishing you all the best for the future. Mrs Reed.

Thank you to Mrs Reed for 4 years of hard work and dedication to our school, we wish her all the best for the future.

DEBTS

You will have seen on the news recently that schools are suffering a funding crisis. At Southfield, we are very careful with our spending but we do have lots of parent debt at present which is money that is needed to balance our books. At the moment we have 52 creditors. You will see below that we have indicated the outstanding monies owed to the school so, while we do understand that times are hard for everyone, if you are one of those families owing the school money (usually for residentials, trips or extended services), please do make an effort to pay as soon as possible. If you are in financial difficulty, please speak to Mrs Reed in confidence and she can agree a payment plan with you but if you do not respond to repeated requests for payment, we may have to resort to taking legal advice.

Aged debts total: 90+ days £1808, 60+ days £796.70, 30+ days £366 = total owed of £2971.00. Creditors = 52

NOTICES

Woodford Halse Cross-Country – we have not yet had the results returned from the organisers and so the promised report will now be included in next week's newsletter.

Red Nose Day - we raised a total of £299.68 so Well Done!

Sale of noses = £150.00

Cake sale raised = £53.99 (in 7 minutes) (thank you for the donations)

Danceathon raised = £95.69

Extended Services: STOP PRESS - You will soon be able to book directly on SchoolMoney for Breakfast Club, Lunch Club and After School Club unless you pay by childcare vouchers (in which case, the current system remains the same). This will be taking affect after Easter. Please look out for the new Charging and Remissions Policy to follow along with a letter explaining the change in more detail.

SHOUT OUT

Mrs Cowing writes: 'Shout out for the Ukulele Concert this morning. There was a lovely community spirit and the children all played confidently and enjoyed themselves. It was a pleasure to listen to'.

We would like to echo the above sentiment – the families in the hall were so impressed by the children and we need to say a massive thank you to our fabulous ukulele teacher, Jude Harris.

CARNIVAL COVER COMPETITION – Message from the Carnival Organisers

Over the years, all the local schools have supported the Carnival by coordinating entries of their pupils to the Cover Competition. However we are conscious of the ongoing pressures that schools are facing these days and certainly don't want to add to that work load.

As a result we have decided to change the way the Carnival Competition runs slightly. This year we are encouraging all primary school age children to enter independently and directly to the Carnival by dropping off their entries at the New Brackley Town Council Office (in the Old Hub building next to Domino and opposite The Plough Pub).

We have also widened the catchment area to include schools within the surrounding villages to Brackley i.e. 5/6 mile radius approx., and hopefully this will open up the opportunity for entries to those who may not have entered before.

We opened for entries during February Half Term and will **close on Monday 1st April**. With the closing date only 10 days away we are keen to maximize the opportunity for all local primary school age children to be given the opportunity to enter the competition.

Once the competition has closed we will judge the entries and notify the relevant school where the child is a pupil, in addition there may also be several additional award to other entrants where the Judges feel it's appropriate. We would then like to arrange a presentation during an assembly at a time convenient to the school.

The winning design will be used in publicity material and will be on the front cover of the Carnival Flyer as well as receiving a gift from a local business and presentation of the framed design on Carnival Day

COME ON SOUTHFIELD – WE HAVE SOME AMAZING ARTISTS – LET'S WIN THIS COMPETITION!

STANDING NOTICES

FAMILY FORUM contact e-mail reminder – familyforum@southfieldprimary.info for ANY general questions, comments or suggestions about school. Please remember that we also have a suggestion box (for pupils and families) placed in the front entrance. Please state if the suggestion or comment has a specific audience (e.g. School Council, FOSS, School Governors, Mrs Reed, and Ms Cartlidge etc.) This box is checked weekly.

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERING – items can be purchased from the Online Uniform Shop, please visit <https://shoponline.co.uk/collections/southfield-primary-academy-brackley>
Items will be delivered to the school free of charge or delivered directly to your home for a small charge.

***** Please remember that we are a nut & kiwi-free school - thank you for your understanding. *****

MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM READING PLUS

I would like to take the opportunity to share with you the impressive gains achieved with Reading Plus® to date.

Class Carrick have:

- Collectively, 1,196,919 words read!
- 1105 Reading lessons completed;
- Average Rate Gain of 59 WPM;
- Average Level Gain of 1.5 (1 level gain = an increase in readability of texts of 1 year).

Class Fleet have:

- Collectively 1,305,055 words read!
- 1321 Reading lessons completed;
- Average Rate Gain of 64 WPM;
- Average Level Gain of 1.9 (1 level gain = an increase in readability of texts of 1 year).

Class Gisburn have:

- Collectively, 925,404 words read!
- 1175 Reading lessons completed;
- Average Rate Gain of 57 WPM;
- Average Level Gain of 1.4 (1 level gain = an increase in readability of texts of 1 year).

Class Newborough have:

- Collectively, 982,554 words read!
- 983 Reading lessons completed;
- Average Rate Gain of 52 WPM;
- Average Level Gain of 1.3 (1 level gain = an increase in readability of texts of 1 year).

Class Wykeham have:

- Collectively, 938,800 words read!
- 944 Reading lessons completed;
- Average Rate Gain of 41 WPM;
- Average Level Gain of 1.3 (1 level gain = an increase in readability of texts of 1 year).

I would also like to give a special mention to Finlay G (Fleet), Abby M (Gisburn) and Nora F (Wykeham) who have excelled in the program - progressing above target level.

We are not sure that we will be able to afford to continue with Reading Plus next academic year so please do use it at home while you can – you will see that massive progress can be made, but only if the programme is used at least 3 times a week. WELL DONE to Finlay, Abby and Nora – Miss Aries will be presenting you with certificates to recognise your achievement.