

Southill Primary

Headteacher's NEWS



Friday 20th January 2023



Strike Action

Wednesday 1st February will see a day of strike action from the National Education Union. Teachers planning to strike are not obliged to inform the school of their plans, so it is very difficult to know the extent of the disruption that will occur at Southill. All I can tell you at the moment is that we are drawing up contingency plans with the aim of keeping the school open to all children. More details will be sent to you as they become available.



Vote for Southill

We have been given some help from Tesco with our fundraising to help redevelop the outdoor learning space for our Reception class. Customers at the shop will be able to vote on their favoured project through a token voting system—drop the token into your chosen slot. The project with the most tokens at the end of the voting period will be awarded £1500!

The stores involved in the voting are listed below. Please could we encourage you all (and friends and family) to help us with this whenever you are shopping in Tesco. Thank you all for your support. Stores taking part are:

- St Thomas Street
- Lodmoor Hill Express
- Lanehouse Rocks Road Express
- Portland Express
- Portland Superstore



Basketball

Mr Prior took a group of Year 6 children to Atlantic Academy on Wednesday for a basketball competition. As you'd expect, they represented the school really well and competed strongly with the other schools.

[See the website post to read how they got on.](#)



Cross Country

In other sports news, Mr Prior attended our first ever cross-country competition with a sturdy band of Year 4 and 6 endurance athletes. Year 4 had to run a 1000m course and Year 6 tackled the 1500m course. We were really proud to hear that no-one had given up and that they had all finished.

[Read the website post for a full report.](#)

Inset Day

An early reminder that the school is closed on Friday 10th February as one of our Inset Days.

Other news and information for parents and carers



JANUARYBLUES YOUNG MENS MENTAL HEALTH EVENT

Hosted by...

WEYMOUTH COLLEGE

28th January 2023 - 1.00pm to 5.00pm

An afternoon of Mental Health Services



Art Project

Take part in our completely anonymous 'wall of thoughts'. Let go of any negativity or extend a positive wish. All cards will then be tuned into a mural.



Animal Therapy

Simply stroking and interacting with animals can help to reduce anxiety as well as provide a calming distraction. Spend time relaxing with an array of different animals including some reptiles.



Mocktail Making

Take part in one of two mocktail making sessions! Learn how to make your favorite cocktails without the alcohol.



3 Guest Speakers

Hear a talk from three local male mental health champions about their own journey with mental health and the tools that they have used to navigate to where they are today.



Yoga & Fitness Sessions

Being physically active is one of the best ways to maintain a clear, healthy mind. Take part in one of two outdoor fitness sessions before winding down with some Yoga!



Meet and Greet

Take a tour of the stalls and meet our range of mental health partners. Talk openly about their services and get to know everyone.

WEYMOUTH COLLEGE

Main Campus,
Cranford Avenue,
DT4 7QL

Bring a friend!

Are you okay?...
Are you okay really?..
Lets talk about it...



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