



Southwick Star



Joke of the month

Why did the child cross the playground?

To get to the other slide!

“Why fit in when you were born to stand out?”

This term the over all jigsaw focus has been - **Healthy me** 

Throughout the term our weekly focuses have been -

- Making healthy choices
- Eating a healthy, balanced diet
- Being physically active
- Keeping ourselves and others safe
- Being good friends and keeping healthy friendships
- Knowing how to keep calm and dealing with difficult situations



Children receive weekly certificates for trying hard to meet the focus of the week. **Look out on our website for the names of the children who have recently received certificates throughout the month in our Jigsaw assembly**



Fantastic news! Our den building structures are now in place and are ready for children to start building their own amazing dens.

We also now have some fabulous mud kitchens on our yard. They are up and running and already we have some wonderful mud pie chefs in the making!



Donations

We would love if you could help us by donating any old pans, bowls and kitchen utensils, so as many children as possible can play in our mud kitchens.

Now it is Spring, we would love to make our outdoor areas even brighter and colorful. However, our planters are standing empty. Please help by donating any plants, bulbs and seeds. Thank you!



In the spotlight

The School Council have been busy interviewing Mrs Ellison. We found out lots of exciting facts about her! We hope you enjoy finding out some facts you might not have known about our Deputy Head Teacher.

What's your favourite animal?

Elephant

What is your favourite part of the job?

Seeing the lovely children everyday.

What is your favourite colour?

Blue

How long have you worked at our school?

16/17 years.

How long have you known Mr Robson?

22 years.

What is your favourite outfit?

Jeans and a pair of Dr Martins!

How many jobs have you had in your whole life?

Eight

How long have you been an animal lover for?

I have loved and cared for animals my whole life.

Where were you born?

Durham

Who is your oldest child?

My son, Mr Ellison, who is 29 years old.

What is your one wish you would love to come true?

For people to stop fighting!



Football Crazy!

Our school football teams have been in action over the last few weeks, with Year 4 taking part in the Durham County Cup at home and the Girls' team playing at Hill View Junior School. Our Year 5's also played wonderfully with great determination! Well done!

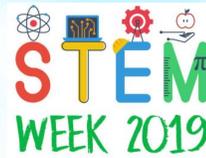
Year 4 played their first games together as a team, giving it their all and playing with excellent enthusiasm.

The girls started with a 1-1 draw, with a great team move finished well by Alisha Sewell. Sadly, the other results did not go our way but the girls represented Southwick wonderfully and played fantastically well. **We are very proud of our footballers, well done!**



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Southwick S.T.E.M Week



Southwick's first S.T.E.M week was a great success. Children from across the school worked throughout the week learning all about 'Amazing Inventors' and coming up with exciting experiments to share with their friends and grown-ups. The S.T.E.M Ambassadors who lead the experiments on the day it's self were fantastic, demonstrating what they had learned and answering questions about the experiments they had brought. We also managed to incorporate our Red Nose Day activities by designing a catapult strong enough to fire a Red Nose. The competition was fierce but our worthy winners managed to fire the Noses the length of the hall!

Red Nose Day



On Red Nose Day, children came to school dressed in something red. Thanks to this, we managed to raise £200 for Comic Relief. This was a lovely way to end our S.T.E.M week.



Making a difference

School Council are still really enjoying giving out certificates for the 'Playground Pupil of the Week' and the weekly school council award. We are very busy ordering lots of exciting resources for our very own School Council Nature Area. We have been looking at bug hotels, bug explorer kits and lots of amazing bug and nature fact books to look up what interesting creatures we might find.

We also know its our job to look after all of the lovely resources we have ordered and have decided to order a storage seating area where children can relax and observe the nature all around them.

