



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

May 2019



Eco-Warriors at Southridge:

In Year 4 we have 'Eco-Warrior' monitors who help to ensure that litter is picked up, doors are closed in cold weather and the lights are switched off when classrooms are not in use.

Our whole school New Years Challenge in January was to recycle all our small plastics in an Eco-Brick. Over the last 4 months the children have been absolutely fantastic in collecting these and bringing them in to school. All our Eco-Bricks have gone to the Community Garden and been recycled to be used to build a raised bed. Mrs Williams has kept us up to date below:



Thankyou so much for organising the collection of eco bricks. Without the support of the Southridge families I couldn't have begun creating the raised bed. Many children have been involved with building it but here are a few photos - from counting and sorting the bricks in different shapes to digging foundations, laying the bricks and making sure they are placed level and uniform.



The Secret Garden Club is a children's community garden and is open every day if anyone would like to go down to have a look at the progress of the raised bed that they have helped make.

Thankyou once again, Rhiannon Williams

Our project at the Community Garden has now finished **so there is no need to send in your Eco-Bricks to school** - however please keep recycling those small pieces of plastic. Instead of putting them in your normal waste bin please add to the recycling bin.

Last Monday we had a special visitor in assembly - Rebecca Wilson, from North Tyneside Council Recycling Team and she was very impressed with our recycling efforts.

Year 1 Football - Congratulations to a group of our Year 1 boys who took part in a football tournament last week. They were fantastic sportsmen and returned to school as proud winners with a trophy for winning the tournament.



Year 3 Multi-Skills - last week some of our Year 3 enjoyed a skills morning at Marden Bridge Middle School doing circuits, throwing, balancing, hurdles and squats!

Attendance - Summer Term

Attendance Cup Winners

Attendance Stars



Week 1: Mr Wilcock's class

Week 1: Year 3

Week 2: Mrs Smith's class

Week 2: Year 2

Week 3: Mrs Mc Intosh's class and Mrs Smith's class

Week 3: Year 4

Pirate non - uniform day

To celebrate the arrival of our Pirate Ship, funded by the PTA we will be holding a non-uniform day on **Thursday 23rd May** - the last day of this half-term. So dig out your stripy t-shirts and make a simple pirate hat!

Children are invited to dress up as pirates. (£1 donation)



This will help the PTA to start building up their fundraising reserves again and enable them to support STEM Week in June and plan events such as the Disco and Summer Fair this term.

Walk to School Week 20th May – We would like to encourage our children to walk to school (or scoot and cycle). So if you can, - please make a plan, and leave cars behind! During the last year our PTA fundraised to help us purchase new scooter and bike racks so you can safely store bikes and scooters. Just remember if you are staying for an After School Club you can leave your bike or scooter just inside the gate at the Nursery entrance or just inside the main gate by the school office / Year 2 classrooms. Our children are also brilliant at remembering to push their bikes and scooters across our busy playground.

Reminders for events coming up -

- May 17th - Year 3 Handball Competition
- May 20th - Walk to School Week
- May 21st - Reception visit to Woodhorn Colliery
- May 22nd - Class Photographs
- May 23rd - Nursery closed for European Elections
- May 23rd - Pirate Day
- Break up for Half-term
- May 24th - Teacher Training Day - school closed

HALF-TERM

- June 3rd - Children return to school
- June 6th - Year 1 visit to Cathedral and Castle
- June 7th - 2.15pm PTA Meeting
- June 11th - Year 2 visit to Gibside
- June 11th /12th - Father's Day Gift Shop
- June 13th - Year 3 Visit to Ouseburn Farm and Victoria Tunnel

Curriculum Information - for all year groups can be found on our school website [Curriculum information](#)

Choir - donation to Charity

Last term our Choir and violinists held a Musical Evening in the school hall, with the £277 raised being split between school and a charity. In Assembly, the children who took part chose Macmillan Cancer as their chosen charity.

Local Elections - Nursery will be closed on 23rd May. However, our main building and the rest of school will be open.

The gate to the main school yard via Nursery will be CLOSED. Please access the playground via the gate at the front of school (next to the school office).

Change of date - Park Run

Please note our Park Run date has been moved from 9th June and will now take place on 14th July



Reminder - The PTA will be meeting on 7th June at 2.15pm to plan the Summer Fair. Please join us if you are able to help.

