

SUTTON NEWS

11th June 2021

SCIENCE WEEK!

This week, pupils across the school have been carrying out a wide range of practical scientific investigations and experiments to develop a greater understanding of the world around us. The week kicked off with a visit from Techwoman and her team who led a range of activities in each class for the entire day. From studying wind resistance with paper helicopters to rocket propulsion with balloons, devising electric circuits for illuminating wands to exploring material properties when making a boat, the children had the opportunity to engineer a wide range of machines and mechanisms to see science in action.

The fun didn't stop there though, with children designing and building their own working robots, investigating the effects of exercise on the human body and harnessing the power of wind to make windmills to name just a few of the activities undertaken this week.

A huge thank you must go to Mrs Woodruffe for all of her hard work in planning and organising such a fantastic event for the children.



I enjoyed being part of the design, construct, test and evaluate team. I was the team leader and it was important to keep my team on track and help with all parts of the task.

Sophie R



Getting the helicopters to fly was really cool. When I was making it I didn't expect it to fly like it did.

James S

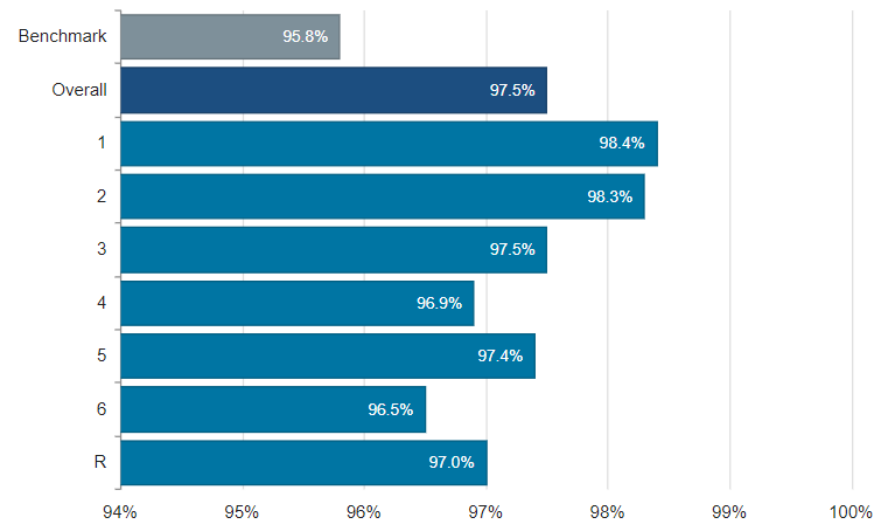


Zara B

Science week has been fun so far and the learning we have done has been extraordinarily good.



POST-COVID LOCKDOWN ATTENDANCE EXCEEDS NATIONAL



Pupil attendance levels across the school have exceeded national averages over the last half-term. This is enormously pleasing, not least as pupil attendance is the key to ensure any lost learning during lockdown is recovered as quickly as possible.

The school will be returning to a strict adherence to Local Authority Policy on pupil attendance now shielding protocols are no longer in place and lockdown measures are relaxed in order to ensure ALL pupils make accelerated progress moving forward.

On behalf of all the staff at Sutton, I would like to thank parents and carers for the faith and trust you have all placed in the school during the pandemic. It is clear the collective efforts of the school and our families during this time has helped minimise the impact on our children's education.



ClassDojo SUMMER 1 AWARDS

A huge well done to the following pupils who have been awarded the most ClassDojo points over the Summer 1 Half Term. Certificates will be coming home next week!

Ruby: Scarlett, Hallie, Amelia

Sapphire: Lily-Sue, Theo, Jack

Aquamarine: Olivia, Millie, Sofia

Tanzanite: Zac, Owen, Eloise

Amethyst: Lewis, Jake, Levi

Emerald: Alfie, Eliza, Oskar

Turquoise: Codie, Riley and George (joint 2nd)

Zircon: Harry (1st), Lola and Leland (joint 2nd), Lily-Jean and Jessie (joint 3rd)

Carnelian: Damien, Matthew, Emma

Citrine: Leah, Sophia, Eljay

KEY DIARY DATES

18th June Group photos & Virtual Book Fair deadline for orders

6th July Reports sent home to parents

7, 8, 9th July Stay and Play sessions for Reception starters

14th July Report follow up appointments for parents (more details to follow)

21st July Last day of term for children

22nd July Inset day (school closed to children)

Mark Your Calendar

JOSHIE'S MUSICAL TALENT REWARDED



Congratulations to Joshie for achieving his Grade 1 ABRSM Performance Grade on his descant recorder. A fantastic achievement!

ZIRCON CLASS GET IN- SIGHT INTO WORLD OF ROBOTIC SCIENCE



Pupils in Zircon Class had the opportunity to meet PhD Student Digby Chappell (Mrs Chappell's son) to learn about Robotic Science and how this rapidly advancing area in science can help in our everyday lives.

We saw his lab and some wondrous machines while also getting to ask lots of questions about his work in robotics. His work shows we can earn a PhD in robotics. The experience was inspiring, wonderful and really interesting.

Joshua N



**LOOK OUT FOR OUR
SILLY SKIPPING
FUNDRAISING EVENT!**

UPDATE FROM THE SCHOOL'S LOCAL GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR

Our school recently had a Safeguarding review with the Local Authority to consider the procedures we have in place to keep our children safe. This was an extremely thorough audit considering all aspects of Child Protection processes, policies, accident reporting and risk assessments covering activities both inside school and in the playground. We came out of this really well, with the LA being impressed by all they were told by Sutton Leadership. It goes to show that it isn't just in a pandemic that our staff pull out all of the stops to care for our young people. Well done and thank you all!

We have had a few changes in our Governing Body recently after asking for anyone interested in becoming a Governor. Louise Carter and Sarah Stant are our two new Parent Governors and we also have a member of the local community asking to join as a Co-optee (it has to be agreed by GB first). I'd like to thank Ben Willan for all of his hard work as our Health & Safety Governor and wish him well as his term of office comes to an end. His Health and Safety audits are so thorough and go towards all of the hard work at Sutton in keeping our children safe.

Sue Rudge

Chair of Governors

WE NEED YOUR VIEWS!

The school has made great strides in fulfilling its enormous potential over the last year, but we are keen to ensure this upward trajectory is maintained. In order to do this we need the views of all stakeholders including you, the parents and carers of our pupils!

We are asking all parents and carers to spare a couple of minutes to provide feedback on how they feel the school is performing. I must stress this is anonymous, so do please be honest in your responses so that we can ensure issues raised can be addressed quickly.

Moving forward, the information generated will be used to inform our School Development Plan for the forthcoming academic year.

To access the survey please use the hyperlink below, click on 'Give your views' and then create a login (again, please be assured we can not see or access this information!). You will then need to search for our school—be careful there are lots of 'Sutton Primary Schools'! Best way to find us is to search 'Sutton, Ely' or enter the school postcode, 'CB6 2PU'.

The link is as follows: [Welcome to Ofsted Parent View | Ofsted Parent View](#)

We look forward to receiving your feedback.



A number of our pupils have managed to generate huge scores on TT Rockstars this week. The following pupils have managed the highest scores in their respective year groups...

Josh M - Year 5

Brody A - Year 4

Noah W - Year 3



SUPPORT INFORMATION FROM EARLY INTERVENTION FAMILY WORKER

Gingerbread

Single parents, equal families

Gingerbread is a charity run service offering support and advice to single parent families. The website offers lots of information and advice around things such as being off work, mental health, childcare and contact arrangements. Here is their website: <https://www.gingerbread.org.uk/>

Does your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? Pinpoint (www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk) have lots of information, advice and tips.

For Cambridgeshire's Local Offer go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer