



# The Principal's Weekly Newsletter



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Children and Parents,

## Year 6 Students Make UK News!

Southlands School has 'Big Question' answered on **CBBC Newsround!**



Southlands Students made history this week by being the first group to ever have a question published, and answered, by the UK's favourite Children's News Programme. The 'Big Question' is a weekly opportunity for school children to pose questions, to the world's leading experts in a number of fields. Not only did the children have their question answered but also their question, and the answer, was shared with anyone visiting the site or watching the daily news programme on the BBC.

Year 6 posed a number of interesting questions, one of which, 'Can Dinosaurs be brought back to life?' in the hope that it would be used and, therefore answered for their studies. Weeks passed and visits to the site and the programme were made, but sadly none of the students questions had yet made the news...until January 11th

2018!

In our weekly Citizenship lesson, the students began, as always discussing the recent stories and noticed a question that they believed was theirs and had been included. To their joy and surprise, it was their question and the students were so pleased to see that, not only had it been used, but their school, was also included.

You can see the video and story for yourself by heading to, [www.bbc.co.uk/newsround](http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround) and searching for the day's 'Big Question'.

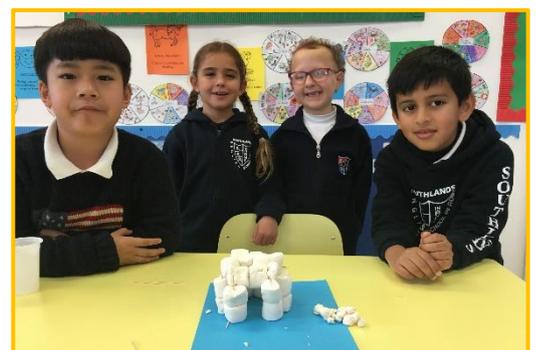
Why not send in a question yourself and see if you make it onto the News, just like our Year 6 students did this week!

Richard Hough  
Year 6H Class Teacher

## Year 2 Building Shelters

The Pandas and Tigers have been learning all about different environments and how people survive in extreme conditions.

Part of their learning has involved building different shelters. They have had two wonderful experiences so far. Firstly, they



built a mini igloo using marshmallows, and then they built a mini shelter using leaves and twigs in the orchard garden.

The children were extremely creative and worked well together. Well done Year 2!



*"It was fantastic outside because we could think of our own ideas to make our own tent."*  
Lara (2P)

*"It was a little bit difficult but then we thought about it and we managed to make an igloo."*  
Carla (2P)

*"We had fun because we could choose how to make the shelters."* Freddie (2T)

*"I enjoyed making the igloos because I could work with my friends."* Fabian (2T)

### **FAO World Food Day Poster Contest**

Janet, Angela, Angelica, Renzo, Mathilda, Emma from Year 11 and Mattia, Sofia, and Leonardo in Year 10 participated in the FAO World Food Day Poster Contest which was judged in October 2017. Schools from 100 countries around the world joined in this global effort to spread the message of World Food Day and raise awareness on the theme of migration. Posters were aiming to convey the message that food security can alleviate the problem of forced migration caused by hunger. Global hunger affects 815 million people or 11 per cent of the global population whilst in 2015 there were 244 million international migrants. People were forced to leave their homes for a variety of reasons including food insecurity and poverty. The FAO aims to achieve Zero Hunger by 2030.



The first prize in this competition went to Warin Chaiyo from Thailand for his poster which shows how good food can be made from local raw materials, so emphasises sustainable farming methods. Our students were thanked for their efforts and creativity.

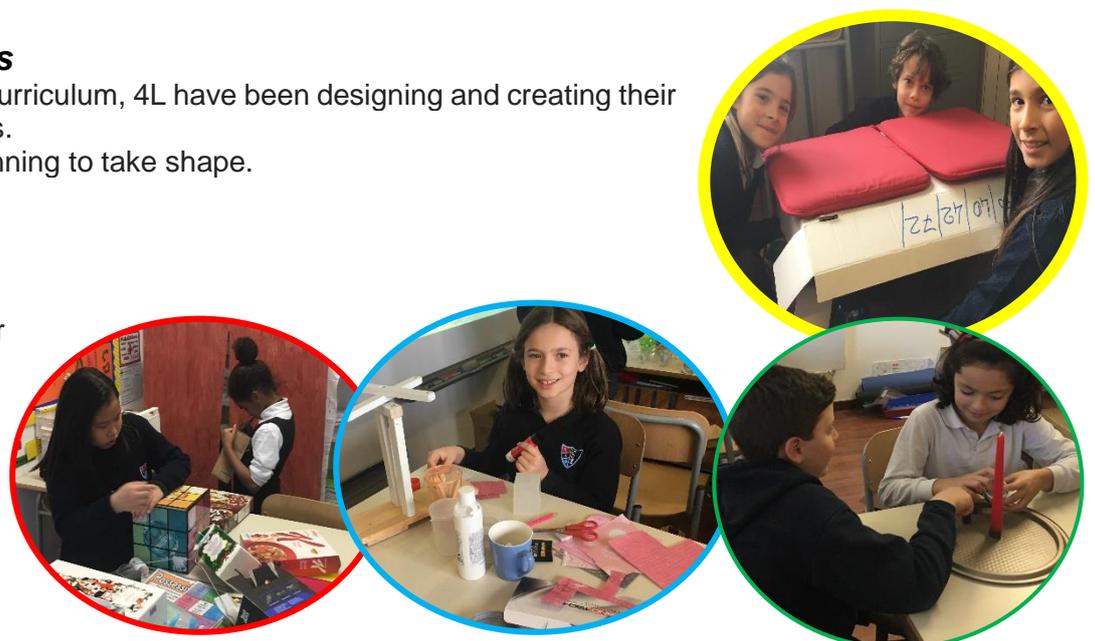
Mrs Salmon  
Geography Teacher

### **Year 4L Inventions**

As part of the Year 4 Curriculum, 4L have been designing and creating their own inventions in class. They are already beginning to take shape.

Watch this space!

Ms Leach  
Year 4L Class Teacher



## Paddington



Riccardo (Year 2P) took Paddington on holiday to Lapland, Finland during the festive break. They both had a lot of fun and Paddington also made some interesting new friends.

## Forthcoming Educational Visits

Year 9-13 French students Notre Dame de Paris - Teatro Don Bosco

## Idoneità and Licenza – Italian Exams

If you have not already done so, kindly contact the office to indicate whether your child will be entered for these exams. Please note that the deadline to enrol your child is **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018**.

## Primary Maths Corner

The answer to last week's *frog problem* was that the frog is able to escape on its **eighth** jump. Not many students have been coming to me with answers which sadly means that I have been eating all the prizes myself! Bring me a correct answer and you can have it instead of me!

Mr Butler

Year 5B Class Teacher & Primary Mathematics Co-ordinator

## Senior Maths Corner

Dear Problem Solvers,

This week we have a problem with a few parts and many solutions.....happy fishing!  
Well done to Riccardo and Valerio 8S .....and (late entry) Arianne 5B for solving last weeks puzzle!!  
Well done!

Ms Knowles

**Around the World**

In a town in Wales, 0.1 of the population speaks Welsh and 0.96 of the population speaks English.

I love maths

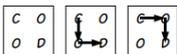


If the population of the town is 150, how many people speak both Welsh and English?

Cara maths



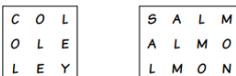
If you write the word **COD** in a grid like this there are two ways of spelling the word.



How many ways can you make **HAKE**?



What about **COLEY** or **SALMON**?



Can you **predict** how many ways there are to make **BARRACUDA**?

## ANSWER TO LAST WEEKS PUZZLE:

Turn on switch one (A) and leave it on for 1 hour. After the hour is up, turn the light off and turn on another one (B). Go to the room with the lights. The light that is hot but not on is switch A, the light that is on is switch B, the light that is off and not hot is C.

## Messages From the Administration



### Southlands on Instagram

Follow Southlands on our new Instagram account. Search for **southlandsschool** and click on the Follow button. You can view images of the school, students and upcoming events.



### iPads at Southlands



The use of iPads for both Primary and Secondary students is becoming a regular feature at Southlands. Students in all year groups enjoy studying, researching and accessing school databases on iPads.

### Morning Breakfast & Homework Club

**Morning Breakfast 7.30 - 8.50 a.m. & Homework Club 3.45 - 4.45 p.m.**

The above services have started well. If you require either of these services, please contact the office for further information.

### Senior School Trip Sweatshirts



All senior school students will receive a *free* sweatshirt to wear while traveling on the residential school trips.

Kindly indicate the desired size on the form sent this week via email.



Do have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Deryck M Wilson  
Principal