



## ***Sundon Lower School***

### ***Half Term School News - Summer (2) 2023***

*Welcome to our summer edition of School News. We hope that you enjoy reading about our exciting Summer Term!*

#### **Letter from the Headteacher**

Today we say a very fond farewell to our wonderful Year 4s. We wish all of our Year 4 children the very best of luck for their new schools. We will miss you all greatly but we know that you will do brilliantly.

This week we also say farewell to Mrs Glover, Mrs Archer and Mrs Canham who are moving on to new roles. We thank them for their contributions to the school.

It has been a wonderful year at Sundon Lower School. It has been a joy getting to know all the children and working with our families. We look forward to seeing the children and families who are returning in September. For those of you who are moving on, we wish you the best of luck for the future.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for all their hard work this year. Whilst the teachers teach the children brilliantly, they certainly couldn't do what they do without the fantastic team of Teaching Assistants, who provide support both for the children and the teachers. Our office staff and Mr Kingham also undertake so much work which helps move the school forward. Often this is unseen, but without it, we would all soon notice the difference.

I hope you all have a lovely summer.

Miss Paulding

#### **Leavers' Poem**

Let no one steal your dreams  
Let no one tear apart  
The burning of ambition  
That fires the drive insider your heart.

Let no one steal your dreams  
Let no one tell you that you can't  
Let no one hold you back  
Let no one tell you that you won't.

Set your sights and keep them fixed  
Set your sights on high  
Let no one steal your dreams  
Your only limit is the sky.



Let no one steal your dreams  
Follow your heart  
Follow your soul  
For only when you follow them  
Will you feel truly whole.

Set your sights and keep them fixed  
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Let no one steal your dreams  
Your only limit is the sky.

Paul Cookson

## Headteachers Award

Congratulations to the following children who achieved this year's Headteacher Award:

Reception – Locksley and Tabitha

Year 1 – Aurora and Dylan

Year 2 – James and Kathleen

Year 3 – Andi and Nico

Year 4 – Lydia and Kailen

## Swan Class

### Orienteering Workshop

We took part in an orienteering workshop out on the school field. We learned about directions and compass points.

**Locksley** said, "It was left, right, forwards and backwards."

**Leo** said, "North is a direction."



### Tennis Workshop

A tennis coach taught Nursery and Reception children some fun tennis skills.

**Ebrahim** said "I flipped the ball up in the sky."

**Amara** said "We balanced the ball on the racquet."



### Pirate Day

Our class friend Bodo was taken by Pirates. We had to complete lots of challenges to try and get him back. Finally, on Pirate Day, after we walked the plank and built some dens, we found Bodo up in a tree!



**Izabella** said, "I enjoyed playing in the Pirate ship and walking the plank."

**Leo** said, "This is the best day ever!"

### **Herrings Green Farm**

We had a great visit to the farm and bird of prey centre in Wilstead. We had the chance to hold owls and then catch them as they flew to our gloved hands. After lunch we met a snake, a giant hissing cockroach and a tortoise.



**Kayan** said, "I liked meeting the horses."

**Lily** said, "I touched the snake."

**Locksley** said, "I loved it when the owl flew to my arm."

### **Ugly Bug Ball**

We had great fun dressing up as minibeasts and having an indoor picnic for our Ugly Bug Ball.



**Isabella** said "I like it, I get to dress up like a ladybird."

**Kayan** said "We had lots of food and we had jelly worms."



**Golden Book 17.7.23**

Kayan



**Wow work**

Naayaki

Izabella

### Dove Class

#### Herrings Green Farm

Doves had an amazing time in Herrings Green Farm. We had been able to hold a few owls and fly an owl too- what an amazing experience!



**Beau** said, "I think it was a really good trip. I enjoyed touching the snake!"

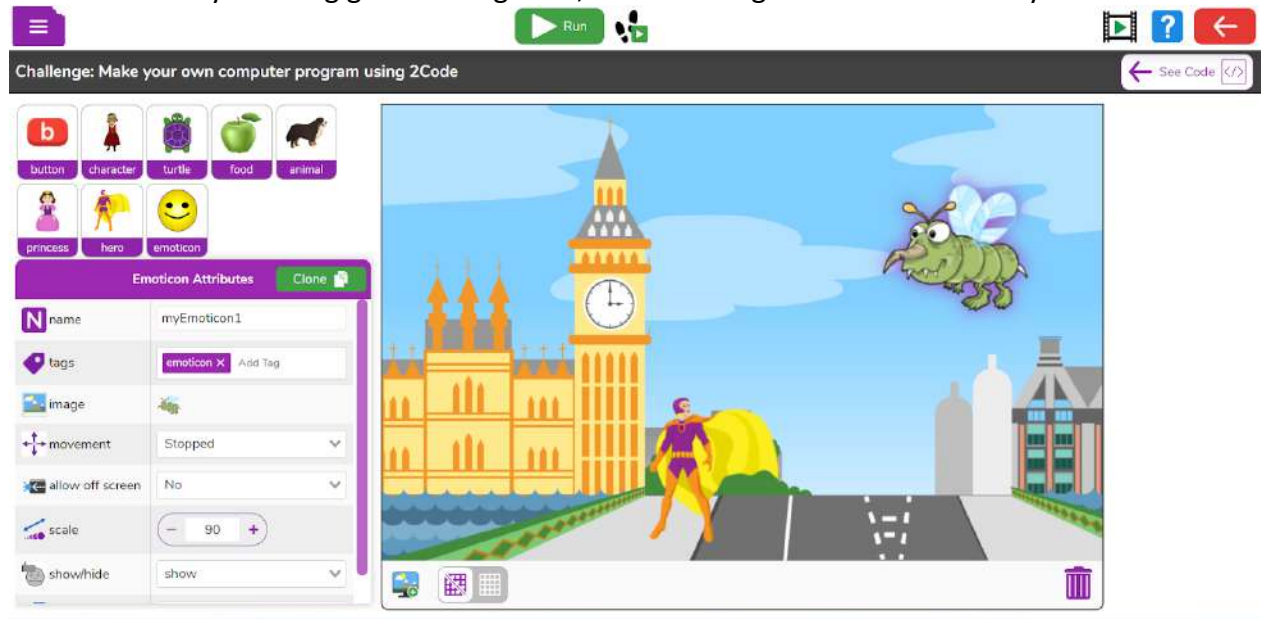
**Conor** said, "I have found out that owls don't move their eyes and they can turn their head  $\frac{3}{4}$  turn."

**James** said, "I liked holding the owls."

**Kiera** said, "I like the flying show the most."

## Purple Mash - coding

Over this term the children have been learning how to use code blocks to design their own games. They have had a lot of fun choosing setting, characters and planning actions in the scene. They all have done really showing great coding skills, but also imagination and creativity.



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**Wow work**  
Beau  
Roxanne

## Owl Class

### Sports Day

Hello everyone and welcome to our Sports Day report. I scored for my team and we did really well. Mars did the best in football and scored 46 goals. In netball Jupiter scored 38 shots. We did lots of races and really enjoyed the day. Well done to Neptune who won.

Nyle, Felix, Nice, Arjun and Jay.



## Verulamium Museum Visit

Owl Class went to the Verulamium Museum in St Albans. We pretended to dress up as Romans and we pretended to go to a market. After that we looked around the museum and saw lots of interesting things. While looking at the museum we saw some Roman knives. We watched a short film about the Romans and life in St Albans 2000 years ago. Next, we went to the Hypocaust and saw a giant mosaic. Then we had our lunch and had races. Lastly, we saw a piece of Roman wall that is still standing after 2000 years! We had a great day and learned a lot.

By Zach, Lydia, Jeevan, Viraaj and Stefan.



## **Library revamp**

Since the start of the Spring Term we have been working on a new design in the library. It has been really exciting and we haven't told anybody! We have taken out lots of old books and been replacing them with shiny new ones. Everybody has been really excited and hyped about getting new books! We held two book sales and the PTA have supported us in making all this possible. We have worked really hard scanning all the new books into the system. We look forward to sharing pictures of the transformation very soon.

By Taylor and Mila.



## **Kite Flying**

Owl Class designed, made and flew kites in DT. We had so much fun! Here are some of the materials we used – tissue paper, bags, sticks, tape and straws. We enjoyed testing them on the field afterwards.

By Bella and Ah'shay



## **Tennis Festival**

Some of Owl Class went to a Tennis Festival. We started by moving balls to cones. Charlotte taught us to play tennis. We worked in pairs and then we did pancake flips and we did keepy-uppys with the racket. We played mini matches in pairs. We travelled on a double decker bus and it was lots of fun!  
By Harrison, Hayley, Saffiya and Ashleigh.



## **Year 4 to 5 Transition Day**

On transition day everyone met their new teacher and did activities, like getting to know our teachers and we played games. The games were really fun and we played class bingo and after all that we got to go outside and play where everyone saw their friends. When we got back to class we did some work and at half past 11 we had lunch. After lunch we had a break time and we saw all the other Sundon children again. At 3:30pm, we got picked up or went home on the bus.

By Kailen and Mikaeel.



### **Golden Book 17.7.23**

Oliver



### **Wow work**

Harrison

Mila