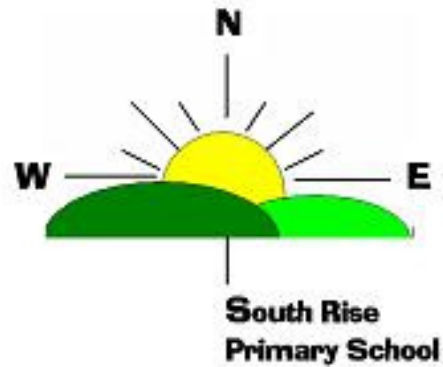


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Make IT Happy Competition

I am delighted to announce a piece of fantastic news for the school. Four of our Year 6 children - Jahlovei, Brandon, Tilly and Naomi - took part last term in a competition called Make IT Happy. This is a nationwide competition for children aged 9-11 and is linked to school projects. They were asked to produce a project based on the title "Getting Our Community Online" and chose to teach e-safety as they felt it is an important part of being online. They held e-safety lectures with Miss Collins, our e-safety Coordinator; they then created a website - www.safeandsouth.com. We received news last week that they have won the London heat! They have won £1200 for the school to buy new IT equipment and have also been invited to the Houses of Parliament to receive their prize at a special ceremony where they are also in the running for one of three top national prizes. They have also been given a free trip on the London Eye that day. I am sure you will all join me in congratulating these children and please do have a look at the website they made. They will be continuing to work on the site and we are very proud of their achievements so far. Thank you also to the parents who attended the e-safety sessions last term and supported the work of the children.

"Make A Difference" Garden Party

Some of our students visited the Garden Party to Make a Difference held at Clarence House, St. James' Park. They learnt a lot about sustainability and "being green". Please find below some of the interesting facts which they believe will help us all to look after our planet.

"I have learnt about energy and how it affects the earth. I learnt about processed food and how it produces more emissions in the processing and so is not as healthy as fruit and vegetables" - *Ayo*

"Today I learnt that the amount of energy it takes me to ride a bike is the equivalent energy wasted if I leave my TV on standby!" - *Roshaan*

"I learnt to look out for the carbon footprints on products" - *Cassie* (Having the Carbon Footprint on a food label means the company have pledged to reduce the carbon used in producing that food)

"I have learnt not to keep things on when you are not using them" - *Kierra*

Jeans for Genes Day

On Friday 1st October we will be raising money for Jeans for Genes Day. Children can wear non school uniform for the day but must wear either jeans or one blue item of clothing. Please ensure normal rules are adhered to i.e. no heels on shoes for girls. A donation of 50p per child is requested and will go towards the Jeans for Genes foundation helping families to deal with genetic diseases around the world.

Parents and Carers IT Lessons

Miss Collins will be offering free IT lessons for parents starting next week (Monday 4th October). Classes will cover IT skills such as using Microsoft Word, Microsoft Powerpoint and Internet browsing. The session will be held on Mondays from 9am - 9.50am and will take place in the school ICT suite. Places will be offered on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to participate please give a note to your child to pass on to Miss Collins including your name, your child's name and your child's class. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Mathison
Head teacher

"Big results require big ambitions" James Champy