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Southrop C of E Primary

Together We Can Fly!

By the time you read this we will have come to the end of another extraordinary school year. Though there have been many challenges through the year, with staff and pupils off with Covid, it hasn't stopped us enjoying the rich variety of activities we so love at Southrop School.

Our Year 5 and 6 participated last month in the Cheltenham Mock Trial as the prosecuting team and were delighted to gain a conviction against a team from St Gregory's. In addition Millie won the award for the best court reporter.

Both classes were kindly hosted for visits at Lemhill Farm, by George and Millie Ponsonby. It was fascinating to find out about their organic methods of farming, sweep the wild flower borders to find the variety of bugs they provide a habitat for and to have the opportunity to sit in the combine harvester and tractor.

The Swans were delighted to be back in the village hall for their annual play, which was the pantomime Cinderella Rockerfella. Each one of cast threw themselves into their roles with maximum enthusiasm, the wicked fairy, ugly sisters, talking dog, beautiful Cinders, hunky Rockerfella et al. It was a joyful team effort and boos, hisses and calls of "look behind you" abounded!

Inspired by the Fresh Air Sculpture Show, we created and displayed our own show in the wildlife garden. It is always great fun inviting in the school community and sharing our creativity.

We are very sad to be losing our Year 6s. We are very proud of all they have achieved and know that each is ready for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead at their next school.

A thought for September: Reading is a big focus for us as we know that confident readers are better able to achieve in every area of the curriculum. We are looking for buddy readers to come in each week and give the children some extra one-to-one reading time. If you think you might have the time to spare please contact us on 01367 850246 or email admin@southrop.glouc.sch.uk.

Please take a look at our website <http://www.southrop.gloucs.sch.uk/> and Facebook page to find out more information and see video and slideshows of our recent activities.