



SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Celebrating our amazing school!



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Friday 22nd October 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to end of our first term, I would like to celebrate what an amazing start to the year it has been. It has been great to see our school community return to a closer form of normal, something which has given children a greater array of opportunities including: trips, clubs and the reintroduction of in person, cross school assemblies.

It has also been lovely to be able to invite parents in. We hope you found the 'meet the teacher' sessions useful earlier this term. Look out for information next term about our face to face parent consultations. I hope also that the various parent workshops we have hosted this term have been useful. Please do let us know if there is anything else you would like covered in these sessions.

Over recent weeks, all classes in the school have celebrated Black History Month by learning about significant black people. I am incredibly proud of the staff and children for the amount of hard work they have put into making this a success. Today, we also saw a sea of red as the whole school wore red to Show Racism the Red Card. Well done and thank you for this.

I would like to wish you all a restful half term break. I will be decorating the house for Halloween and carving pumpkins with my small children. Let's hope the weather holds up so you can all enjoy whatever it is you have planned.

Mr M Currie
Head of School

Term 1 Sport:

The Year 5/6 football team and the Year 3/4 football team competed in a tournament at Gallagher Football Stadium on 11th October. Both teams performed admirably. For the Year 3 and 4 team, it was their first opportunity to play in a competitive match. They played some outstanding football and were unlucky not to progress on to the next round. The Year 5 and 6 team made it to the quarter finals! Unfortunately, they were knocked out on penalties and were unable to progress to the semi-finals. The teams never gave up, battling right up to the final kick of the ball! They should be extremely proud of themselves.



National Poetry Day

National Poetry Day was a great success. Every class enjoyed listening to, reading and learning a selection of poems as well as having the opportunity to share their favourite poem with their classmates. Children in Years 3-6 were lucky enough to take part in an interactive workshop with the legendary poet, Michael Rosen, with many loving the opportunity to learn and laugh at The Michael Rosen Rap! Across the school children wrote poems, including our youngest children in Reception who learnt all the actions to a poem called Pointy Hat.

We all had a great day!

REMINDERS:

1st November
Start of Term 2

2nd November
Parent Forum
10am

3rd November
Year 1 Parent Workshop
Phonics Screening

10th November
New Year R 2022
Parent Tour 10am

Learning Ladder for Life



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Congratulations to all of our winners!

Week Ending 15/10/2021

Nursery

Zachary A & Olivia J

Reception Green

Muzaffar N & Kallen M

Reception Red

Harry C & Rosie - May C

Year 1B

Malak D & Zaara H

Year 1H

Bonnie-Jane C & Xiaoqiao H

Year 2Wa

Nariyah S & Emilis M

Year 2Wr

Victoria N & Matthew L

Year 3F

Michalina P & Freddie H

Year 3S

Jaxon M & Amelia H

Year 4B

Pippa W & Alfie- James F

Year 4C

Jeremi S & Plamen D

Year 4N

Karma K & Malachi-Lee B

Year 5A

Gabriella A & Julia S

Year 5C

Thomas E & Charlie A

Year 5P

David C & Lillie-May H

Year 6S

Robin L & Zarif H

Year 6W

Amelia W & Lilly R

Week Ending 22/10/2021

Nursery

Tanya M & Ummul Q

Reception Green

Simona V & Layton P

Reception Red

Alexandra D & Iljon S

Year 1B

Samuel D & Tasfia U

Year 1H

Riley B & Victoria T

Year 2Wa

Harrison C & Mustafa E

Year 2Wr

Maryam H & Freya E

Year 3F

Oliver B & Ami-Leigh W

Year 3S

The WHOLE of 3S!

Year 4B

Geovana D & Sashivan S

Year 4C

Kacper P & Isabella W

Year 4N

Sediqa A & Ella S

Year 5A

Jetmir A & Evie-Jayne C

Year 5C

Rihanat B & Trinia W

Year 5P

Carlos C & Glenn R

Year 6S

Deewa H & Muhammad H

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Sinead W & Stefan C



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CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Nursery

Nursery children have shown amazing courage and attitude towards either starting new or returning to Nursery. I am very proud with how confidently they have settled into their new routine. They have explored new environments, if new to Nursery, or have shown other new children our learning environments. We have been kind and respectful of others and our learning resources. We have worked really hard to follow the rainbow rules and achieve our dojo target! We have focused on the stories of 'Our Class is a Family', 'From Head to Toe' and 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We have had many discussions about these stories and our life experiences such as who is in our family, what do we celebrate and how are we the same or different. For Black History Month we have learned about Martin Luther King, his dream and the importance of his speech. We have discussed our dreams and made our very own "Dream Jars". Nursery children have been fantastic at practising counting to 10, counting out a number of objects, naming 2D shapes, finding objects which are the same or different, and matching the same objects. Well done Nursery for a successful Term 1!

Reception

We would like to say a massive WELL DONE to all the children in Reception for their hard work. They have overcome some monumental challenges this term, and we've been so proud watching them settle in; trying school dinners for the first time, practising putting their coats on and exploring their independence. The children have familiarised themselves with the school environment and made new friends (both children and adults). This term we have enjoyed learning about the stories "Our class is a family", "From head to toe" and "The Tiger who came to tea" and we are becoming confident storytellers. Our big question this term has been about ourselves, reflecting on who we are, what we like and dislike and appreciating different cultures. For Black History Month we continued learning about appreciating ourselves for who we are. We also discovered more about Martin Luther King and his 'I have a dream' speech. We discussed our own dreams and made our very own "Dream Jars" that we can not wait to show you. We also learnt to sing and sign an 'I have a dream' song which we showed to the Head of School! As you can see we have had a very busy term but are looking forward to the next one!

Year 1

We would like to take this opportunity to say that the children have all been Superheroes, since returning to school in September. They have settled extremely well into Year 1, showing great resilience and amazing learning! The entire cohort have shown excellent maturity adjusting to KS1, as well as keeping their energy and enthusiasm for learning. Our Maths learning has focused on number and we have begun to partition numbers using part-whole models. Beginning with the book 'The Colour Monster' we explored different feelings and what might make us feel different emotions. In Jigsaw lessons, we were able to familiarise ourselves with the Rainbow Rules, what we like about learning at South Borough and how we can help to create that environment for everybody. The children have embraced our Superhero topic, which culminated with our Superhero Experience Day which was based on the text, 'Traction Man'. We explored the different environments that Traction Man found himself in and described the different settings, as well as his outfits, using adjectives. We are very proud of you all Year 1 and are looking forward to Term 2.

Year 2

All of the year two staff are really proud of the children for how well they have settled back into school and how hard they have been working. The children have taken part in a range of learning activities such as our Superhero experience day where they defeated the evil pea as well as throwing water balloons at Miss Walter to find out which materials are waterproof!

We are extremely proud of the children's determination towards our maths learning where we are working on mastering the column method to add and subtract accurately. We will continue this learning into Term 2 so please ask your child questions about it.

Our Jigsaw lessons this term have focused on the children's rights and responsibilities as learners and we are impressed with how well the children have shown us this. They have persevered with being independent, resilient and self reflective on their choices and learning.

Well done Year 2, keep up the fantastic work.



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Year 3

Students of Year 3 have had a FANTASTIC start to the year! After reviewing the Rainbow rules and deciding, as a class, what goals/rewards we would like to work towards, pupils have demonstrated on a daily basis what it means to be part of a GREAT team with our learning as the big focus. We are all so proud of them!

Linking to our overall topic 'Ancient Greece', the students have learnt about: the historical relevance of this time period, read and listened to some Greek Myths, written a detailed description of a Mythological creature and learnt about the different roles/jobs people had during this era.

During Black History Month we have completed a case study on Mary Seacole and written an informal letter highlighting some of her achievements that we have learnt in class.

During science lessons we have investigated magnets and their importance in our everyday life.

During maths lessons we have revisited the column method using addition and subtraction and are now focusing on multiplication and its inverse division.

Year 4

Year 4 have made a great start to the new year at South Borough. We have reviewed the Rainbow Rules and the children have been demonstrating these through their actions every day. They have shown great perseverance and self-reflection in their learning this term!

This term has kept the children very busy with different experiences from our Time Capsule Day to researching about Skara Brae, to investigating how magnets can be used in everyday life. In particular, the children have been very engaged in Black History Month activities and have shown real maturity and sensitivity while exploring this topic. They have been working really hard on their presentations about significant individuals and are looking forward to showing off all their hard work to their adults during their showcase.

All the staff of Year 4 would like to thank the students and parents for their efforts this term. Let's keep up the great start!

Year 5

The Year 5 children have worked really hard and had a lot of fun along the way this term. We have had our first school trip and the children have built on their learning from that day to write some amazing recounts.

They have also shown real maturity and care for others in our discussions about rights and responsibilities during PSHE, and this has also shone through in the work which we have done through October for Black History month.

In science, we have been helping Mrs Paterson to catch the 'Secret Sweet Snatcher', who has been secretly sneaking her biscuit stash, by designing alarms for her desk drawer using our new knowledge of electrical components. I wonder who the culprit will be? The children have many suspects in mind.

Thank you for all of your support over this first term. We hope you all have a well deserved rest and we can't wait to begin our learning journey all over again in Term 2.

Year 6

The pupils have had a fantastic return to life at South Borough Primary School, in what is their last year at the school! They have strived to exemplify the Core Values and Rainbow Rules, whilst also undertaking a variety of key roles around the school. It has been a pleasure to welcome them back.

The students have engaged in a variety of different learning experiences. In our English lessons, we have written a short suspenseful narrative. Linked to our History topic, the children have been writing a passionate letter to Mr Heapey (Minister of State for the Armed Forces) regarding Walter Tull, an officer in World War I. The children have been attempting to persuade the minister to award Walter the Military Cross, which he was denied due to the colour of his skin. In Maths, the children have continued to demonstrate their understanding of the 4 operations and have tackled long division for the first time!

Thank you all (parents and children) for your hardwork and support this term. We look forward to Term 2.



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PABULUM COMPETITION RUNNERS UP



Congratulations to Darcy, Scarlett, Erin & Kobe!

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD DAY



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