



SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Celebrating our amazing school!



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Friday 28th January 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great fortnight we have had at South Borough! We have had a number of external visitors into school, to undertake peer reviews or deliver workshops. I want to share with you how overwhelmingly positive these visitors have been about the learning and conduct of pupils here. Comments have included: "This is a lovely school!"; "Children are proud and have spoken with great enthusiasm about their learning." "The standard of writing is extremely high." "Pupils have exceptional manners." As a community, we should all be extremely proud of these comments. Well done, especially to the children.

The theme of our assemblies this week has been 'Practise like a champion' and the mantra that we have to practise in order to achieve our goals. Rome wasn't built in a day (as the saying goes) but the more we practise something, the better we become. With this in mind, please do remember to encourage your children to read regularly at home, access online platforms such as Mathletics, Times Table Rockstars and Lexia. A little bit of time regularly spent on these will help to improve your child's acquisition of basic skills.

We are currently working on some exciting plans to celebrate World Book Day - watch this space for more details!

Wishing you all a fabulous weekend - I hope it remains dry for you all!

Mr M Currie
Head of School

Pabulum - Chinese New Year

Pabulum will be hosting a special menu day for Chinese New Year. This will take place on Tuesday 1st February 2022, view the menu by clicking [here](#).



Sponsorship - Sports For Champions - Athlete visit

On Thursday 24th February, South Borough Primary School will be receiving a visit from former British Long Jump Champion - [Ezekiel Ewulo](#). On the day of the event, all pupils will take part in a training circuit run by Ezekiel! In order to fund this event, we have agreed to raise money for Sports For Champions UK, who support athletes in achieving their goals of participating in major sporting events, such as the Olympics, Paralympics or national sports teams. All money will need to be donated through Crowdfunder. Sports For Champions has created a page for us to use and this can be found [here](#). Thank you for your fantastic support!



REMINDERS:

7th February
Children's Mental
Health Week

8th February
Year 5 Parent Information
Session - Applying for
the Kent Test 11+

9th February
Year 5 Visit to Wingham
Wildlife Park

11th February
Last day of Term 3

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MGGS Year 5 Open Mornings & Afternoons

It gives MGGS real pleasure to invite you to book one of our forthcoming Year 5 open mornings or afternoons for entry into MGGS September 2023. This is an opportunity to have a tour of MGGS, to visit our beautiful site and to see our school and students in action.

April 2022 Open Mornings & Afternoon

Monday, 25th April 2022: 9:05-11:05am

Tuesday 26th April 2022: 9:05-11:05am

Wednesday, 27th April 2022: 1.30-3.30pm

July 2022 Open Morning & Afternoon

Monday, 4th July 2022: 9.05-11.05am

Tuesday, 5th July 2022: 1.30-3.30pm

If you wish to book any of the events above please complete the booking form [here](#) to avoid disappointment.

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Congratulations to all of our winners!

Week Ending 21/01/2022

Nursery

Eren C & Dooshima I

Reception Green

Rory G & Antonia P

Reception Red

Matthew N & Ana G

Year 1B

Austin S & Oscar F

Year 1H

Sophia K & Lukas F

Year 2Wa

Mahdi M & Ridhush V

Year 2Wr

Augustas S & Ollie R

Year 3F

Louie M & Gracie H

Year 3S

Macie P-S & Ioan P

Year 4B

Gracie-Mae Y & Teo E

Year 4C

Pandora A & William E-M

Year 4N

Kobe A & Charlie F

Year 5A

Kai B & Evie V

Year 5C

Mia H & Thomas E-M

Year 5P

Ben T & Ivayla G

Year 6S

Zarif H & Muhammad H & George L

Year 6W

Sinead W & Alan G

Week Ending 28/01/2022

Nursery

Ummul Q & Ameer H

Reception Green

Teddy G & Mia S

Reception Red

Mariam Z-K & Sadie C

Year 1B

Zaara H & Aria-Mae B

Year 1H

Alice C & Emily W

Year 2Wa

Lillyanna R & Jacob M-W

Year 2Wr

Maja O & Harry P

Year 3F

Michalina P & Zaynab A

Year 3S

Senuli G & Albee M

Year 4B

All of 4B & Francesca L

Year 4C

Yunam R & Jessica B

Year 4N

Freya B & Bethan D

Year 5A

Honey-Rose L & Elisson L

Year 5C

Jessica S & Charlie A

Year 5P

Lina D & Lillie-May H

Year 6S

Alex G & Tyler P

Year 6W

Duncan E & Savannah T



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Nursery

The story of the week has been, 'The Great Race' by Emily Hiles. We have talked about different ideas of how to cross the river. We have researched Chinese New Year, why is it celebrated and how.



In Phonics, we are developing our understanding of rhyming words and hearing the initial sound in words. In Mathematics, we are using vocabulary of full, empty, more, less and the same to describe and compare capacities. We are also using vocabulary to describe and compare time (lunchtime, teatime, now, later, later than or earlier than).

We have worked on being more independent with putting on our own coats, zipping them up and putting on shoes. Please encourage your child to be independent with putting on their coats and zipping.

Reception



Our new story book is called "The Great Race" written and illustrated by Emily Hiles, which explains the story of the Chinese Zodiac. The Jade Emperor challenges twelve animals to a race, a race across a river! Who will be first?

We have enjoyed looking at and making different types of boats. We have created lanterns and dragons to wish our class luck! **Chinese New Year is on Tuesday 1st February**, Reception classes will be tasting noodles, rice and reading fortune cookies too!

In Maths we are learning about mass and comparing weights. We are having fun using scales to weigh different sized teddies and toys. Also, we have been looking at capacity and talking about how much a container can hold.

This term our 'Big Question' is 'How can I change the world?', the children have decided that **recycling** is a great idea. We have started to collect scrap paper and will begin making our own recycled paper!

Year 1

Year 1 have been getting outdoors as much as possible this term learning about plants as part of our Science topic. We have been on a plant and tree hunt around the school and have been learning about the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees.



In English, we have been reading 'Dear Dinosaur' and practising our letter writing skills. We will be writing a letter to Maidstone Museum asking them all the questions that we have about dinosaurs!

We have been focusing on adding and subtracting in Maths, using lots of objects like dinosaurs, Lego and bears to help us with counting forwards and backwards.

In Computing, we have been learning how to program a Bee-bot using different algorithms and debugging when things go wrong. We have had lots of fun guiding the Bee-bot to different places around the classroom!

Year 2

The children in Year 2 have worked very hard over the last couple of weeks. Everybody really enjoyed our plant experience day last Friday. The children took part in making their own flower pots out of paper and then had a go at planting a seed. We have our seeds by the window so that they get lots of light and the children will monitor how they grow over the rest of the term.

Our science day has also led into our class writing, as we have looked at different versions of 'Jack and the beanstalk', ready to write our own twisted tale. We have continued to read 'The boy who grew dragons' as our class text and the children are enjoying the story immensely. Please continue to read with your child at home for at least 10 minutes each day.





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Year 3

Year 3 have worked hard to write some amazing diary entries as if they were Edward Tulane. The children have strived to use sophisticated language to describe the events of Edward's life - well done to all of Year 3!

In maths, the children have now begun the topic of money. We have been looking at adding and subtracting money and will move onto calculating change and problem solving. Please continue to support your child with money at home.

The children have been excited to begin their European fact file in geography. Over the next few lessons, the children will use atlases, webpages and non-fiction books to gather information about their chosen country and use this information as well as their creative skills to design their fact file.

Year 4

The children in Year 4 have been working extremely hard over the last couple of weeks. We have been looking at ways we can change the world environmentally, based on our own online research. This has led to the children producing fantastic non-chronological reports about pollution and ways we can reduce pollution in our world.

We have also continued learning online in our computing lessons, by creating book review webpages. We have begun designing our very own websites using Google Sites. These are linked to our learning about North America, as the children are creating them based on their chosen country.

In maths we have explored how to calculate the area of shapes, using our knowledge of multiplication facts to support us. The children are becoming increasingly more confident in recalling their times tables, please continue to practise these at home.

Year 5

The children in Year 5 have all been working extremely hard over the past couple of weeks. They have persevered with their learning and have tackled everything with enthusiasm.

We have begun looking at our next piece of writing, a persuasive letter. The children will be writing a letter to help save the rainforest, which links to our big question 'How can you change the world?'

In maths we have been learning about division and multiplication. We have introduced multiplying by 2 digit numbers and division using the 'bus stop' method. We are now moving on to fractions so please talk to your children about what they already know.

The children have recently compared the physical geographical features between the United Kingdom and South America. We have also made 3D maps of South America, showing the rivers, highlands and coastal plains.

Year 6

In Year 6, the children have produced some fantastic pieces of writing based on the story of Rose Blanche - a WW2 story! They should be extremely proud of the work they have produced - we certainly are!

In Science, we have started a new topic focussed on light. This week, the children had to prove that light travelled in straight lines and reflects off a surface. With the use of light boxes and mirrors, the children produced light maps that were able to prove this fact!

As well as continuing to learn to swim, our Physical Education lessons have been focussing on Carnival Dance. The children have been creating routines and performing these to one another. They have continued to show their understanding of PE and developed communication skills, through critiquing and improving other performances.

