



SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 29th April 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see so many of you in school this week for parent meetings. We hope you found the conversations with teachers useful and that they gave you a good insight as to how your child is doing at school. We hope you had a chance to look through your child's books and celebrate their learning with them. I overheard many positive comments both from staff and parents.

Thank you also for completing the parent survey. At South Borough, we pride ourselves on working in partnership with all parents and your feedback is therefore crucial in helping us get things right. We will analyse the results and detail any changes we are going to make in due course.

New Facebook page

I am excited to be able to formally let you know that South Borough now has its own Facebook page, which can be found by following this link: <https://www.facebook.com/sbpsmaidstone/> A huge thank you to representatives of the Parent Forum for your input into devising this page. Our plan is to use this platform more and more over the coming months to post messages and celebrations of learning. Keep an eye out...

Breakfast and after school club

Over recent weeks, we have seen a welcomed increase in the number of families who are accessing our breakfast and after school club provisions. In fact, one morning this week there were 59 children at breakfast club! This is great news as it really does set children up for a successful start to the day. However, with this number of children attending it is more important than ever, that staff know numbers in advance so they can ensure adequate food and activity supplies. Please can I therefore remind parents of the importance of booking your child's place in advance. Places must be booked by 7:30am the day before for breakfast club and 3:15pm the day before for after care. Full [terms and conditions](#) can be found by following the link.

Friends of South Borough

Mr Clarke joined the FOSB meeting on Monday this week to discuss future fundraising plans. The success of these plans really does depend on parents, grandparents and carers volunteering some time. If you do have any capacity to offer support to our FOSB team, please come forward and let us know by contacting the school office. The more support you give, the greater the funds we can raise to give your children that little bit extra!

Save the dates

Please see below future diary dates. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

24th May - Read Write Inc (Phonics) launch to Year R/1 parents

25th May - Parent Workshop on Resilience (1:30-2:30pm)

15th June - New Year R Parent Introduction meeting (9:30am)

21st June Parent Forum 2pm

22nd June - Class Photos

28th June - Sports Day

1st-3rd July Y6 Residential

8th July - Whole school art exhibition

REMINDERS:

2nd May
Bank Holiday

W/C 2nd May
School Clubs start

9th - 12th May
Y6 SATs Tests

19th May 9:15-10:15
Coffee Morning with
Ms Parkhouse (FLO)

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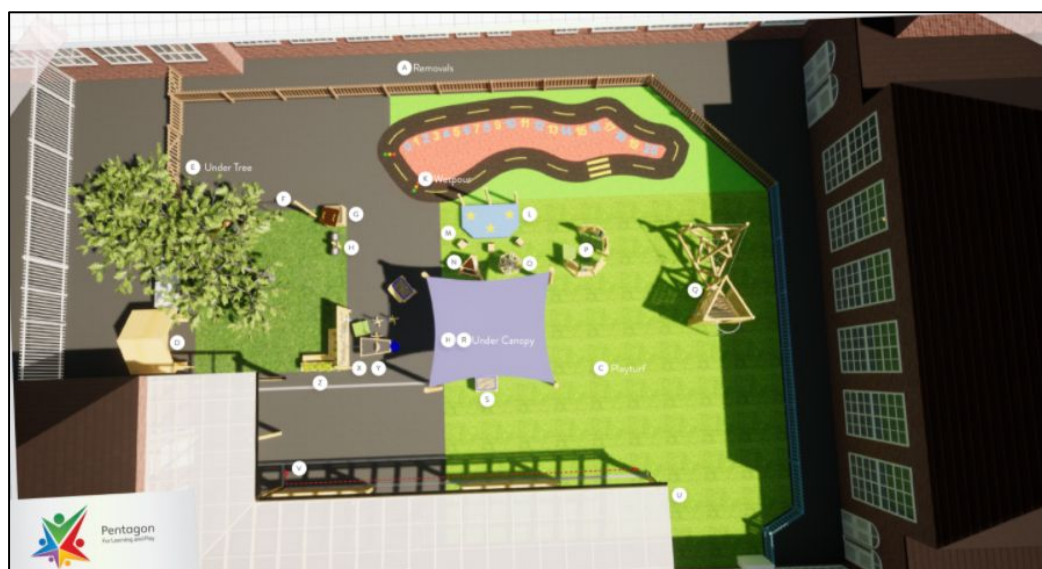
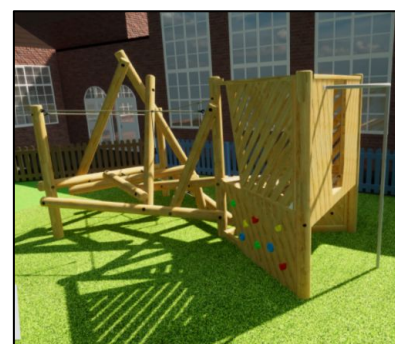
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New EYFS Outside Area

I am delighted to share with parents the plans for our brand new Early Years outside area. Swale Academies Trust have agreed to fully fund this project, which I'm sure you will agree looks set to provide an exceptional outdoor learning space for our youngest children. The current plan is for building work to begin in September and last approximately four weeks.



Thank you as always for your incredible support. I hope you enjoy the extended bank holiday weekend and look forward to seeing you all at 8:40am on Tuesday.

Mathew Currie
Head of School

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Congratulations to all of our winners!

Week Ending 22/04/2022

Nursery

Keeley C & Tanya M

Reception Green

Tillie B & Lizzie M

Reception Red

Kathleen P & Elise T

Year 1B

Joseph P & Oscar F

Year 1H

Xiaoqiao H & Kyri B

Year 2Wa

Eli E & Henley A

Year 2Wr

Albert R & Isabella B-F

Year 3F

Amira A & Archie F

Year 3S

Raizel O & Jaxon M

Year 4B

Nika K & Henry M

Year 4C

Isabella W & Louie L

Year 4N

Bonnie-Mae M & Mihrimah N

Year 5A

Elisson L & Davi S

Year 5C

Sandisha K & Noel S

Year 5P

Lillie A & Jake J-S

Year 6S

Moyin A & Rubens L-F

Year 6W

Eniko L & Junior S

Week Ending 29/04/2022

Nursery

Kaycie H & Alexis H

Reception Green

Leela C & Kai P

Reception Red

Patricia T & Rosie-May C

Year 1B

Erin A & Pakavan M

Year 1H

Emily W & Nathan C

Year 2Wa

Emilis M & Brooke S

Year 2Wr

Harry P & Abigail C

Year 3F

Marilia L & Antonia P

Year 3S

Lacey A & Amir A

Year 4B

Shivesh P & Emma K

Year 4C

Hana T & Chonatay G

Year 4N

Freddie-Lee T & Julia W

Year 5A

Gabriella A & Finley A

Year 5C

Surraya G & Luca P

Year 5P

Bailey A & Ivayla G

Year 6S

Antora S & Darcy C-M

Year 6W

Teddy-Joe T & Fatemhe Q



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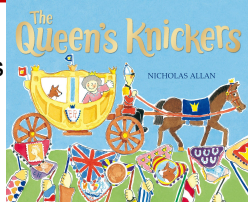
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CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Nursery

Our story this week is, 'The Queen's Knickers', by Nicholas Allan.



We have spoken about who the Queen is and what her role is. We have spoken about the importance of keeping our private parts private. Using different resources, we have decorated paper knickers.

In Phonics, we have sung the Nursery rhymes; Five Little Ducks, Five Little Speckled Frogs, Hickory Dickory, Humpty Dumpty, If you're Happy and You Know It and I'm a Little Teapot.



In Maths, we looked at repeating patterns in various forms. We used body movements such as jump, clap, jump, clap, jump, clap. We have used coloured bears and blocks, 2D shapes and objects in the environment. For example, pencil, rubber, pencil, rubber, pencil, rubber.



Reception

This term we have started our new topic: "Kings, Queens, Prince and Princesses". Our story this week is "The Queen's Knickers" by Nicholas Allan.

We have written birthday cards for the Queen and also designed some new knickers for her collection. We have also designed some castles and made them using a variety of resources.

In Phonics we are reviewing sets 1, 2 and 3 sounds and using our segmenting and blending skills for reading and writing.

In Maths we have been looking at teen numbers and how they are formed with a whole group of ten and some additional ones. We have been using different resources to make them and matching them with their numerals.



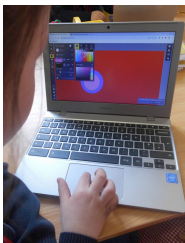
Year 1

Year 1 have also been reading 'The Queen's Knickers' in English. We have designed a new pair of knickers for the Queen and have used some amazing adjectives to write sentences describing them.

In Maths, we have been practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We've been learning how to make equal groups using practical resources.



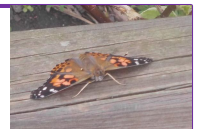
In Computing, we have been looking at the work of the artist Kandinsky and using our skills on Sketchpad to create a piece of artwork. We used different size and colour circles to create a repeated pattern similar to his.



Our topic this term is England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales. We have been learning how to find locations on a map of the UK and the capital cities of important places, such as London, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast.

Year 2

Welcome back to Term 5!



Over the Easter break 2WR's caterpillars became beautiful butterflies. In the last 24 hours. 2Wa's caterpillars have started to become butterflies too! Over the past couple of weeks, we have been expanding our knowledge of time in maths, exploring what the minute and hour hand mean at different points on the clock. We have also been working hard to write a description of space inspired by our reading book, 'The darkest dark'. The children have focused on using exciting adjectives and starting our sentences in a variety of ways to create fantastic descriptions.

From next week, we will be starting our exciting special agent training and we encourage all children to come to school well rested and ready to participate in the activities.





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Year 3

Year 3 have been having fun exploring the story of *Little Red Riding Hood*. The children have rewritten the story and have included correctly punctuated dialogue whilst giving the story their own slightly different, unique twist.

In Maths, the children have been continuing their learning of fractions, building upon and reinforcing their understanding of this important and difficult concept. Please continue to support your children with their learning of multiplication which will help them with their understanding of this topic.

The children have enjoyed our new topic *Animals including Humans* in Science. So far in our lessons, we have been finding out all about skeletons including the different types and their purpose.

In PE, the children have had great fun learning about cricket with our PE coach Robbie. Please note that our PE days are now Monday and Wednesday and so the children will need to come to school in the correct PE kit for these days with Wednesday's lesson being on the field.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to the term. In our English learning, we have been focusing on playscripts. We have looked at their purpose, considered the audience of them and how they help to inform our acting. The children have really enjoyed rewriting a scene from *The Lion King* in the style of a playscript and look forward to being able to act them out in class.

In Maths, we continued our topic of decimals by looking at money. The children have reinforced their understanding of decimals through real life examples of making amounts and calculating change.

The children have enjoyed our new science topic *Animals including Humans*, and have started by exploring skeletons. They have learned about their purpose and benefits to humans and categories of animals.

In PE all children are enjoying learning new cricket skills with our PE coach. 4B and 4N have been enjoying Zumba on a Wednesday afternoon whilst 4C have got off to a great start with their swimming lessons.

Year 5

Year 5 have made a great start to the beginning of Term 5, they have been enjoying the class text of *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell and learning about South America and its varied climates, biomes and countries for our Geography based topic this term.

In English, they have written a character description based on a photograph of indigenous people of the Tembe tribe as well as beginning to learn about a lost expedition to the Amazon Rainforest in reading.

In Maths, the children are getting to grips with addition and subtraction of decimals as well as working on their arithmetic, which is really going well so well done, Year 5.

The new PE coach is proving a big hit with the children and they have been learning about cricket this term. 5P are already improving with their swimming and 5A and 5C are working on their Zumba fitness sessions.

Keep up the hard work, Year 5.

Year 6

Year 6 have made a superb start to Term 5. They are showing great maturity and focus as they use these few weeks before SATS to ensure they are prepared, calm and confident. It has been great to see the majority of children attending our Learning Breakfast each morning, where much cereal and toast has been consumed, alongside great learning!

In English the children have been writing a newspaper report, based on a court trial of the 3 Little Pigs, accused of murdering the Big Bad Wolf. The task has really engaged the children and they have produced writing which is both creative and humorous.

In PE, the children are enjoying their Zumba fitness sessions where they are exercising and developing their own routines. They are looking forward to additional PE lessons with Coach Robbie. Our PE lessons will continue to be on a Monday and Friday. In Geography, the children are developing their locational knowledge and are enjoying using maps and an atlas to support their learning.