



# SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Friday 22nd July 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### A year of success... thank you!

The summer holidays are here! This academic year has been filled with successes for South Borough and certainly warrants a moment to celebrate and highlight some of the great things that have been achieved.

This has been the first full school since 2019 when the school has been open every day. This has made such a huge difference to the progress we have seen in the children, both academically and socially. Visitors to the school have consistently commented on the incredible learning experiences children are offered here, how polite and considerate children are around the school and how well the needs of all children are catered for. Looking through books, it remains clear how much pride the children take in both their presentation but also how well they challenge themselves to include a range of sophisticated elements into their learning.

Looking back at photographs that have been taken of different events this year, it is staggering to see how many exciting, unique events have been offered to pupils this year. There have been many experience days, school visitors and trips – all of which have further enriched children's learning experiences. A few notable events have included the Year R visit to Leeds Castle; the Y2 Superhero Day; World Book Day; A Tour Guide Through Time performance by the Performing Arts Club; Y3/4 Visits to Kent Life; Black History Month; Y5 Talent Day; Y6 World War 2 Day and more recently the sensational art exhibition which was a true showcase of the fantastic art teaching and talent we have here at South Borough.

This year has also seen a welcomed relaunch of sporting success for South Borough. Mr B Smith has worked incredibly hard as PE Leader to ensure the sports provision is the best it can be. We welcomed Coach Robbie from Team Theme, who teaches PE to classes as well as hosts a number of after school and lunch time clubs for children. I am pleased to announce that this provision will continue in September. Some children have represented South Borough by attending local and County sporting events, including football and netball. Huge congratulations to all concerned!

### Staffing update

Since sharing staffing arrangements with parents a few weeks ago, we will also be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Moore and Miss McDonald, both of whom have been working as TAs in Year 4. Thank you both for your huge contribution to the children at South Borough and good luck in your new ventures. In September, we will be welcoming Mrs H Kelly and Miss E Pearson, who will be joining our TA team.

We are always saying goodbye to three School Governors, who have given incredible service to the school over many years. Thank you so much to Graham Eastgate, Anna Costello-Mannering and Sue Quirk.

### Pupil Results

Another first in three years, is that many of our pupils have sat national tests again. The last time this was done was 2019. Whilst I cannot yet share exact percentages, I am proud to let parents know that the children at South Borough have performed significantly above the national averages. This has been no easy achievement, especially following a pandemic, so huge congratulations to the many pupils who have shown true perseverance and self-reflection to achieve this.

## REMINDERS:

**1st September**  
INSET Day - No  
children in school

**2nd September**  
INSET Day - No  
children in school

**5th September**  
First Day of Years 1-6

**7th September**  
First Day for Year R

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## Year 6

I would like to wish our fabulous group of Year 6 children well as they move onto their secondary schools. These children have been true ambassadors and role models throughout this year to all members of the school community. Those who have toured new parents have received many positive comments about how polite and confident they are. Last week the Year 6 children performed a stunning production of 'Olivia' to parents and friends. With a large number of songs and many differing parts, this was a highly ambitious performance. The children characterised their parts and sang their hearts out amazingly well. Congratulations to all! Yesterday we heard personal performances from each year 6 child as they shared their memories with parents and children. We were truly humbled to hear how many amazing things these children have had at South Borough and I don't think there was a dry eye in the house when the photos were displayed. Thank you Year 6 for seizing every opportunity during your journey at South Borough. Treasure those memories forever and good luck as you begin to travel on your new journeys.

## Thank You!

I am a true believer in success breeding success. The staff team here are ambitious for each and every child to achieve their dreams and make them feel as though anything is possible. I see this all the time in classrooms, at lunch times, during outdoor sessions and assemblies. I would like to extend a personal thank you to each and every member of the South Borough staff team, for their commitment and dedication over the past year. I would also like to thank all parents and friends of the school for supporting your children to achieve their very best, for trusting us and working with us to make South Borough an incredible place to be.

## And finally...

It has been an absolute privilege to be part of South Borough's journey this year, to see your children grow and achieve great things. We will never be complacent and look forward to building further on our successes next year and overcoming new challenges. There are a few changes of timings etc that will be communicated in a separate letter. I hope you and your children have a happy, safe and fun-filled summer break. I would like to send our very best wishes with Year 6 as they start the next chapter in their school career. For the children in other year groups, we look forward to welcoming Years 1-6 back to school on **Monday 5th September** safe and well and our new Year R children back on Wednesday 7th September.

**Mathew Currie**  
**Head of School**

Friends of South Borough would like to thank everyone of the pupils, families and staff that have been involved in this year's fundraising. We are very proud to announce that we raised £2354.70 this year. We have exciting plans for this coming year with more events and fundraising. Don't forget to join our Facebook group [here](#) to keep up with plans and find out where money raised will be used to benefit your children.

## WIN £1,000 to help your school rebuild their library – plus a £100 National Book Token for yourself!

It's time to get serious about reading for pleasure, and start rebuilding our schools' libraries. We're giving five schools £1,000 of National Book Tokens each, plus membership to the School Library Association, to help them rebuild their range of books and encourage reading for pleasure now and for generations to come.

Nominate South Borough using the form [here](#), and if yours is one of the five winning entries, you'll also win a £100/£120 National Book Token for yourself! Winners will be drawn at random after Friday 29th July and announced in September 2022.







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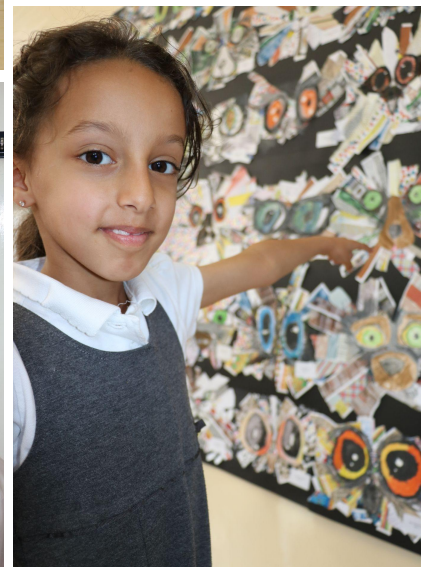
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**Congratulations to all of our winners!**

## Week Ending 08/07/2022

### Nursery

Alfred P & Keeley C

### Reception Green

Jannah A & Simona V

### Reception Red

Antonia P & Thasya T

### Year 1B

Romany M & Wiktor W

### Year 1H

Lukas F & Xiaoqiao H

### Year 2Wa

Thomas W & Monica L

### Year 2Wr

Alexander S & Muireann M

### Year 3F

Jayson B & Zaynab A

### Year 3S

Elizabeth I & Suhana R

### Year 4B

Brooke A & Harry A

### Year 4C

Oscar K-H & Evie-Mae H

### Year 4N

Bonnie-Mae M & Bethan D

### Year 5A

Raihan S & Paige G

### Year 5C

Gabriella L & Trinia W

### Year 5P

Bruno R & Sofia PF

### Year 6S

N/A

### Year 6W

N/A

## Week Ending 15/07/2022

### Nursery

Artur S & Zachary A

### Reception Green

Antonia P & Kallen M

### Reception Red

Elise T & Alexandra D

### Year 1B

Adam P & Zaara H

### Year 1H

Bethany K & Freddie F

### Year 2Wa

Ali N & Honor H

### Year 2Wr

Billy M & Maja O

### Year 3F

Jayson B & Bella A

### Year 3S

Jayden M & Freddie R

### Year 4B

Oscar P & Honey V

### Year 4C

Emmy D & William E-M

### Year 4N

Lola R & Malachi-Lee B

### Year 5A

Honey-Rose L & Jamie T

### Year 5C

Brandon-Lee A & Evie-Jane C

### Year 5P

Leia A & Laura J

### Year 6S

Archie P & Deewa H

### Year 6W

Amelia W & Ismaeel T





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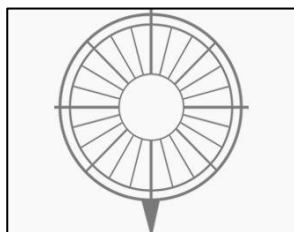
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## Core Value Trophies

Well done to the children who have shown our core values to an exemplary level.  
Congratulations to our winners!



**Ummul Q - Nursery**  
**Perseverance**



**Alexandra D - Red Class**  
**Support**



**Simona V - Green Class**  
**Perseverance**



**Adam P - 1B**  
**Self-reflection**



**Alice C - 1H**  
**Perseverance**



**Nariyah S - 2Wa**  
**Bravery**



**Alexander S - 2Wr**  
**Bravery**



**Louie M - 3F**  
**Perseverance**



**Raizel O - 3S**  
**Self-reflection**



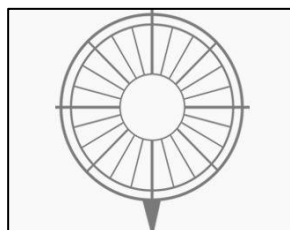
**Sashivan S - 4B**  
**Self-reflection**



**Pandora A - 4C**  
**Perseverance**



**Bethan D - 4N**  
**Self-reflection**



**Jetmir A - 5A**  
**Support**



**Emmanuel O - 5C**  
**Self-reflection**



**Anisa M - 5P**  
**Support**



**Antora S - 6S**  
**Bravery**



**Kajus R - 6W**  
**Perseverance**

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**Tanya M - Nursery  
Perseverance**



**Ana G - Red Class  
Support**



**Gracie W - Green Class  
Perseverance**



**Ioan D - 1B  
Support**



**Muaz F - 1H  
Bravery**



**Ben L - 2Wa  
Support**



**Isabella B-F - 2Wr  
Perseverance**



**Michalina P - 3F  
Perseverance**



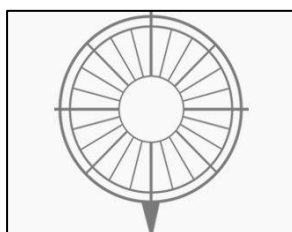
**Amir A - 3S  
Self-reflection**



**Pippa W - 4B  
Self-reflection**



**Isabella W - 4C  
Perseverance**



**Malachi-Lee B - 4N  
Support**



**Nilab A - 5A  
Perseverance**



**Sandisha K - 5C  
Perseverance**



**Yvie C - 5P  
Self-reflection**



**Rubens L-F - 6S  
Bravery**



**Stefan C - 6W  
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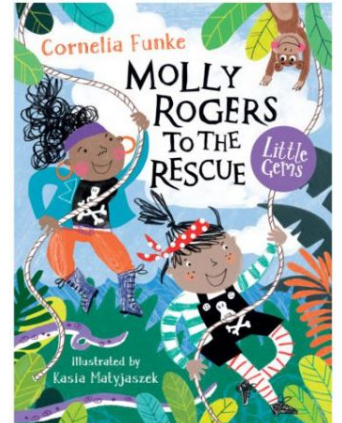
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## CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

### Nursery

In Nursery, we have been learning about the book 'Molly Rogers to the Rescue' by Cornelia Funke. We've enjoyed reading the different chapters in the book and talked about the different adventures happening. We have been busy creating pirate ships, treasure chests and treasure using plasticine on the messy table. We have made our own pirate hats for our treasure hunt (see dojo reward letter for more information).



As the weather has been really hot, we have talked about the importance of staying hydrated and keeping safe in the sun. We have also talked about the impact exercise has on our bodies - the heart beating quicker, the change in breathing, feeling warmer, sweating and feeling thirsty.

As some nursery children will be moving on to Reception at South Borough Primary School or at other Primary Schools, we have spent some time talking about changes. Using Jigsaw Jenie, we explained how he is feeling scared about going to Reception class. We then spoke about cheering him up by talking about the exciting things about Reception class and what the children are excited about.







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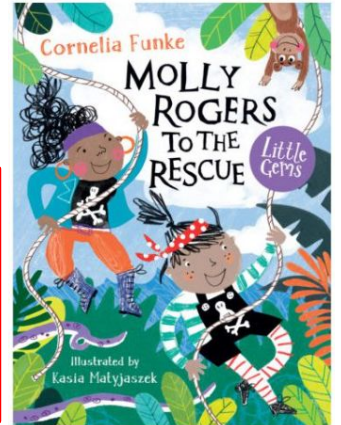
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## CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

### Reception

In Reception, we have been learning about the book 'Molly Rogers to the Rescue' by Cornelia Funke. We've enjoyed reading the different chapters in the book and talking about the different adventures happening. We have been busy making our own books, creating our own telescopes and painting and decorating our very own treasure chests, which hopefully we'll be filling with treasures soon!



The other week we had the 'transition morning' where we had the opportunity to visit our new Year 1 classes and outdoor learning areas and spend some time meeting our new teachers.

We decorated our peg labels so that we know where to hang up our coats and bookbags when we come back in September, and we also decorated our name cards for the tables so we know where to sit.

At break time we spent some time playing in the 'adventure playground' and it was so much fun. We are all very excited about coming back to school in September.







We did a whole school sweepstake for the Women's Euro Cup and Reception Red is supporting Germany and Reception Green is supporting Finland. We looked at the countries in the map and learned a little bit about each country and had fun decorating mini flags to make a class display.

In Maths and Phonics we have been reviewing previous learning to make sure that we can remember everything that we have learned during the year.



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# Year 1

The other week, we spent time in our new classrooms with our new teachers. We have been talking a lot about change and how change can be very positive and exciting, thinking about how much we have changed over the year in Year 1, as well as how much we have all changed since we were babies.





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## CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

### Year 2

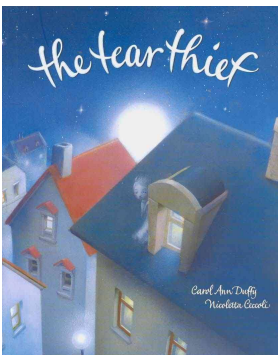
The other week, Year 2 had a very exciting time visiting their new classrooms and meeting their new teachers. The children are now looking forward to Year 3 and are especially keen to learn about Ancient Greece.

Following on from their visit to their new classes, Year 2 have been writing a letter to their new teachers. They have included lots of information about themselves, their likes and dislikes and have also talked about how they feel about next year.

We have been closely following Euro 22. Each class has been given a team in a sweepstake across the school and both classes are enjoying supporting both England and our given teams, Belgium and Norway.



The children had a fantastic time at the art exhibition. They loved seeing their own artwork up on the wall and they also enjoyed getting to see the artwork that had been created by other years. The colourful lions that they had created in art this term looked amazing and the children were very proud of the effort that they had put in.



We have been enjoying the story of The Tear Thief. The children have been retrieving information from the text and have made some predictions about what might happen next in the story.

In Maths, the children have been looking at finding fractions. They have explored  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$  and can now find these fractions of an amount.



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### Year 3



In maths, Year 3 have been finding out all about different measurements. The children explored mass (kg and g) and we have been looking at volume and capacity (l and ml). We took advantage of the beautiful weather and took the learning outside and used water to investigate volume and capacity.



In English, the children have now finished writing their descriptions of a house which they should be very proud of as they were able to showcase how they can effectively use a range of sophisticated vocabulary and include other literary devices such as alliteration. Our last piece of writing this year is a poem based on *The Magic Box* by Kit Wright. The children have been thinking about what imaginative things they could store inside their own magic box and they have been producing some fantastic ideas! Ranging from a luxurious beach and an exploding supernova to the smell of freshly baked bread or the taste of sticky, sweet honey. They have been putting their knowledge to good use by using their fabulous ideas to create a poem.

In geography, the children have been furthering their understanding of maps and, following our dojo reward prize of a trip to South Park, the children have been creating their own sketch maps of the route we took.

The children spent time visiting their new classes, classrooms and teachers and whilst for many this is a big change they are all looking forward to the challenges of Year 4.

The children have had lots of fun during their science lessons. We have been learning about classification. To demonstrate our understanding we went out into the playground and spent some time looking in shaded places and underneath objects to see what insects we could find.







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### Year 4

#### Geography Day

On Tuesday July 5th, the Year 4 students went on a field trip to South Park as part of our Geography learning this term. During the trip, the students looked at different land uses in the area. Once we were there, we had a close look at South Park and students assessed the environmental quality of the area based on what they observed. From there, students were able to suggest some changes and improvements they would like to see in the area, and presented their findings with great confidence to the class. Well done to the students, for their excellent behaviour during the trip, and to the adults who supported us!



#### Science

In Science we have explored food chains. We have learned about consumers and producers and then created our own food chains.



#### Art Exhibition

Well done to all the students who exhibited their work in the art exhibition. Everyone was blown away by the hard work and creativity that was on show. Year 4 made animal collages using a variety of different media to make the pattern feather background. They then applied their knowledge of the properties of art to make the animal's facial features. Their work was inspired by the artist Jesse Reno. Well done year 4 and thank you to Ms Webb!



#### English

The students have been exploring a new and exciting text type; vlogs! They have been busy planning a speech to record as a vlog for their new Year 5 teachers. I'm sure you are looking forward to seeing their speeches!

#### Maths

As we draw to a close in their maths learning, the students have shown how much they know about shapes and their properties, and can apply their knowledge to more tricky topics such as translations.



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### Year 5

#### English

The students have been working hard on a new and exciting text type; Graphic Novels! They have had to consider how to include speech and captions to work alongside their artwork to tell a part of the story which we have been reading called 'When Stars are Scattered'. The children are really engaging well with this true story about refugees in Kenya and are keen to find out what actually happened to the lead protagonists, Omar and Hassan. We hope to have revealed the final part of the story before we break for the holidays.



#### PSHE

We have now come to the end of our work on puberty and the changes which will affect us in the coming years for the time being. The children have been very mature throughout and now seem to be able to look forward understanding that changes are a fact of life and with support from our teachers, friends and family we can cope with anything. They are certainly growing into fine young ladies and gentlemen.

#### Maths

In Maths we have been working on our measurements. Converting between different units of measurement (both metric and imperial) and more recently beginning to work on understanding what volume is and how to calculate the volume of cuboids.

#### Sports Day

Well done to all of Year 5 who participated in Sports Day. You showed great team spirit and bravery, giving everything your best efforts. We were so proud of you.

#### Art Exhibition

Well done to all the students who exhibited their work in our art exhibition. Your artwork was amazing!



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### Year 6



#### The Year 6 production

The children were absolutely fantastic in their performances of Olivia. They rose to the occasion and acted with confidence. We are so proud of the determination and effort that they have put into this production. They supported one another throughout the show and behaved admirably. It was a fitting beginning to a series of events marking the end of their time at South Borough Primary School.



#### Transition Days

Year 6 have had the opportunity to visit their new schools over the last few weeks. They are filled with excitement. We have heard many fantastic stories about the exciting things that they have been up to! They have been continuing to work on their transition booklets as they prepare for a new chapter in their lives!



#### Residential (PGL)

Many of the Year 6 children returned from a fantastic 3 day residential trip! The children demonstrated immense bravery and courage as they tackled a variety of activities, such as raft building, trapeze, rock climbing and abseiling. It was a fantastic experience. Everyone should be extremely proud of themselves.



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