

Dear Parents/Carers,

## A message from the Headteacher

It has been an incredible week at South Borough, filled with "January Joy" and so many achievements to celebrate! Year 2 have been busy building circuits, Year 4 have been travelling back in time to explore the history of Pompeii, and Year 5 have been looking toward the future as they stepped into the roles of MPs during their careers lessons.

One of the biggest highlights was undoubtedly our trip to the Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena. Having attended on Monday to see my own daughter perform, I can say that hearing 9,000 children singing together is truly spine-tingling and moving. Huge congratulations to our 46 singers who represented us so beautifully, and thank you to Mr. Macfie and Miss Nott for making this special opportunity possible.

I am also delighted to report that attendance improved dramatically last week, with 9 out of 14 classes achieving over 96% and earning a roll of the Classopoly dice!

Finally, it has been lovely to see the children enjoying the new "Bubble Brushes" at lunchtime. Thank you for your ongoing support. I hope the rain holds off—have a wonderful weekend!

Warm regards  
Mathew Currie  
Headteacher

## Celebration corner... Nancy... our medal winning gymnast!



This is an incredible achievement! Nancy got two silver medals in her first ever gymnastics competition. After lots of hard work and no doubt heaps of practice, Nancy earned one medal for trampette and one for her floor routine.

Well done, Nancy! We are all so proud of you!

## Staff shout out!



### Mrs Baird

Huge congratulations to our incredible Year 5 teacher, Mrs. Baird, for the fantastic impact she has made since returning from maternity leave.

Mrs. Baird is known for her high expectations and engaging lessons, always going above and beyond to ensure every child in her class feels a deep sense of worth and achievement.

With her friendly, cheerful disposition and constant positivity, she has quite literally "moved mountains" lately, putting a smile on the faces of both colleagues and children alike. Well done, Mrs. Baird—we are so lucky to have you back on the team!

### APRICITY

This word mean:  
**the warmth of the sun in winter.** *This is often when the sun is low in the sky.*



# YOUNG VOICES EPIC CONCERT AT THE O2



On Tuesday of this week, a group of 46 pupils took part in the epic Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena. They joined 9,000 pupils from other schools, singing a Wicked Medley and a few numbers by Labi Siffre.

What an incredible time they all had! The children sang their hearts out and performed with such energy and enthusiasm throughout the entire concert. We are so proud of how well they represented the school, and it was truly a night to remember for everyone involved!

## CELEBRATION CORNER... JAYSON THE JOCKEY!



Introducing Jayson, who we are so proud of. Jayson has been riding horses most of his life and regularly goes with his mum to work while she transport people's horses to various places. As a reward this year on New Years Day, he rode on Camber Sands as the sun went down. From Mum: "Thanks Jayson, you're a great co-worker and very capable horse rider and handler."



Save the date!

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>  
February

To celebrate this day, we invite all children to take part in a special non-uniform day by wearing clothes that feature numbers.

Please make any donations directly to the NSPCC via their official link. We look forward to a fun day of counting and fantastic outfits!



## No DOGS on site

A reminder that dogs (except those registered as assistance dogs) are not allowed on any part of the school site, even if they are held in the owner's hand. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.



## FOOTBALL UPDATE

On Friday the Year 5/6 football team played away to Snodland Primary. It was a very close game with plenty of opportunities for both sides. Ultimately though South Borough were beaten 2-0. Commiserations but well done to our amazing team!

# Power of Purple Awards

We are so proud to let parents know children across the school who have been awarded one of our Power of Purple Awards.

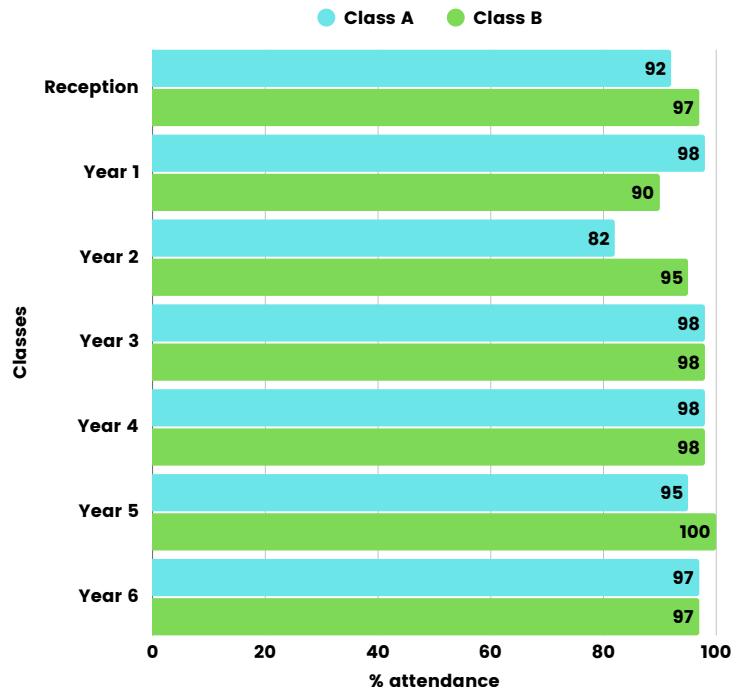
<b>Nursery</b> Leighton M	
<b>Reception A</b> Asmee R	<b>Reception B</b> Nicky G
<b>Class 1A</b> Eris H & Charlie D	<b>Class 1B</b> Izabela I
<b>Class 2A</b> Ada H & Jenson B	<b>Class 2B</b> Timothy T
<b>Class 3A</b> Siwon R & Kaedus G	<b>Class 3B</b> Keeley C
<b>Class 4A</b> Jacob J-C & Alice G	<b>Class 4B</b> Sophia S
<b>Class 5A</b> Bettie L	<b>Class 5B</b> Emerita G
<b>Class 6A</b> Eli E	<b>Class 6B</b> Jeremiah V & Zara J
<b>Staff</b> n/a	



**School Uniform**  
Remember to bring wellies and waterproofs for outdoor play.

# ATTENDANCE

Take a look at last week's class attendance figures. Classes who achieve 96% or above attendance get to roll the dice in our Classopoly game in assembly. Congratulations to **RB, 1A, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5B, 6A** and **6B** this week!



## Celebration corner...

### Ronnie the Tennis star!



This photo of future tennis legend Ronnie demonstrates pride and our value of determination with absolute clarity.

Recently, this young man won star of the week at his tennis lessons at Maidstone Tennis Academy.

Well done Ronnie, give refining those skills! Wimbledon will soon be on the phone!