South Borough News

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A message from Mr Currie



It was really lovely to catch up with so many of you in person at last week's Parents Consultations. It has been wonderful to hear how positive those meetings were, and we hope they gave you a helpful insight into how well your child has settled into school this year. Please remember that we are always here to support you and provide feedback on your child's learning at any time.

To help keep you even more informed throughout the year, we are continuing to develop our use of our assessment platform, Insight. This will enable us to produce regular reports sharing your child's termly assessment outcomes.

I would also like to celebrate the outcomes of two external visits that we had last week. One from Early Excellence who were simply blown away by our amazing Early Years Provision and the other was our Trust Maths Lead who was highly complimentary of teachers' clear modelling of maths and the use of resources to support calculation.

Finally, as we embark on December next week, I can confirm that—in usual South Borough style—we will be going all out with our Christmas celebrations! We have lots of festive plans underway and can't wait to share more with you soon.

Mathew Currie
Headteacher

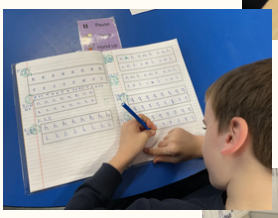
Spotlight on The Hive at South Borough

It has been a busy and exciting few weeks in The Hive, with the children throwing themselves into literacy, maths, creative projects, and life skills—growing in confidence every day.





In literacy, we have been exploring What the Ladybird Heard! using Colourful Semantics and visual prompts. By matching colour-coded cards for who, what, and where, the children are learning how sentences fit together and building their own independently. They have also loved our new handwriting scheme, Letter-join, using its digital resources and letter-formation guides to refine their fine motor skills and take pride in their presentation.



In maths, we have focused on addition and subtraction, using practical resources to explore different ways of solving problems and build a hands-on understanding of how numbers work together.



For Remembrance Day, we talked about why the occasion is important before the children followed step-by-step instructions to craft their own poppies—creating a meaningful tribute while practising sequential skills.

Our afternoons have been filled with the wonderful smells of baking as the children build practical kitchen skills. After practising spreading, slicing, and assembling sandwiches, wraps, and warm paninis, they moved on to sweet treats—baking cinnamon swirls and tasty flapjacks!



We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, resilience, and independence everyone in The Hive has shown, and we look forward to sharing more of their achievements soon!

CELEBRATION CORNER

Last week, Digital Leaders took part in a cross-Trust summit, impressing Headteachers and Computing Leads with their creative, child-friendly Online Safety Charters. To celebrate their hard work, they were awarded their Digital Pioneer Bronze Award certificates during a synchronised Trust-wide ceremony. Next up is the Silver Award challenge, where pupils will film 60-second online safety 'shorts'.



Staff shout out!



Mrs Brum

A huge thank you to Mrs Brum, our dedicated Hive teacher, for everything she does to help our vulnerable children with complex SEN thrive and achieve. She takes such care in planning individual pathways for every child in her room, while always making time to talk with pupils and value them as individuals. Alongside her work in the Hive, she also plans fantastic cookery sessions enjoyed by children right across the school. Thank you, Mrs Brum, for all your hard work and care!



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.

Nursery
Cody-Jax C
Reception
Daniel K & Edie O
Year 1
Jaxxon R & Sutton C
Year 2
Florence T & Lexi H
Year 3
Mersa A & Aaliyah S
Year 4
Ewaoluwa O & Rosalie M
Year 5
Mason B & Gracie-Mai W
Year 6
Lillie-Anne S-B & Salim A