



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

8th April 2022

Dance House Performance:

Last week, I was fortunate enough to attend the Alexandra Theatre to watch our Key Stage 2 dance group perform as part of the Dance House event. Seeing the pupils perform with such confidence and pride was fantastic. The pupils incorporated Makaton and the school's values of Koinonia and Friendship into their performance, to the song 'True Colours.' Please read our Year 4 pupil's report at the end of the newsletter.

Following the success of their performance, the pupils have been invited to perform at a 'Highlights' evening on Thursday 5th May.

Thank you to Mrs Robson and Mrs Hammond for teaching the children, and for supporting them in the build-up and during their performance.

Flowering of the Cross:

Thank you to everyone who has brought in spring flowers to decorate our Easter cross. Children across the school have placed flowers on the cross to represent the transition of Good Friday to Easter and the resurrection of Jesus. We took the cross to church today for our Easter service.



Home Learning Challenge - Easter Gardens:

I have been so impressed with the number of children who engaged in our whole school Easter Garden Challenge. On Tuesday, Mrs Austin and Mrs Evans, along with Eco Committee voted for a winner from EYFS/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Congratulations to **Cynthia-Rose C (YR)** and **Fred N (Y4)** who were voted the overall winners of the competition.

A special mention also to **Maisie M (Y1)** and **Frankie-James N-A (Y5)** who were runners-up. The Easter gardens will be on display at the end of today (weather permitting). Please collect your child's garden at the end of the day so you can enjoy it at home over Easter.



Christian Values:

Over the past half term pupils across the school have deepened their understanding of our school value – Endurance:

'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.' (Galatians 6:9)

We have continued to explore the importance of having a growth mindset and the difference a positive attitude can have to achieving our aims and goals.

'A growth mindset is really important because you might make mistakes but you can learn from them so you don't repeat them' (Jacob C, Y5)

'Growth mindset is something that needs working on, but it helps you to persevere' (Lydia W, Y5)

'I had to have a growth mindset and persevere when reading a challenging book so I could pass the quiz' (Roxy F, Y6)

'I have learnt to never give up and I have managed to overcome my fears, for example on Go Ape' (Liam D, Y6)

At the end of each half term, we use Head, Heart and Feet to help evaluate the impact and difference that our school values and Collective Worships make. You can view the 'Head, Heart and Feet' for this half term as an attachment at the end of this newsletter.

Courageous Advocacy:

Over the past two weeks, it has been wonderful to see pupils raising money for our chosen school charity, Chestnut Tree House.



A group of Key Stage 2 pupils have been working with Mrs Austin to grow some tomato and sunflower plants. They then held a plant sale, raising an amazing £50! Thank to everyone who supported the sale by purchasing a plant.



Fairtrade Café:

Today, we look forward to our Fairtrade Café which is being organised and run by Year 5.



Year 5 pupils will use this as an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of Fairtrade. Children in all year groups are able to visit the Fairtrade Cafe and purchase items. We have a selection of Fairtrade products, including muffins (made using Fairtrade ingredients), fruit skewers and chocolates.

Any items purchased will be bagged up for children to take home at the end of the day (fruit items will be eaten in school).

Word Millionaires:

Congratulations to **Alice C (Year 5)** and **Maya D-C (Year 4)** who last week achieved the milestone of becoming Word Millionaires during this school year! In recognition of this achievement they have both received a letter and an Amazon voucher to spend on a book of their choice.



Sporting Success:

On Tuesday this week, pupils in Years 3 and 4 played a competitive football match against Year 4 pupils from Bersted Green Primary. Our pupils demonstrated fantastic team work, commitment and sportsmanship, and won the match 3-0 with goals from **Archie-Mac S-W**, **Alan G** and **Owen E**.

During the second half in particular, there were some nervy moments but our goalkeeper Archie W made some fantastic saves and was ultimately nominated man of the match by his team mates!

It was so lovely to see and hear the children feeling pride in not only representing the school but also in the way that they played. Well done to all of the children – we look forward to playing future games!



Book Awards:

During Collective Worship earlier this week, we held our half termly reading raffle. Congratulations to the following children who were drawn as our winners for this half term and were presented with a book:

Reception: Nelly B

Year 1: Reggie A

Year 2: Antonia T

Year 3: Julia S

Year 4: Maya D-C

Year 5: Finnley C

Year 6: Phoenix N



Reading Recommendations:

Please remember to record in your child's reading record when you listen to them read! The information you record helps us to support your child, as we can see how often your child reads at home and which books they are reading. Please see below for this week's reading recommendations.

Key Stage 1



Years 3 and 4



Years 5 and 6



Numbots:



Congratulations to the following children who this week earned the most coins in their year groups:

Reception: Fabian D

Year 1: Pippa C

Year 2: Antonia T

Fabian, **Pippa** and **Antonia** have all received a certificate to recognise their achievement.

Outdoor Learning:

Next half term's Outdoor Learning focus is tools. Each week the pupils will develop their understanding of the safe use of tools. This will build on the work they did last year. Alongside this, pupils will strengthen their knowledge of knots, again building on work done the previous year. Pupils will also be challenged to work in groups to build a structure to meet a set of criteria.

Times Tables Rock Stars:

The latest battles have now ended.

Year 3 v Year 6: Year 3 won the battle, ending with **16,136** points versus 6,781 earned by Year 6. The most valuable player for the Year 3 was **Marley M** for Year 6 it was **Liam S**.

Year 4 v Year 5: Year 4 won the battle, ending with **7,415** points versus 2,531 earned by Year 5. The most valuable player for the Year 5 was **Ella R**, and for Year 4 it was **Riley U**.

Marley, Liam, Riley and **Ella** have all received a certificate. The next battle begins today and will run until Wednesday 27th April. Good luck!

Girls v Boys

Letters Sent Home This Week:

Please find below a summary of letters sent home this week:

Date	To	Details
1 st April 2022	ALL	Fairtrade Café (8 th April)
4 th April 2022	Years 1-6	Clubs for Summer Term 2022
8 th April 2022	Year 2	Year 2 SATs – Parent Information Meeting



Upcoming Events:

Please find below a summary of upcoming events for the rest of this week and then the first week after Easter. School events are also available to view on the [calendar](#) on our website:

Date	Who	Details
Friday 8 th April	ALL	Church Service (staff and pupils only)
Friday 8 th April	ALL	Year 5 Fairtrade Café
Friday 8 th April	ALL	Last day of term
11-22 April	ALL	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 25th April	ALL	INSET DAY – School Closed
Monday 2nd May	ALL	BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed
Wednesday 4 th May	KS2 x 35	The Big Sing
Thursday 5 th May	KS2 x 16	Dance House Highlights Show (details to follow)



Dance House 2022

Tuesday 29th March at the Alexandra Theatre

Written by Isla J (Y4) and Maisie P (Y4)

Since January we have been going to an after-school club every week. We have been learning a dance to 'True Colours', ready for Dance House. At Dance House you get to be yourself. I loved it because you get to make friends in other year groups and just have fun. Dance House is fun because you can express yourself.

On Tuesday morning we went to the Alexandra Theatre and it was fun because we got to go on the stage. We soon got used to the stage and the amazing lights. We saw other schools practising in their rehearsals too.

Our dance was about how if you are afraid there are friends to support you and you should try to open up and show who you really are. You should try to show who you are to the world.

In the evening we went back to the theatre for our performance. We were nervous backstage but when we were on stage it was amazing. I loved working with all of the people in Dance House because we persevered and endured to be on stage and perform an amazing dance. It was fun having the audience go wild for our performance and we each got a medal.

We loved Dance House!

