



THE COMPASS

Southern Road Primary School Newsletter

Headteacher's Update

Friday 1st April

I can't quite believe April has arrived and it is now time for the Easter break. Despite the ongoing issues with Covid it has been a truly successful term.

The children have made great strides with their learning and this is largely due to the fantastic teachers, support staff and of course parents and families guiding them along the way. The children have worked very hard and their resilience and efforts to improve while enjoying the varied experiences we provide is truly inspiring.

Pupils took part in a photography workshop with 'Starsnappers' this week. The whole school participated in this workshop, and parents will soon be able to order the fantastic portrait photos the pupils have taken of themselves (see pic below!)

I do hope those that are celebrating Easter and participating in Ramadan are able to spend some good, quality time with their families and friends and we hope the fasting goes well.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 19th April.

Have a fabulous and safe holiday.
Mr MacGregor



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Safeguard question of the week

Due to the holiday's there is not a question this week but last week's question winner was...

How does this person keep you safe in school?



Well done to this week's winner Abu Bakr 3TP who said that Ms Trish keeps us safe by making sure the food we eat is germ free, good for us and part of a balanced diet.

Nutrition Kitchen

For the last few weeks children and their families have been enjoying how to cook healthy meals with a local group called Nutrition Kitchen.

Here are a few pictures of our budding chefs showing off their culinary skills!



5VP won best class attendance for this term..Well done to them!



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TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

1st

Improvement in Studio Speed

over the last 7 days

2nd

3rd

Zahra 5PG
9.29s faster!

Georgi 4KB
7.14s
faster!

Krum 5VP 3.45s
faster!



Southern Road Most Played!

1. 6NA and 5VP 100%
2. 4KB and 6MC and 4LV and 4DL 97%
3. 5PG 96%
4. 3CD 93%
5. 5CW 88%
6. 3TP 74%
7. 6LT 34%

Most improved! These are the children who have made the **most progress** in speed this week!

Sport News

We had our first friendly dodgeball match against Plaistow Primary School and Southern Road won 11 - 1!

The teacher from Plaistow also commented on how fantastic our students were both in playing the game and also in how kind and considerate they were towards their opponent.

We also played Plaistow at Netball and our team did equally well coming out 7-1 victors. Well done to all pupils from Southern Road and Plaistow not forgetting Miss Dunne and Miss Piddington for coaching the teams.



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Look at the selection (there is more!) of wonderful quotes below from the volunteers that have been working with some of our Year 2 pupils through the TutorMate programme. TutorMate harnesses technology to enable volunteer tutors to give children vital reading support from their workplace or home using an online platform.

TutorMate

My 30 mins with I is the highlight of my week. He's a brilliant young reader who goes from strength to strength every week, and he's becoming more and more confident and chatty with me. I've learnt so much working with him; he loves it when we swap, and I read a book to him. It's a brilliant opportunity for me, and I'm super proud of I's progress."

Hayley Blake, UK TutorMate volunteer - paired with Ibrahim - Ms Wireko, Southern Road Primary

"Reading with A is a true highlight of my week. She is so enthusiastic and loves reading and the games. For me it gives a little pause in the day to stop and that is precious. I absolutely love it."

Emma Mulqueeny, UK TutorMate volunteer - paired with Amina - Ms Wireko, Southern Road Primary

"Witnessing the growth in confidence and reading ability is such a pleasure. The pupils see this as a special treat and sharing a love of reading makes this a truly rewarding experience."

Hayley Holmes, UK TutorMate volunteer - paired with Kashfiya - Ms Piddington, Southern Road Primary

"My main reason for signing up to the programme was because I had literacy issues when I was small. A teacher invested their time, every break and after school to help me catch up, so I could go to the next school on an equal footing as my peers. I wanted the opportunity to give back, and make another child feel great about reading, instead of being scared, embarrassed or shy. This programme is more rewarding than I ever could have imagined, and to see my pupil progress makes me so proud!"

Nikki Lilley, UK TutorMate volunteer - paired with Miguel- Ms Piddington, Southern Road Primary

"Reading with P is so rewarding; watching him improve in his reading and him being so enthusiastic and thriving on learning. Just love it!"

Colette Fuller-Gee, UK TutorMate volunteer - paired with Peter - Ms Piddington, Southern Road Primary

"It's such a rewarding programme. Best part of my work week"

Gina De Jean, UK TutorMate volunteer- paired with Zayaan- Ms Wireko, Southern Road Primary

"I've loved the program. The opportunity to switch off for a moment and focus on helping this little person fall in love with reading feels like it's been a real gift. The tutor mate program has made it easy to just focus on my reading partner, so it's become the best way to practice Being present. I may even have learnt a few things from the stories we read!"

Lisa Sherwell, UK TutorMate volunteer - paired with Aryan - Ms Wireko, Southern Road Primary



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