



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Summer Term
14th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to all those parents and carers that have attended the open evening appointment with the teachers. I know the teachers have enjoyed having a dedicated time to chat with you. If you haven't yet managed to meet with your teacher, please send them an email to get your meeting set up as soon as possible. They are happy to chat with you either on the phone or via zoom.

It was a shame that Year 6 did not get to go to Abbotshall for their PE session this week but in light of the weather we thought it better to postpone it until next week.

Sports Day

I am delighted to say that we are in the process of booking our sports day at Abbotshall playing fields. It will be lovely to see all the children competing together. We do not know yet, whether we will be able to accommodate parents. It is likely, that this year, we will just take the children and return to a full sports day the following year.

Swimming

We have also managed to book an intensive course of swimming for each Year 4 class. The teachers will be contacting you shortly with the details but we will be asking for a few of parent volunteers who would be happy to help with getting the children to and from the Glassmill pool in Lewisham. We would need to ensure that any parent or carer accompanying the class takes a lateral flow test before doing so. But it does, finally, feel like there may be some light at the end of the tunnel and things are gradually going to start returning to normal.

School Journey

We will be holding a meeting via zoom, for all those parents of children in Year 5 who are going on school journey. The meeting will take place on Thursday 10th of June at 6.00 PM. I will send the link nearer the time.

Learning this week

So a little bit about what the children have been learning this week:

Nursery children have been busy learning about all the different uses of water. They have decorated raindrops by putting droplets of coloured water on to filter paper, using a technique called chromatography that splits the colours. They have heard the story 'After the Storm' and discussed different types of weather.

Reception children have been listening to some great stories about superheroes and thinking about how they help people in trouble and save the day! They have created Superhero secret identity cards for their own alter egos. In maths, they have been sharing, working out how to divide a quantity fairly between people, or into two groups and halving.

Year 1 have been reading a story called The Mixed Up Chameleon. They have had great fun creating their own mixed up creatures and starting their story boards ready for next week. In maths they have been Investigating halves of shapes and numbers. They have been focusing on dance and movement based on how their mixed up animals move around.

Year 2 have continued with their Healthy Me topic and the focus has been hygiene. They did a fun science experiment to find out how quickly germs spread. The children also wrote letters to Year 1 about the importance of keeping their teeth healthy. In maths, the children have been learning how to find a half and a quarter of a number.

Year three have been describing the views from their windows and painting and writing about what their own dream views would be. In Maths they have been learning about time and in Science they have been looking at what makes food nutritious.

This week Year 4 have been learning about famous Rivers around the world. They have also been learning about water shortages and the importance of conserving water. They have discovered some handy water-saving tips and ideas and have started to learn about writing persuasively ready for next week.

In English, Year 5 have planned and written an informal email from Liam who is a character in their class text. In maths they have visualized 3D shapes from a 2D drawing and made 3D shapes from nets. All three classes enjoyed using Oreo biscuits to represent phases of the moon.

Year 6 are starting to put together their 'Just So' storybooks including painting some beautiful illustrations. In geography, they are continuing to explore the world map and in maths they have been reviewing their learning and problem solving in maths conferences with their teachers.

Good Luck to Bea

Bea, a pupil in Strawberry Class is doing an amazing thing for charity this weekend. She is having her hair cut for the Little Princess Charity and has raised an amazing £600. Good luck and well done Bea.

Stranger danger

I'm sure many of you will have seen on social media the incidents that have been happening around Beckenham, with attempted abductions. Whilst we don't want to frighten our children, I think it is really important that we do remind our children about stranger danger. Especially where a number of children in Yr 5 and 6 travel home alone. It is really worth reminding your children to try and travel together if they can and have their phones away in their pockets. We will be doing some work in school around staying stranger danger and how to keep yourself safe but I think it would also be really important for you to reiterate that at home.

The Hither Half

A big good luck to all our runners running our Hither Half on Sunday morning to raise funds to improve our playground!

It's not too late to sponsor Mr Fogarty (running 13.1 miles!) and the relay team of Mrs Gordon, Miss England, Mrs Woods and Miss Rawlinson, as well as our parent runners, using this link: <https://gofund.me/599429e4>

We hope that you will be able to give our runners a cheer as they run through the Corbett Estate, Forster park, and along the Waterlink Way to Ladywell fields, on Sunday morning! They will be running in small groups, setting off at different times, so there will be lots of people to cheer on. The runners will be running past a school so I for one will be sitting outside school cheering them on.

Hither Half Kids' Challenge

As we near the end of our fundraiser, the PTA are challenging students of Sandhurst to get involved in the Hither Half this Sunday by being sponsored for walking part of the route with their families (supervised walks only!). You could try walking the Ravensbourne River part of the route (attached) and post pictures on our instagram @sandhurstprimaryschoolpta or the Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/517936918279544>!. Share our fundraising link with your supporters! <https://www.gofundme.com/manage/sandhurst-summer-of-play>.

Sandalls

I was lucky enough to attend a Sandalls meeting earlier in the week. I am delighted to say that the fundraising for our summer of play is going really well and the current amount of money we've managed to raise is standing at £2765, which is great, thank you.

Sandalls are also looking for any parents that have access to match funding through their work place. The last day for donations to our Summer of Play are **Friday 28th May** and we are planning for a non-uniformed day on that day before we break up for half term and if we had a parent who has access to match funding and could help us collect money on the gate that would be amazing. If you do have any links with anywhere where we can apply for grants or charitable donations to help make the life of the children at Sandhurst even better please do let any member of the committee know. Sandalls have also put together a really handy poster showing all the ways that you can support us with fundraising, for example, when your shopping online via Amazon and other such schemes. Please do take a look at the attachment.

Parking Complaint

We managed just one week without a parking complaint. But sadly another one now. There is a parent/carer who drives to school in a car with the registration LX12 TZH (red Renault). They always park in front of driveways on Ardgowan, drop off a child and then drive to the Minard road entrance to drop off another child. On a few occasions they have been idling at pick up times too. If this is you please park and walk. Thank you.

Finally, please can the parent who offered the bike remind me who you are, we have someone who would love it. Thank you.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. I am sorry to have not been on my gate. Sadly, I got very told off by the doctor and have been forced to rest my ankle. See you all next week.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove _

