



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Summer Term
18th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we have moved from basking in the sun to wearing our wellies! It has been so lovely this week seeing Year 2 on scooters, Year 4 taking part in cricket and some Year 5 pupils taking part in athletics. It feels like some kind of normal is just around the corner. Sadly, though, with the extension of restrictions, we will not be able to have parents or carers to Sports Day. It will run in Year group bubbles rather than as a large group and it will now have to happen behind closed doors. Sorry. We are awaiting guidance on Secondary school visits but it is looking like these may not proceed as first planned.

Chicken Pox has reared its ugly head. We have a few cases of chicken pox in Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 4. If your child has not had chicken pox please keep an eye out for spots.

I do have two really good on line workshops available to parents so please do make a note of them – details are further on in this letter.

So, what have we been up to this week?

Nursery children have been learning about islands and imagining what they would do if they were stranded on a desert island. They each wrote a message in a bottle as an S.O.S call, and threw them into the 'sea'. They have also made, found and measured dinosaur bones and have been singing songs about the sea.

In Reception this week the children have delved further into a space adventure after reading, "Whatever next?". They have used their imagination to come up with some fantastic descriptions of what they might see in space. They have been using language to describe proximity of objects and how far some objects can be thrown!

Year 1 have enjoyed writing all about their Pirate Day and some children have worked really hard to build sentences. In maths they have been working on partitioning.

This week Year 2 started their new topic 'Outdoor Adventures'. They enjoyed a lovely sensory walk and have done some fantastic imaginative writing based on the story Stanley's Stick. In maths, the children have been measuring and comparing lengths and in art they have sketched pictures of animals using lines in the style of Olga Gamygina.

This week Year 3 have been learning how to divide and multiply numbers. They have also been writing informal letters based on the book Nadine, for Refugee week and exploring forces in Science.

In Year 4 children have learnt about children's experiences being evacuated during World War II and have imagined they are writing a letter home from where they have been sent. In Maths they have been learning about money, adding up menu choices and finding change. They have also started cricket lessons, which all the children are really enjoying!

In maths, Year 5 have been learning how to use a protractor to measure and draw angles. They have calculated missing angles and investigated angles in shapes. In English, the children have written an explanation text about how blood moves through the circulatory system. They have also created a red blood cell character ready for their comic strips next week.

Year 6 rehearsals and filming for the production are now well underway and the children have been excited to fire their painted clay in the kiln. In English they have been exploring different survival guides and in maths they have been deepening our knowledge of angles.

Parent Engage Workshop

We have been given a fantastic opportunity to offer 2 workshops from Parent ENGage over two weeks. It will be a resilience workshop looking at coping strategies to manage stress and anxiety. I will be attending and I would love some of to attend too. We need a minimum of 5 families so in the first instance if you are interested in attending please see the attached flyers and email which session you would like to attend to admin@sandhurstprimary.lewisham.sch.uk. Thank you.

Tech Safety for Parents Workshop

During lockdown we have really seen a huge increase in children getting themselves into difficulty on line. Children, these days, are far more tech savvy than we are and get access sites that are really inappropriate and put things on line that will stay with them forever. This is not just our school; all Lewisham Schools are finding children's on line activity a real worry. With this in mind Lewisham Council has commissioned the Athena Refuge to deliver 4 x free workshops to empower parents to support their children to access technology safely and positively and what to do if you have any concerns.

There are 4 sessions being run. So please pick a date that suits you and I look forward to seeing you there. Please try and attend even if your children are young, they grow up so quickly and it is so much better to be prepared. If you struggle to get booked on, please do let me know.

Sun Safety

Even though the sun has disappeared at the moment please remember to put sun cream on your children before school. Please send them in with a water bottle and a hat if needed. A few children are wearing sun glasses, please note that if your child is wearing sunglasses they are at their own risk. The sunglasses must conform to British Standards as they are designed not to shatter. I did experience, many years ago, an awful eye injury caused by the glass breaking. So please only send in sunglasses if your child really needs them. Thank you.

Class Photos

If you would like to place an order and want to pay cash, the deadline is 9.00 am on Monday, 21/06/21. Orders can still be placed online after this, but please check for any late surcharges.

Sandtots group

We had really hoped to welcome Sandtots back into school for the last 6 weeks at school but sadly, due to the restrictions extending, we have not been able to. But, good news, the Under-fives activity for parents and carers of children who attend or will attend Sandhurst school continues to run as an outdoor activity at Abbottshall centre, on a Thursday morning, 9:30-11:30am.

There is a cafe, play equipment and a big space to run around. Feel free to join other Sandhurst families, please bring your own snacks.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and please do get booked on to the workshops that are available.
Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove