



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Summer Term
30th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, the end of another very busy week here at Sandhurst. Just a short time left to vote for Parent Governors if you haven't yet voted. The voting closes at 5pm tonight.

When is it going to get a little warmer? I am really hoping for a sunny bank holiday weekend. Please can we ask that you do check, at the weekend, that your children's coats and jumpers are named. They seem to go from cold to hot and just leave their jumpers and coats all over the place. But it is so much easier to return them if they are clearly named. As soon as restrictions lift we are going to put out all the lost property, we have so much!! Thank you.

I am delighted to say I have not had any parking complaints this week. So thank you so much. I know a few people have queried why the bollards don't actually cover all the gates. I have asked this too but not had any response yet!

Learning This Week

Nursery have been exploring capacity while making different potions and washing clothes in the launderette. They have been reading the story the Big Red Bath and seeing how many animals would fit in their baths, as well as finding out about the different uses of water.

This week in Reception the children have been talking about their parent's jobs and the jobs they would like to have when they are grown-up. They have been aiming high with occupations as far reaching as astronauts and scientists and doctors! The children have been comparing and ordering weights and learning to use a balance.

Year 1 have been writing fact files about Ocean animals. In maths they have been grouping objects and making repeated patterns (arrays). They have been making paperchain lions and plasticine sea animals.

Year 2 have continued with the 'Healthy me' theme and focused on use of imagination, creativity, feelings and creative writing with the use of a book called 'Extraordinary Gardener' in English. Maths- the focus was on partitioning, addition and subtraction.

In music/PSHCE, children have been thinking about their goals for the future, success, determination and positive learning attitudes, and in Art they produced fresh flower collage using pastels.

In year 3 they have been learning about road safety. In the hall, they practised crossing over at a zebra crossing, busy roads and at traffic lights. Yr 3 created a leaflet to explain how to cross the road safely. In maths, they have been practising their passports challenges by playing multiplication games and counting in different numbers.

Year 4 have been learning about decimals in Maths and applying this to measuring in cm and mm. They have also been writing poems using personification about snowstorms as part of our Forces of Nature topic.

In maths, Year 5 have been learning about percentages. They are now able to solve problems knowing percentage, decimal and fraction equivalents. In English the children have written poems about a rocket launching into space. In Science Okra and Pumpkin class have investigated how far each planet is from the sun and Kiwi Class have made giant planets out of paper mache.

Year 6 have been making clay pots and dishes with clay this week. They were also very excited to attend Abbottshall this week for PE as a reward for all their hard work.

Sandalls Summer of Play

Our Sandalls team are really busy promoting our new fund raising project to get more play equipment outside. I sent a flyer yesterday. But I have attached it again just in case you missed it.

So far, as of 9am we have raised £1570 which is great after just under a week.

Green Team

Our Green Team have also been hard at work. Our tyre planters are looking smart having been re-painted and planted. We have some lovely street trees now as well. Please could I ask your help? If you live on Minard, Sandhurst or Ardgowan Road and you can see one of our lovely trees near your house, please would you water it. They need 20 litres a week. It would really help us out if our families would adopt a tree and make sure it is looked after. Please let me know if you are able to help and which tree you are able to help with. Thank you.

Open Evening

I know the teachers are all looking forward to catching up with you all over the next couple of weeks. They will be letting you know how the children have settled back into full school, what they are working on and how you can support. If you haven't made an appointment for a zoom or telephone call, please do so as soon as possible.

Lockdown Loan of Devices

Please could we now get all the IT devices we loaned out returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Reception 2021 Offers

A number of parents that have been offered a place for Reception in September seem to be getting an email saying they haven't responded. We have been told this is a glitch in the local authority system and your places have been assured so please don't panic.

Hither Half

Thanks to those who have registered - we are all looking forward to cheering on our runners on Sunday 16th May (more details next week on the route so you can plan to come and cheer the runners on) - however it would be great if a few more runners signed up to join Mr Fogarty, Miss England, Mrs Gordon, Mrs Wood, and Miss Rawlinson, plus a number of our parents - we would love to put out more runners than Torrison! A reminder that runners can sign up to run a half marathon, or if they prefer do the distance as a relay in a team of 2,3 or even 4. To sign up please follow this link:

<https://forms.gle/a68E4mJKkrfkEt677>

Foodbank

Two brief requests please! Firstly - our main donation needs are toiletries (toilet roll, washing powder, nappies sizes 1, 3, and 6, shampoo, toothpaste and shampoo) and breakfast cereals. Please drop any donations to school.

Please remember if you are really struggling with food I (Mrs Dove) can also issue food bank coupons to be redeemed at the Lewisham Food Banks.

Secondly - we cannot accept any more clothing donations for now. Please hold on to any uniform donations for now - as we have more than we can use currently. We will be looking at options for doing a second hand uniform sale soon but for the moment please hang on to any surplus items.

We will be celebrating National Deaf Awareness week next. I think that is all from me. Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the Bank Holiday. See you all on Tuesday.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove