



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Autumn Term
17th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have just had our first, in person, Golden Book assemblies and it was so lovely. To see the children collecting their certificates for a whole range of things today was great.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 also enjoyed such an active day of Quidditch. It was a very fast paced game and they really enjoyed it. Well done to Micah and his team who won the cup for Years 3 and 4 and Nylah and her team who won the Years 5 and 6 cup.

Thank you to all those parents and carers that have attended the Meet the Teacher meetings so far. It has been lovely to see you all. We still have a few to go.

Monday 20th September – Yr 3
Tuesday 21st September – Yr 4
Thursday 23rd September – Yr 2

I need to send my apologies to Yr 4 as your meeting clashes with my own daughter's Meet the teacher meeting. Mrs Legemah and Ms Bates will join you in my absence. Also please remember you will get the opportunity to speak with your teacher on a one-to-one basis during the week beginning 18th October. Depending on COVID numbers we will make a decision as to whether that will be remote or face to face a little nearer the time.

Learning this week

Nursery children have settled really well and they have been enjoying building new friendships and learning new routines. We have listened to stories about starting school as well as learning lots of new songs. We are looking forward to welcoming more new friends next week!

Reception have been very busy settling in, learning lots of nursery rhymes and singing loads of counting songs. There is also some amazing dancing going on in the hall as I am typing this.

In Year one this week they have started our topic Special Me. They have made some amazing

'Who am I?' books to explain some of the things they are good at and what they enjoy. In maths they have been working with numbers up to ten, matching numbers to pictures and investigating different ways of counting using unifix cubes to help. In science this week they have been busy learning about senses. They explored different textures, sounds and smells. It was really fun!

This Week Year 2 have continued exploring different emotions. In English, the children enjoyed the story Silly Billy and wrote about how they would solve a worry. In Maths, they have been working on investigating how to make a chosen number and counting backwards. The children are all really excited about starting the topic 'Our World' next week.

Year 3 have settled in fantastically. They have been getting to know their new class mates and have enjoyed being in the Junior playground. They have been reading 'The Huge Bag of Worries' and thinking about who they can talk to about worries, and writing poems based on class names. In maths they have been reviewing their mental maths skills and partitioning using lots of practical equipment. This week they became archaeologists and conducted a dig to find artifacts that might tell them something about what life was like in the Stone Age.

This week Year 4 have been learning about similes and metaphors and writing some magnificent poems about the moon. In science they have been learning how sound is made and doing sound surveys. They learnt how sound travels and how it is effected by different materials. In maths they have practised ordering numbers in ascending and descending order. They have also been rounding numbers to 10,100,1000. In Spanish they found out to say different animal's names.

This week Year 5 have been looking at the features of a fact file and have started to plan their own fact files based on class names. In maths, the children have continued to focus on place value including activities with negative numbers.

This week year 6 have been learning more about their class names and have created leaflets to present some of the key information they have researched. They have been reading the text 'Race to the Frozen North' and finding out more about the life of Matthew Henson and his remarkable story. In ICT they have been designing reading album covers, thinking about their reading journey so far and sharing some of their favourite books.

Reception and Yr 1 Pick Up

Now your children are getting settled and they know the routine please could we ask you to stand back from their classrooms at the end of the day. All your faces peering in at the window is very distracting and it is a really busy time for teachers giving out book bags, matching children to jumpers etc and as soon as your children see you it throws them. Please don't be tempted to peep, you will see them soon enough!

Sandhurst Food Bank

Although our regular deliveries of food parcels have now stopped, the amazing Food Bank team do have a plan to give out parcels on a real needs basis. This will not be a regular delivery but if you do, one week, find you are really struggling then please do let me know and we can arrange a delivery for you. Please also remember I can also give vouchers for the Lewisham Food Bank too.

Communication

We really want to make sure our communication is effective. You should all now have your class teacher's school email address. So you can contact them directly. Please do remember that they are teaching all day so you will not get an immediate response. If it is an emergency, it is still best to get a message to the office. I write this newsletter every week but I don't really know how many of you read it. So next week I am going to send out a quick survey to gather your thoughts.

Triple P Discussion Groups and Course

Triple P in conjunction with the Early Years Alliance and Lewisham Children and Family Centres are running a few really good discussion groups and a course to support parents and carers. I have attached the posters. Please take a look.

Irish Language Class

One of our lovely Yr 1 parents, Niamh, (Sean's mum) is hoping to set up an Irish language class/playgroup for children age 4-7 at the Lewisham Irish Centre. If you would be interested please do contact her on 07517807734 or via email: niamhkm@gmail.com.

Morrison's Good to Grow Scheme

Even though we haven't got a big Morrisons near us we have registered for their Good to Grow scheme. You download the app and collect Grow Tokens which the school can use to get gardening equipment. The garage on Brownhill Road is a small Morrisons. Leaflets are attached.

Good Quality Bike

We have been offered a lovely bike for a child of about 4 to 6. It is in really good condition and the family would like it to go to a family that could make good use of it. If that is you, please let me know.

Appropriate Clothing for the Playground

Please can you ensure you are dressed appropriately for the playground. There have been a couple of occasions where people have not been dressed appropriately, for

example, no top or still in sleep wear. Your children are expected to wear uniform and we would like all adults to set a good example. Thank you.

Kindness

Our latest school value is kindness and we are really trying to foster and encourage this attitude in school. We are launching a "Catch you being kind" initiative whereby if a child, or children, are spotted being kind they will be rewarded by a kindness token. This can then be added to their class collection and each week we will see which class has been the kindest. They will then be awarded the kindness bucket to keep and decorate for a week. We are hoping that this will really make our school environment a happy and kind place to be for everyone in school.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. See you all on Monday morning.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove