



# Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter  
Autumn Term  
24th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week. Our thoughts, this week, have been with Rushey Green and the family of Sabina Nessa. It is just so very sad and such a shock to the whole community. I know you will all join me in sending all our love and thoughts to Sabina's family, Lisa Williams, Headteacher, and all the Rushey Green community. A number of school staff are going to attend the candlelit vigil tonight. It is at times like this that we really need to pull together and look after every one in our community.

## **Learning this week**

In Nursery we have continued to welcome our new friends and learn new routines. The children have been busy in the mud kitchen cutting up fresh herbs and smelling them. They have also been using magnifying glasses to go on a mini-beast hunt! We have enjoyed learning new songs called 'Zum Gali Gali' and 'Hands are for loving'.

This week the Reception children have been finding pairs of objects and looking at and comparing sizes in maths. They have been listening to the different sounds animals make and enjoying 'Dear Zoo'. The children have been wonderful at talking about what was in their 'About me' boxes.

In year one this week they have been reading 'What makes me a me' and thinking about all the different ways they are special. They wrote sentences using similes to describe themselves. In maths, they have been learning how to represent numbers using the part whole model. In science they have been learning about the names of different body parts and their function.

Year 2 have begun their topic 'Our World'. They have enjoyed sharing things about where they are from and their knowledge of different countries around the world. They also explored the seven continents with a globe and thought about the countries that make up the UK. In Maths they have been continuing to use number lines for addition and have practised counting in multiples of 2 and 5.

Year 3 have had an exciting week. They met the REAL Stone Age boy from the story and asked him lots of questions about what life was like in the Stone Age. This helped them to write in role all about the Stone Age Boy's unbelievable trip to the past. They have

been ordering the key events of the Stone Age on a timeline. In maths they have been comparing and ordering numbers. Year 3 have been matching different emotions to their 'Zones of Regulation' and thinking about what zone they are in each day depending on how they are feeling.

Year 4 have started their new exciting text 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. They have read aloud the first chapter of the book and have planned and written a recount of the story so far using a variety of adjectives. In maths the children have been finding 10, 100 and 1000 more or less than a given number, consolidating their learning of comparing numbers and continuing with timetables. In Science they have been investigating sound by experimenting with musical instruments and exploring how pitch and amplitude can be changed.

In maths, Year 5 have been rounding numbers to 1,000,000 and working with Roman numerals. In English they have continued to link work with class names and have written some interesting fact files and acrostic poems. The children have also started to produce some exciting art work based on their class names.

Yr 6 have started their new text 'Kick' this week. In maths they have been exploring multi-step reasoning problems. They have also been trying different food that astronauts eat in space. Many of them have been visiting secondary schools to see which school they are interested in.

### **Curriculum information**

Next week you will receive a curriculum email about your child's topic-based learning. This will be followed by emails about their class learning in maths and English. We are working hard to try and improve the information we give you to ensure that you feel informed about the knowledge and skills your child is developing.

### **COVID**

I wanted to update you on how we are doing currently with COVID cases. It seems that, fortunately, we are faring a lot better than many schools. There are currently 12 Lewisham schools under an Out- Break Management Plan. We have approximately 4 current cases. So thank you for all you are doing to keep everyone safe. Keeping your children off if they are poorly, booking PCR tests, keeping us well informed is all really helping. The one really grey area is around siblings of positive cases attending school. All the current Public Health investigations are showing that the virus is passing around family members. There is no legal requirement to keep siblings of positive cases at home but we are seeing it is significantly slowing the spread if they do. So I am really encouraging you all to consider keeping your whole family at home to isolate if there is a positive case in your household. That way we really reduce the possibility of the virus spreading across the different year groups where different siblings attend. As always, I really thank you all for your support during this ever changing time.

### **School Streets**

*Some of you have been asking for an update on the possibility of School Streets. Below is a copy of an email I received today:*

"I thought it would be good to update you on the progress for the School Street at Sandhurst. We are still working on it and seeking approval and funding.

As I think I explained some time ago, your school is in a particularly difficult location due to the proximity of the TLRN (Red Route) which is managed by Transport for London, so this along with the fact that one road leads to a set of traffic lights makes it hard and expensive.

We have ordered the required traffic modelling to be carried out, so we can design the restrictions and get approval from TFL to implement. This does take some time, but we are keen to develop this."

### **CENSUS Day Menu**

I am delighted to tell you that Radish are offering a free school meal to **all** pupils on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October. The children were able to vote on 4 different menus and the winner was Hot Dogs. I have attached 2 flyers from them. Please take a look.

### **Clubs at Sandhurst**

The club list has been sent out by Parentmail. Club requests need to be emailed to clubs@sandhurstprimary.lewisham.sch.uk by Monday 27 September. Offer letters will be sent by email via Parentmail by 15 October.

### **Maxi-Cosi Car Seat and Base**

A parent is offering a Maxi-Cosi car seat and base. If you are interested, please let the office know. I have attached some pictures.

### **Millwall Community Clubs**

I have attached a flyer showing a couple of opportunities for community activities run by the Millwall Community Trust.

### **Wanderlust Eatery**

The owner of Wanderlust has given us a card for every family to give you a 15% discount off your purchase. We have put them in your child's book bag today. Enjoy.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove