



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Autumn Term
8th October 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

Well I have never ever seen such an amazing display of creativity, ranging from diagrams, pictures, videos of rocket launches, to full on huge rockets. Watching the children all putting their rocket creations in the lower hall was just the best sight to behold. Thank you so much for supporting your children with this whole school project. Mr Howes had bought 9 prizes but we have decided to double that, so we will get those over the weekend and announce the winners next week.

So what else have we been doing....

This week the Nursery children have been intrepid space rangers. They have built roaring-rockets and have been exploring 'moon gloop!' They listened to the story 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy and have been singing '5 Little Aliens' and 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star'.

The Reception children have been busy comparing numbers of objects in maths. They have been talking about their families and drawing some terrific pictures of them! They enjoyed sharing the stories 'So Much' and 'Full, Full, Full of Love' by Trish Cooke.

Year 1 have been talking all about different homes and where they live. They read a lovely story called Home by Carson Ellis and talked about the different types of homes in the story. They created their own homes and wrote about what happens in different rooms. In Geography, they have been making maps of our school and local area, they went on a walk around the building to explore and take photos, they used these to help them make their maps. In Maths, they have been using practical equipment to help them find number bonds to 10, some of them have been looking at the patterns of number bonds and had a go at working systematically.

This week Year 2 have been learning about Kenya and writing key facts. In Maths, they have been using their knowledge of 2s, 5s and 10s for repeated addition. They have also enjoyed playing team games as well as practising throwing and catching skills in PE.

Year 3 have been exploring a Stone Age person's day through hot-seating and writing. In maths they explored Stone Age marks found in La Pileta cave in Spain which it is thought represent counting. For Space Week they designed and made moon buggies and learned lot about space. It's been a lot of fun!

In Maths, Year 4 have been learning to subtract selecting effective methods including vertical subtraction. In English, they have been planning and writing a diary entry from the perspective of Hogarth when he sees the Iron Man approaching over the cliff. In Science, they have continued learning about sound by exploring how the ear works and naming the parts.

This week Year 5 have been acting out the story of Osiris and Isis from Ancient Egypt and practising their subtraction skills in Maths. Draco and Quasar classes have also been busy with Bikeability. The other two classes will do this next term.

Year 6 have been exploring the contrast between the rich and poor areas in Jakarta in relation to their class text 'Kick'. They have also been using this research to create a setting description of the busy city centre. In Maths, they have been consolidating knowledge of long division and learning to apply these skills to different reasoning problems. Additionally, they have begun to explore different aspects of Black History Month and 'Proud to be me' through Art, History and introducing a Design & Technology project to complete this month.

Electrical Works

We start the rather delayed decant of classrooms on Monday. We are starting on the top floor. The first class to have to move out and be educated in the hall are Apollo class. They will work in the hall for about 4 days and then the next class will move in. The electricians are confident once they are familiar with the classroom layout this will reduce to 3, even 2 days. So watch this space!!

Parent Consultations

All class teachers will be contacting you next week about a time to talk with you during the week beginning 18/10/21. This will be a chance to hear how your child is settling and what they are working on.

Individual Photographs

Please don't forget there are individual photographs being taken on Monday. There will be a mop up day for people off sick and school age siblings on Wednesday 20th October.

Secondary Transfer

The closing date for Secondary School applications is fast approaching. We will be sending a slip home next week for you to confirm when your application is complete. Please sign it and return it to us. We will be holding a session in school on **Thursday 14th October** to help parents to get online and complete their applications. So if you need help please come to school between **1:30 and 3:00pm on Thursday 14th October**, you will need your email address and your mobile phone.

New 2022 Reception Tours

No sooner have we got the Reception children settled, we turn our thoughts to next year's intake. I did my first in person tour this week, all be it when the children had gone home, but it was still lovely to be able to show the school in reality rather than on a screen. This year we are doing some after school tours and some via zoom. If you are applying or you know neighbours who are applying, please remind them to book via the office. Thank you.

Sandhurst Food Bank

As you know, our regular food bank packages came to an end at the end of the summer holidays. However, we are aware that some families may be struggling with the cuts to universal credit.

Our amazing Food Bank team of volunteers are able 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.

Sandalls PTA – A message from them

Your PTA needs you! Calling anyone interested in joining the PTA to contribute ideas for how to raise money and spend it on school improvements for our kids. Time commitment is one short zoom meeting every quarter (or monthly if there is an event coming up), we know time is precious! We need to fill the roles of Secretary, Treasurer, Chair and Deputy Chair. We always need new ideas and would welcome new general committee members. Come along to our next meeting to find out more, it's on Tuesday the 12th October at 8:15pm via Zoom.

Just email sandallspta@gmail.com. See more about the expectations of the roles:

<https://www.pta.co.uk/running-a-pta/managing-a-pta/pta-committee-roles-and-responsibilities/>

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning. I have attached a flyer for a workshop too.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove