



# Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter  
Autumn Term  
19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

A much calmer week here at Sandhurst. Our cases of COVID have dropped significantly and we seem to be limping back to some form of normality. We are still sending all our love to a member of staff who is still very poorly in hospital and one who is still at home very unwell. Just a huge thank you to those that have volunteered to help at lunchtime, it really has been a great help and will continue to be into next week. Please can I ask you to still be really vigilant and continue to keep your children home if they are unwell and book a PCR test. We really want to get through the rest of term as safely as possible.

The children who had their Flu nasal sprays on Tuesday were all so sensible and the morning ran very efficiently. Thank you to the School Nurse Team.

The children have all looked great in their spots today for Children in Need. I have to confess to shedding a tear watching DIY SOS CIN on Tuesday night, it was so lovely and such a good cause.

By the time you read this letter I will have escaped from school for just two days to attend the Lewisham Head Teachers Conference, the school has been left in the very capable hands of Ms Bates and Mrs Legemah. The Rumour that they awarded each other Golden Book certificates I am assured is fake news!

## **Learning this week**

In Nursery this week they have been learning all about the number 3 - recognising the numeral and counting out sets of 3 objects. They have also used the large wooden blocks to build a tower as tall as ourselves. They have been talking about our facial

features, singing "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" and naming the different parts of our face, before drawing and painting black and white portraits of themselves.

Reception children have enjoyed reading 'Funnybones' this week and have been busy cutting out bones and arranging them into the right place to make human, and even dog skeletons! They wrote in speech bubbles and imagined what Big skeleton would say to Dog skeleton. In maths, the children have been finding ways to make five and singing all sorts of songs about the number five.

In Year One this week they have been using their imaginations to create some excellent short stories. In maths they have been investigating teen numbers using practical equipment, they have been looking at how many tens and ones teen numbers have and placing them in order.

This week Year 2 have been sequencing the order of events during The Great Fire of London and writing accounts of what happened. In Maths they have been working on their number bond knowledge, understanding what ten more and less than a given number is and adding three single digit numbers together. Year 2 have also enjoyed Science this week where they have focused on exploring which materials different objects are made from.

Year 3 have had an amazing week finding out about shadows, how light is reflected and carried out an experiment. They have learnt about the Celts and painted their faces with woad patterns. In maths they have been learning about equal groups ready to multiply next week.

Year 4 have been focusing on the 6 times table and have been naming electrical components and creative circuits. They have also been using watercolours to create dragon images for the cover of their dragon story books.

In English, Year 5 have really enjoyed reading extracts from Howard Carter's diary and they have tried incorporating 1920's language into their writing. In Maths, they have been learning how to use long multiplication and used the inverse to solve problems. This week in science the children looked at balanced and unbalanced forces.

Year 6 have been continuing to manipulate fractions, this week looking at multiplying and dividing. In English they have been researching Greek myths.

### **Zambia Shoe Appeal**

Wow what an amazing response. No sooner had I put out the appeal and at least 8 carrier bags of shoes arrived at school. Thank you so much. We will be continuing to collect shoes until next Wednesday, so you have plenty of time to have a good clear out over the weekend. Beverley Simpson called me on Wednesday and she was so delighted with the donations.

### **Christmas Food Appeal**

We will be tugging at your heart and purse strings just twice more before Christmas. We are going to run our own, in school, food appeal this year to support our own families within the school community. Doug, Rob and the Food Bank team are going to help me with this. So within the next week or so we will be sending out an email to explain how you can help and what we will be collecting.

We will then just do a coin collection on Christmas lunch/jumper day (Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December) for Save the Children Charity. We do collect old outgrown Christmas jumpers at school so children can borrow one if they do not have one. So when you are sorting for shoes, if you come across any out grown Christmas jumpers please do send them in. Thank you.

### **Spring Bulb Collection**

One of our lovely parents, Aga Simms is going to help us to plant up the wooden planters by the fence, they are looking very sad. If you have any bulbs at home, we would love them please. Please do not go out and buy them but if you have any spare please pop them in the bucket by the main gate. Thank you.

### **AHOY Centre**

Dear all,

It's been a continuous ask but today is the **LAST DAY** of voting.

Please can I ask you to give this one last push – Vote, Share and promote this as wide as you can.

Voting remains simple:

- Click here: [Finalists \(persimmonhomes.com\)](https://persimmonhomes.com)
- Search AHOY
- Vote

Again, I truly appreciate all your efforts to date – and will keep you informed as to our success with this campaign.