



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Spring Term
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Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

Well we have just had a lovely time in the playground celebrating the launch day of Lewisham Borough of Culture 2022. The children had all learned a dance led by Mrs Poyser. We were delighted to be joined by Pinaki Ghoshal, the Lewisham Executive Director of Children and Young people (In the playground at a safe distance, of course).

Very well done to Yr 1 and Galileo Class for your on-line learning today. Hopefully we can sort cover for next week. Thank you to parents and carers for being so supportive. It really is the last option for us when we have to do this but thank you for your understanding.

Life at Sandhurst does not really seem to be improving at the same rate as the wider world but we are still hanging on in there and still smiling. I am hopeful the half term holiday might act as a bit of a circuit breaker for us, and enable us to see a reduction in COVID cases. We are running at about 20 cases in children and 6 cases in staff.

I am pleased to say we appear to have passed through our Reception outbreak, so they will be back to coming through the main gate from Monday.

We are really looking forward to seeing you at open day, albeit virtually. Please make sure you book an appointment to meet your teacher.

I am really sorry a few children were upset by being approached by a member of the public this week. I have reported this to the police and they are going to come to the gate for a few mornings to support us in asking the member of the public to move on. I think this member of the public is a little unwell, but I am making sure I am outside each morning to keep an eye out for them. If you are at all concerned, please do let me know.

Learning this week

Nursery have been amazing investigators this week. They have made houses out of different materials and tested them to see if they can stay standing. They did this by blowing a hair-dryer onto them, as if it was the Big Bad Wolf huffing and puffing! They have enjoyed acting out the story of The Three Little Pigs using the houses they made last week, as well as drawing their own story maps. The children have been learning how to use tools safely and have been using hammers to bang nails into pieces of wood. Finally, they have recreated Catford town-centre, using junk model buildings and photographs of the shops.

In Reception, the children have been looking closely at number 6 and finding ways to combine smaller numbers to make it. They were busy investigating different ways to layout six spots on a ladybird. In Literacy, they have been learning and writing their addresses and enjoying listening to 'What the Ladybird Heard'. They have looked at photographs of the countryside and Catford and compared them.

In Year one this week the children have written some amazing stories about their naughty buses. They have worked so hard and used some fantastic imaginative vocabulary. In Maths they have been using practical equipment to partition 2 digit numbers, showing how many tens and ones in each number. In PE the children have been working hard and trying to persevere with some very tricky balances using their opposite arms and legs.

This week in English, Year 2 have enjoyed the story George's Marvellous Medicine. They have used adjectives to describe the characters in the story, written character comparisons and have designed their very own medicine. In maths, the children have been using different methods to support with subtracting two 2-digit numbers such as blank number lines and using tens and ones to represent numbers. In art, the children have sketched self-portraits of themselves using the style of Quentin Blake and are looking forward to using watercolour paints next week.

Year 3 have been learning all about life in the Roman army. They are looking forward to using their shields to follow some Roman soldier commands. In English, they have worked in teams to make a report all about Roman soldiers and have been focusing on their paragraphing skills. In maths, they have been using cubes to compare amounts and to scale numbers. They have also been developing their systematic problem solving skills through a group investigation all about ice cream! In music, Year 3 have been playing along to 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley with the glockenspiels. Finally, in Real PE, they are continuing to develop their cognitive skills by completing different 'walking on a line' challenges.

In Maths year 4 have been learning about area. They have been comparing the area of different shapes, drawing a shapes with a given area and recording accurately using appropriate measurements. In English they have all become reading detectives by using their comprehension skills to identify features of buildings in Lizard Street. They have also drawn the buildings and placed them accurately according to the text. In science they have categorised living things by using a branching data base or a dichotomous key.

In maths, this week, Year 5 have been adding and subtracting fractions with denominators that are multiples of the same number. In English, they have evaluated a text using Destination Reader evaluating stems. The children have also used inference to describe a character's emotions. Grouping living things has been part of this week's science learning. Working as a team they identified characteristics of each group and shared their ideas with the whole class.

This week in Year 6 they have been learning about emotions and using their Zones of Regulations board to help them express how they are feeling. They have also been enjoying writing their letter to Skellig, developing their skills of persuasion to argue their viewpoint. In maths, they have been looking at fractions, decimals and percentages and comparing and ordering them. In Science, they have been drawing on their knowledge of adaption to create their own creatures and plants which have adapted to extreme environments.

Bike Available

We have been offered a bike from one of our families. It is a bike for a child who is about 6-9 years of age. It is a Nitro Raleigh bike in a maroon colour. I have attached a picture for you. If you are interested, please let the office know.

Music Opportunity – The National Youth Jazz Orchestra

NYJO (National Youth Jazz Orchestra) is running a February half term project at their new home in Woolwich Works, and they wanted me to pass this information on to any of our students who may be interested in taking part. This project will be run by the brilliant Jas Kayser, and they will be looking at the music of the greatest female jazz musicians. The course is open to all young musicians aged 11-18. It will be a chance to explore the world of jazz, experiment with improvisation, and experience playing live jazz with other young musicians.

You can find full details, including information on how to apply, in the e-flyer below and on our short online application form (<https://surveyhero.com/c/tutkicid>). The deadline to register to take part is **Friday 11 February**.

Charlton Athletic Football Camp

Please see attached flyer for a Football camp that is taking place in February Half Term, run by Jason Pearce's (Charlton Athletic FC Captain) Football Academy.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I hopefully will see you all next week. Love and thoughts to those staff, children and families that are unwell.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove