



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Spring Term
11th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a sad week here and I would like you all to join me in sending all our love and thoughts to Cristian (Quasar Class) and his family. Cristian's mum sadly lost her fight with cancer this week and she passed away. We are supporting the family and I know as a community we will wrap around them and do all we can.

Well the COVID challenge continues for us here at Sandhurst. We currently have 40 cases of COVID. I just wanted to remind you all that the government guidance is still that if a person has tested positive on an LFT for COVID they recommend they still isolate for 5 full days, with the test being day zero. After 5 days and they have had two consecutive negative tests they can then return to school. So I would really encourage you to test your child as soon as they are unwell so we can try to halt the spread. Thank you so much for your support with this.

I promise, as soon as we see numbers fall again we will re-schedule our open mornings and our Reception meetings. I am just so, so, fed up with COVID and I am sure you feel exactly the same.

On a positive note Tim Peake Class have loved their swimming lessons this week. I wanted to say a special thank you to Maria Murphy-Watt. Not only has she very kindly supported Tim Peake Class going swimming, but also stood in for us at the very last minute when another parent was unable to attend.

We have had the Wonderdome in school this week which has been amazing. It is a portable planetarium. Thank you to Mr Howes for organising it.

Mr Fogarty took a group to a Golf competition this week and I am delighted to say we came third. So we have some budding golfers amongst us.

DON'T FORGET OUR CAKE SALE AND SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE TODAY AT 3:15 IN THE PLAYGROUND

Swimming Gala

We are entering the Lewisham Swimming Gala but we need one or two strong Y6 boy swimmers. They need to be of a standard where they can swim at least a full length of a large pool at speed and with the correct technique. The swimming organisation test them first and if their technique and style are not good enough they do not allow them to go in the main races, so it is really important they are confident because in previous years the children have got really upset if they didn't even pass the safety test. If your Y6 boy is able to meet this standard and would like to enter the gala please let me know by Monday.

Thank you

A huge thank you to those parents that have made extra contributions towards the cost of the Wonderdome Planetarium. Please can I remind you that those that have not paid yet, we do require a £3.00 contribution.

Clubs

Mrs Hampden is starting to prepare the clubs for next term. Children that are in a club will automatically renew this term, Please email clubs@sandhurstprimary.lewisham.sch.uk if your child does not wish to continue with the club they are currently in. Thank you.

Learning This Week

This week the Nursery children have been continuing to develop their woodwork skills. They have been sawing wood and have joined 4 pieces of wood together using hammers and nails. The finished product will be revealed soon! The children have also been learning the names of a variety of instruments, including traditional indigenous instruments. They have explored banging them, shaking them and scraping them to create different sounds. Children were excited to visit the 'big playground' at the end of the week and have a go on the climbing equipment.

In Reception, the children have been busy learning how to make and use 'Part, Whole diagrams' in maths to find ways to make ten. In Literacy, they explored Jack and the Beanstalk and imagined what they would like to find at the top of an imaginary beanstalk and wrote about the things they would find. The children loved the mini Science Day and found out about sunflowers, chickens and planting beans!

This week in Year one the children have been reading a story called Biscuit Bear. They have enjoyed looking at the recipe and even had a go at cooking their own. They used flour, sugar and butter following a recipe. The children got very messy and had an excellent time. They have also been learning how to measure using a ruler and can compare items based on how long or short they are. In PE the children have been focusing on their collaboration skills and working as part of a team.

In English, Year 2 have continued with the story 'Journey'. They have used illustrations to make predictions about what they think will happen next and worked together in groups to bring the story alive through drama. In maths, they have been working hard on fractions to find a half, a quarter and 2 quarters of a shape. In art the children have been exploring colour mixing using the primary colours in preparation for painting their clay transport tile.

This week Year 3 have been adding and subtracting measurements in maths. In English, they have become Roman estate agents because they are trying to persuade someone to buy a Roman villa! For their topic they have been learning Roman numerals and made clocks with Roman numerals. In Spanish they have been playing a matching game to learn Spanish vocabulary for vegetables.

In maths Year 4 have been recognising tenths and hundredths, representing them in different ways, including bar models and part whole models. and learning their corresponding decimals. In English they have been creating their own Gods based on research about the Anglo Saxon Gods and comparing their childhood with that of an Anglo Saxon child. In History they had a fantastic presentation from a real Archaeologist who told them lots of interesting things about Anglo Saxons and the Vikings and also showed some fascinating artefacts.

Great excitement in Year 5 this week as the build up to school journey and fun week begins. In maths, the children have been adding and subtracting decimals and improving their arithmetic skills. Describing a character has been the main focus in English. The

children used powerful adjectives and literary devices to describe Toki, an Amazonian boy. All four classes had a fantastic time visiting the Wonderdome and some of the children have started painting their own pictures of the rainforest.

Year 6 have had lots of fun in the Planetarium workshop this week, learning about the missions to the moon, the moon landing and what it is like to live on the International Space Station. In English, they have been learning about Mary Anning, exploring the key events in her life and writing a diary from her perspective on the day she found the Ichthyosaurus on the cliffs in Lyme Regis. In maths, they have continued to build on their knowledge of measures, solving problems, converting miles and km and calculating the area and perimeter of both rectilinear and compound shapes. In science, they have been busy painting their botanical sketches with water colours, bringing to life their detailed observations of the life cycle of a flower.

Easter Holiday Football Camp

Please see the attached flyer regarding an Easter Football Camp being run by the Jason Pearce Academy (Charlton Captain). Please forward on to any child you feel might be interested.

Athena

As part of their Children Affected by Domestic Abuse programme and their broader commitment to protect children from new contextual safeguarding risks Athena would like to invite you to attend one of their free Tech Abuse Training workshops. Please see the attached flyer if you are interested in attending.

TV Opportunity

Please see the attached flyer if you are interested in your child taking part in a TV show.

School Health Services

You may be aware that Lewisham Council are in the process of reviewing the delivery of the School Health and Health Visiting Service. To help re-commission the services next year, the council has produced a survey as they are really keen to hear from parents/carers about how the service is currently working, any gaps or issues you think we should be focusing on, and what commissioning priorities should be. This survey is

just in relation to services for 5-11 year olds, as they completed a similar consultation in relation to 11-19 year-olds last year.

The council wants to make sure that they design services collaboratively, and reflecting the needs of all children and families in Lewisham. So please take some time to complete the survey. I have also attached a flyer. Thank you.

<https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/targeted-services-and-joint-cyp-commissioning/feedback-on-the-school-health-service-parents-and/>

So that is about all from me this week. Happy packing to those Yr 5 pupils going on School Journey next week. I hope you all have a great time and the rest of Yr 5 have a fantastic fun week.

Have a great weekend.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove