



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Spring Term
18th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been lots of red noses on display today! The children had great fun doing their nose and spoon races in the playground, at the same time as raising lots of money for this really valuable charity. Thank you to Mr Searle and the school council for arranging today's activities.

Year five have had a wonderful week this week, whether it be in school having fun, taking part in PE workshops, going bowling, acting with drama workshops or trying out lots of different activities down at PGL Windmill Hill. I took a trip down to school journey yesterday and it was lovely to see such happy and in some cases very tired faces. Year five have been a real credit to you all this week, the behaviour both in school and at school journey has been exemplary. I particularly enjoyed seeing a number of children really challenge themselves and make it to the top of the climbing wall or jumping off the trapeze. I would just like to say a huge thank you to all staff that have been involved in fun week, or school journey itself. This event really couldn't happen without the willingness of the staff to give up their comfortable bed at home to spend the week with the children.

We welcome back Miss McCue on Monday. She will be returning from her maternity leave. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Davies for her exceptional work with Star class, during Miss McCue's absence. Mrs Davies and Miss McCue will spend the next two weeks working together to ensure a very smooth handover for the children in Star class. I would like to wish Mrs Davies all the very best as she takes up a new position for the next term in another school. I really hope that this will not be the last we see of Mrs Davies and I hope we can work with her again in the future.

I attended the headteacher's briefing about COVID this week. It is very clear from the briefing that COVID is still very much with us. We have seen a very slight reduction in numbers this week and feel as if we are moving in the right direction. I would just like to remind you, that in order to try and stop the spread, we would still recommend that your children isolate if they test positive. Even though no longer law, it is still the government's recommendation that those people testing positive do isolate for five full days. I can only continue to thank you for all your support in helping us manage what feels like a never ending situation.

Learning this week

The Nursery started Science Week off with a flurry of planting activities! They made 'handy-glove greenhouses' by planting a different seed in each finger of a rubber glove. They planted cress seeds and beans and will be closely observing their growth over the next few weeks. Children also painted and decorated their wooden creations to complete their woodwork project. Finally, they have enjoyed making bread by measuring out the ingredients in pairs and then kneading their own individual bread rolls.

In Reception the children have been learning all about bees and how honey is made. They especially enjoyed tasting locally produced honey from the Corbett Estate! The children have made some wonderful fact books which they are very proud of.

This week in year one the children have had an excellent time for science week, thanks to very generous donations of our parents, the children have been able to plant their very own bean plants. They each planted their beans using soil and talked about where they should place their plants in the classroom to help them grow. They have been dedicated to watering them and taking care of them so far and are patiently waiting to see them start sprouting. The children have also been looking at different types of plants and trees, they can tell the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees. They can also label and name parts of a plant using their observation skills. Fingers crossed for healthy beanstalks to come!

In English this week, Year 2 have concluded their focus story 'Journey.' The children have enjoyed writing about the main character's adventures and have taken time to reflect on and write about the part of the journey in the story that they most enjoyed. In maths, they have been working hard to find a half and a quarter of a number using the bar model method. In art, the children have looked at sculpture artists and explored using clay by pinching, pulling, squeezing, coiling, rolling and carving it.

Year 3 have been learning about perimeter. They had to measure the perimeter of some Roman furniture to see if it would fit inside a Roman villa. In English, they have continued their persuasive writing as Roman property agents. For science week, Year 3 rotated around the classes for three activities: making Gentoo penguin nests in the secret garden, investigating if our hands grow as we get older and creating an animal that could survive on Mars. In RE, they have been thinking about Hindu shrines and what objects hold a special meaning to us. They also looked at what happens in a mandir, a Hindu place of worship. In topic, Year 3 have explored Roman laws and punishments. They decided that they are glad that laws and punishments are very different today!

This week in Year Four they have been finding out about the ways of life and customs of Anglo-Saxon culture. In Maths they have been thinking about decimal numbers and how to divide them. The children have also been designing their own Anglo-Saxon style brooches to keep their cloaks done up.

Year 5 have just been having fun all week, whether in school during fun week or at PGL Windmill Hill.

This week, year 6 have been writing their biographies on Charles Darwin, considering his achievements, the challenges he faced both professionally and in his personal life and the legacy he left behind. In maths, year 6 have been calculating the area of triangles and parallelograms as well as calculating the volume of shapes. As part of their topic on evolution and inheritance, the children have been observing specimens of butterflies, beetles and other mini beasts, sketching them in detail and applying colour using water colour pencils.

Medication

Mrs McDuell in our office sent out some reminders for replacement medication this week. If you have received a reminder, please can you ensure that you send in your child's replacement medication as soon as possible or email the office if there has been a change in circumstances. Please be reminded that we need to take medication out with us on all school trips so it is important that we have a supply of your child's medication at school.

Clubs

The Summer Term for clubs will start week commencing Monday 25 April 22 and Finish week commencing Friday 4 July 22.

If your child took part in a club this term they will remain in it unless you advise Maxine Hampden that they do not wish to continue, by emailing clubs@sandhurstprimary.lewisham.sch.uk. Please note that payment must be made by Monday 18 April by Parentmail. Thank you.

It is not yet possible to pay for the choir club but this should be available by Tuesday 19 April, at this time we should know if it is possible recommence choir club.

Spontaneous Productions

A message from Spontaneous Productions "With just three weekends left to go we very much hope you can let your parents know about our latest family show, '**Little Red Riding Hood: The Truth!**' from Sydenham's not for profit community theatre company, Spontaneous Productions. This is a brand-new version of the classic fairy tale Little Red Riding Hood – but as always, with Spontaneous Productions expect a few twists! The show will be performed Upstairs at the Sydenham Centre, 44a Sydenham Rd SE26 5QX **2pm & 4pm, every Sat & Sun, until Sun 3rd April**"

We have had some great feedback so far: 'Congratulations on another great show. Such a clever retelling of a classic. Our [son] was transfixed and will be coming again to watch! Great work from all involved!', '**Great production and adaptation!**' 'Story told from 3 perspectives, you choose which one to believe. Very clever, yet fun for the whole family!', '**Great as usual - good to have diverse actors (ethnicity)**', 'Very interactive, really enjoyed it!'

I have attached two flyers.

Don't forget today is the a very last chance to put in your pizza orders. The dough can be frozen so even if you can't cook your pizza on the very night you collect them, you can still cook them in the next few days.

Just to remind you that Monday will be our Radish food tasting session after school and Wednesday will be the rerun of our cake sale. Radish are going to cook some more cake for us but it would be lovely to have some donations from you as well. It feels like a really small thing we can do to raise money for those people suffering from this terrible war in the Ukraine. So don't forget to bring your money with you on Wednesday and come hungry because hopefully there'll be lots of cake to buy.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. I hope there is not too much washing from school journey. I also hope the sun continues to shine. I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Yours truly,

Mrs R A Dove