



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Spring Term
25th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

A really busy week here, but lots of fun too. We have been really short on teaching staff this week but we have just about managed to keep going. Our next Year 4 class have really enjoyed their swimming all week and we have a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils at the Saxon Crown Swimming Gala today.

I hope you all enjoyed your pizzas last night. We were much more successful with our cooking this time around in my house.

We raised an amazing £485 for Comic Relief, and I am delighted to say we have raised £500 from our cake sale to support those in the Ukraine. Just a huge thank you for all your donations.

Thank you to our Year 6 parents and carers for attending our SATs meeting yesterday. I have forwarded you all the presentation.

We are delighted to welcome Paul Cooke, once again to our Governing Body. Thank you so much to the other parents that stood for election and thank you to everyone that voted.

If you are walking to school with a dog please could I ask you to try really hard to keep them calm, a few children have been really upset recently by very lively dogs outside of school. Thank you.

Learning this week

This week, Nursery children completed their woodwork project by finishing handmade photo-frames. Please look out for these in book bags ready to give to a special person on Mother's Day!

Children also observed the growth of their cress seeds and beans that they planted last week. Outside, the children have been diligently weeding and tidying the garden. They were fascinated to discover lots of worms, woodlice and snails!

In Reception this week the children have been looking at 3d shapes and their properties using them to make castles and other interesting models. They have also been creating mini beast puppets and settings to get ready to write their minibeast stories next week. The children have also been talking about who is important to them in their family and making some lovely surprise cards ... so remember to check their book bags!

In Year 1 this week the children have made a delicious vegetable soup, they have written their own recipes to instruct others on how to make their own yummy soup. The children have also been watching their bean plants grow and change, they have become experts in looking after their plants and take watering duties very seriously. In maths they have been investigating capacity and volume using a variety of different containers. The children can identify and label different volumes and discuss why the tallest container does not always hold the most. The children have also loved spending more time outside this week as the sun has been shining!

Year 2 have explored the story 'The Day of Ahmed's Secret' as part of their journey topic. The children used the illustration as a starting point to work out the country that Ahmed's journey takes place. In Geography they have used a globe to locate Egypt as well as information books, videos and photographs to find out about the country. In maths they have been working hard on fractions, using practical equipment and the bar model method to find a third and two quarters of a number.

Year 3 have been reading 'Sparky!' by Jenny Offill and Chris Appelhans all about a girl who wants a pet. Then unexpectedly, we had a special express delivery. You'll never guess what was inside. A pet sloth! We have been finding out about sloths and writing adverts about them in English. In maths we have started to look at fractions recapping on our knowledge of $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ s and $\frac{1}{3}$ s. In science we have been learning about animal and human nutrition and built our own skeletons from craft straws. In topic we have been learning about Roman towns and have started to make our own mosaic prints.

This week in maths Year 4 have been understanding hundredths as fractions and decimals and finding equivalent tenths. They have also been dividing a one and two digit number by 10 and 100 as well as understanding place value when using money. In English they have been planning and writing their own Anglo Saxon Legend. In History they have been learning about Anglo Saxon religious beliefs and Gods. Galileo class have enjoyed their first week of swimming.

Year 5 began the week by sharing their school journey and fun week experiences. In maths, the children have been rounding decimal numbers to the nearest whole number. In English, they have retold the story of Toki in their own words and then ended the week by writing how they envisaged the story continuing. All four classes have enjoyed their outdoor games lessons in the beautiful sunshine.

This week Year 6 have been exploring the life of Alfred Wallace in relation to his role in the 'Theory of Evolution'. They are building up to their critically comparative essay next week where they will explore who had the most pivotal role in the Science behind Evolution. In Maths, they have been exploring Ratio and Proportion - identifying the language associated with the topic and solving increasingly complex problems associated with it. Year 6 have had a very fun week in Science, exploring the role that Yeast plays as a microorganism. They conducted an experiment to discover which environment will allow Yeast to grow successfully (with some messy outcomes!)

Calling all Gardeners

Aga and her green team will be planting in school tomorrow (Saturday) from 2 to 3pm. If you are able to help please come along. Bring your own tools. Thank you.

Raring2Go Spring time Magazine – Lewisham and Greenwich

The Raring2Go spring digital magazine is full of great ideas to enjoy everything that Spring offers... crafting, gardening and enjoying park life that's just on the doorstep. They've got a great feature on '10 ways to love the Earth' (pg 26) to encourage parents and kids to get out and about and learn more about the environment in a fun way along with lots more things to do.

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/lewishamandgreenwich/spring/>

Kinship Carers Hub

A message from Kati

"Hello! I'm Kati from Kinship Carers Hub. I'm writing to you to let you know about a FREE resource for Kinship Carers in the UK. We're a small community-based social enterprise in South London founded by social worker Anna-Lou Manca to support Kinship Carers in the community. Kinship Carers are individuals that look after a child that is an extended family member or friend when the parent's are unable.

Kinship Carers Cooking Club. The cooking club started in January 2020 in our local South- London (SE14) community. This year, we've been awarded funding from the National Lottery Community Fund to provide weekly Kinship Carer Cooking Club sessions, and we need your help to get the word out to Kinship Carers far and wide so that we can offer our support to more carers/families. Our services are available to any type of kinship carers, regardless of orders being awarded or not (Special Guardianship Orders, Child Arrangement Orders, Regulation 24, private fostering, etc)."

Please take a look at their website: www.kinshipcarershub.org/contact

'And Fitness For All', a community interest company.

A message from And Fitness For All

"In conjunction with Clarion housing, we are running fully funded/free sessions on the local housing estates close to the school.

These are free fitness sessions run by qualified personal trainers and sport coaches. We are running both a youth and adults programme across two estates in the borough. Participants are welcome to come along to single sessions or join in every week.

The goal is to get people fitter, healthier and more engaged with their local community."

I have attached a flyer.

Trinity Laban

Trinity Laban are re-launching their Dancing Ahead programme which supports students in years 6 to year 8 at risk of low resilience or poor mental health.

They wanted us to share the e-flyer below with year 6 parents/carers. The classes start in summer term from Wednesday 20 April, and are free to attend with no previous dance experience required. There is a link to an enrolment in the e-flyer below, also found here: <https://forms.office.com/r/2pHJQKdR3K>

Street Trees:

Watering season is upon us again. I will water all of the trees next week, but I was wondering if anyone would be able to help out over the Easter holidays?

We have 7 trees. 1 on Minard, 1 on Sandhurst and 5 on Ardgowan. They need watering once a week with 20 litres. Please can you let me know if you can water a tree and also if you have any preference for a particular location!

My email: sl_williamson@outlook.com

If you are able to take on the watering of a tree more long term that would be very welcome. However, if you can only commit for the holidays then it will still be very much appreciated. Thanks, Steph

Lewisham Holiday Offer

I have attached the Lewisham Holiday offer of activities for those children who receive free school meals. There are lots of activities. Please take a look.

Yr 5 School Journey Lost Property

We will put out the left over school journey items again on Monday, after that, if it is not claimed it will make its way to the charity shop.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, enjoy the sunshine. I am off to enjoy my younger daughter's 13th birthday.

See you all on Monday.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove