



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Spring Term
1st April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well the sun disappeared this week and the cold wind returned but we had a great week at school. We had a school review, three years on from our OFSTED and we had some really good feedback. We always want to improve and there is still more we want to develop but I was extremely proud of our school, the environment, the behaviour and the amazing hard work of children and staff alike. We have also seen a slight decline in COVID numbers, so I am really hopeful that life will be a little bit easier and back to normal when we return from the Easter holiday. We return to school on Tuesday 19th April. I look forward to seeing you all then.

Last Friday was very successful for some of our pupils. They attended the Saxon Crown Swimming Gala and we ended up coming in the top three overall. A huge well done to the Yr 5 and 6 pupils that took part, Betsy, Eleanor & Edward (Zodiac), Mack (Quasar), Phoebe (Stephen Hawking) and Orla (NASA). Thank you to Mr Fogarty for taking them too.

All did fantastically but the ones who won medals I have listed below.

Phoebe - 2nd in Year 6 Girls Freestyle
- 3rd in Year 6 Girls Backstroke

Orla - 1st in Year 6 Girls Backstroke
- 2nd in Year 6 Girls Butterfly

Edward - 2nd in Year 5 Boys Backstroke

Mack - 3rd in Year 5 Boys Backstroke
- 2nd in Year 5 Boys Backstroke
- 1st in Year 5 Boys Butterfly
- Best Boy in Year 5

Mixed Freestyle - 3rd place in Mixed 5/6 - (Phoebe, Orla, Mack & Edward)

Special mention to Mack who won 'Best Boy in Year 5' too! I have attached a couple of lovely pictures.

Learning this week

This week the Nursery children have been busy planting sunflower seeds and learning what they will need to survive and thrive. They have also been mixing paints to create a marbling effect to decorate their Easter Cards. Children were sound detectives when they had to decide which hidden instrument was being played. Finally, they enjoyed an Easter egg hunt in the outside classroom.

In Reception, the children have been busy writing stories about their imagined minibeast characters. They have had some wonderful ideas and their stories are a delight to read! In other areas of the curriculum, they've enjoyed joining different materials together and creating models from junk. In maths, the children were continuing their learning in addition and learning how to write number sentences.

In Year One This week the children have been creating some amazing artwork in the style of Frida Kahlo, using her 'Watermelons' piece for inspiration. The children have been learning about Frida and how she became an artist. They have also created some brilliant art in the style of Giuseppe Arcimboldo, using fruit to re-create faces. They have experimented with different media, using oil pastels, sketch pencils and paints.

In English/Geography year 2 continued looking at the differences between a non-European country, a European country and the UK. This week the focus was on London and Cairo. Children wrote comparative sentences and produced list of the differences between the two capital cities. In Maths they re-visited addition and representing numbers. Children were able carry out investigations in maths using symbols for adding and also focused on base ten (dots and sticks) and other addition methods such as using a blank number line.

This week Yr 3 found out that Sparky, the sloth, has gone to the beach. They wrote a persuasive letter to convince him to come back. In maths they have been finding $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ s and $\frac{2}{3}$ s of an amount and counting in fractions. The children have finished their mosaic designs in art using printing sticks. They finished their Romans topic by learning about the features of a Roman town.

This week in maths year 4 have been writing, ordering and comparing decimal numbers. In English they have finished and edited their legend stories. They have also been studying village life in Anglo Saxon times and finding out about Alfred the Great and other rulers of England. They have also finished making their Anglo Saxon Brooches.

In English, Year 5 have been finding out what a debate is. In groups, the children prepared speeches using persuasive language, evidence and facts to prove their argument. The big Year 5 debate was 'Should deforestation continue in Brazil?' There were representatives from the farming community, the government, indigenous people, loggers, conservationists and scientists. In maths, the children can now recognise and use percentages and are able to convert fractions, decimals and percentages. Draco and Quasar class have enjoyed making Maya masks using paper mache and balloons. Zodiac Class experimented making different sounds on our glockenspiels and they used a repeated melodic ostinato to accompany a song.

This week in maths, year 6 have been learning scale factors, calculating scale factors of objects in the real world. They have completed the topic with an investigation, applying their knowledge of ratio and scale factors, organising their results systematically. In English, year 6 have been busy debating evolutionary scientists and their contributions. Children have discussed their viewpoints coherently, using the evidence they have carefully selected to support their argument. They have ended the topic of evolution and inheritance structuring and writing an essay discussing their most influential scientist to convince their teachers of their viewpoint. In science, year 6 have learnt about the Linnaean system of classification. They have had fun creating their own classification key for Liquorice All Sorts before moving on to create a classification key of different creatures from the animal kingdom. We are all very proud of their hard work this term and wish them all a restful Easter break.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Supermarket Vouchers for Easter Holidays – Families whose children are entitled to free school meals will be emailed supermarket vouchers from evouchers.com as previously. You should receive the email on Saturday, 2/4/22.

Vaccinations for 5 – 11 Year Olds

The NHS vaccination programme will begin to roll out to all children aged between 5 and 11 this April, in line with advice set out by the [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#). The vaccinations will be offered at **vaccination centres/community settings** and **not at schools**. Please see the attached letter and poster to be circulated to parents and carers signposting and sharing information ahead of the half-term as the clinics commence on Monday 4th April 2022.

Easter Holiday Project

We are going to hold our annual Easter Egg Competition again this year. But as Easter is right at the end of our holiday we decided to hold the competition immediately when we come back. It then gives your children the whole holiday to be as creative as they wish.

They can decorate a single egg or create a whole scene. There will be prizes. Please send in all entries on Tuesday 19th April.

White Rose Maths App

We have found this great app which is free from White Rose Maths, pitched mostly at EYFS / KS1 and can be downloaded really quickly onto phones, ipads etc. It covers subitising (being able to recognise a number of objects without counting) and the four operations, including 2x 5x and 10x tables (great for year 2). It includes hints for the children using ten frames and arrays and can be completed for a short time each day.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/1-minute-maths#download>

South London Girls Football Academy

The South London Girls Football Academy are offering a small number of scholarships for girls in years 4 and 5 to attend South London Girls Football Academy every Saturday from 23rd April until 16th of July. The session will be 1 hour long running from 10-11am at Lyndhurst Primary School in Camberwell.

In order to apply for one of the scholarships a parent can email southlondongirlsfa@gmail.com.

Dinner Money

Please could I remind you that all outstanding dinner money needs to be paid, and meals should be paid for in advance. Thank you.

Clubs

Clubs will resume the week commencing 25th April 22. Children will continue in the same clubs they were in this term unless Mrs Hampden is informed that they do not want to continue. Payment must be made by Monday 18th April 22 please. Please email clubs@sandhurstprimary.lewisham.sch.uk with any club queries. Thank you.

I hope you all have a lovely holiday. I have everything cross as I am flying away with my family on Sunday. I don't think I will be completely relaxed until all 7 test negative on our LFTs and that plane door is secured.

Enjoy the holiday and I will see you all on Tuesday 19th April.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove