



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Summer Term
13th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well a huge well done to Year 6 this week. The children really approached their SATs with such confidence and maturity. I am so glad they are over; it was very strange seeing the children having to sit them after COVID. A big well done to all the staff that supported, especially the Yr 6 staff. Now we move to support Year 2 as they also do their SATs over the next couple of weeks, Then Year 1 with their phonics and finally Year 4 with their times table tests. The assessment season really is upon us!

Unfortunately, illness has not quite left us. We do have a few cases of chicken pox but we have also been hit by a sickness and diarrhoea. Please remember that if your child is sick or does have diarrhoea they do need to stay at home for 48 hours. We are continuing with regular hand washing as Public Health still advise this is the best defence. Thank you for your support with this.

Don't forget the Hither Half this weekend. The playground will be open for supporters and I will be there cheering people on. Please either pop along to school or cheer along the route.

Plans are shaping up for our Jubilee Picnic. Everyone is invited, but please bring picnic blankets and/or fold out chairs with you. We will be on the playground. The fun will start at 2:00pm on Friday 27th May.

Our Governors work really hard, behind the scenes here at Sandhurst. They are a dedicated group of people who give up their time freely to support and challenge us.

Attached to this newsletter is a termly news letter from them. Please do take a look. The letter will also be available on our website.

Learning This Week

This week the Nursery children have been reading stories with a weather theme, including Elmer's weather and Elmer and the Rainbow. They have been talking about the different types of weather and thinking about the different clothes we would wear if it is sunny or when it rains or snows. In Maths the children have been learning about the number 8 and finding 1 more or 1 less than a given number by playing one of their favourite games, "Number Zap". They have also continued to learn about pattern by making musical patterns using their bodies to make the sounds (clapping, tapping, stamping).

In Reception, the children have been learning how to keep their teeth clean and why it is so important; they've even been practising their brushing skills in the outdoor classroom! They have been thinking about what Superheroes need to have and they've invented their own. The children were inspired to write little descriptions about their characters in their books. In maths, the children have been learning how to solve worded number problems. Well done Reception!

This week in year one the children have been learning all about a very mixed up Chameleon who longs for adventure. They have created some brilliant story plans where their chameleons travel the world to meet different animals, they have created their own class mixed up creatures and shared some excellent ideas. In maths the children have been learning how to find half of and shape and how to share into two groups to find half of an amount. the children have had an excellent time in PE practicing their coordination skills and agility trying to catch a ball on the bounce. They used their skills to create a bouncy ball song.

In year two, in English/science children continued to learn about the 'Healthy Me' topic. Children had to design their healthy plate and write about the importance of a balanced diet. They went on to carry out an exciting experiment to demonstrate why washing our hands are important. Using pepper to represent germs. After that children created a poster using captions and colourful images to encourage others to wash their hands. Also, keeping our teeth healthy was an important part of keeping our bodies healthy and children wrote to year one to encourage them to brush their teeth. In maths, children worked through some reasoning and arithmetic questions throughout the week,

focusing on adding and subtraction, multiplication and division and also fractions and scales. Consolidating what they have been learning so far.

Year 3 have been learning to tell the time in maths this week. Inspired by their class book, 'Window', they have painted and described their dream view from a window. In Spanish they have been consolidating their knowledge of words they could use at the park. In DT they have been looking at pencil cases and how they are designed, particularly at the different materials they are made from and the different ways that they close.

This week Year Four have been locating some of the major rivers of the world. Telling the time on analogue and digital clocks, and having some fun whilst improving their times table knowledge. Discussing ways to reduce plastic pollution and the damage it does to our environment and investigating the painting techniques of their featured artist Georges Seurat.

In Year 5, children have been writing an informal diary in character as Liam Digby, the main character from their class-text 'Cosmic'. The email had to include information on Liam's journey into Space, pros and cons of zero-gravity and describing what space food was like, after sampling some last week. In ICT, children had to type up these emails and send them to their classmates using their Igfl email account. In Maths, Year 5 have continued to explore angles, first learning the different types before using a protractor and measuring angles themselves later in the week.

Yr 6 have just been focusing on their spelling, punctuation and grammar, reading and maths papers. Well done Yr 6. Now for fun and preparation for secondary school.

On your marks, get set...

Our 35 parents and staff are all set to run or walk the Hither Half marathon or 10k this Sunday morning. Good luck to all taking part!

Thank you to those of you who have already sponsored them, and help us to raise a brilliant £1,900 plus gift aid to date. If you would like to sponsor the team to help us reach our £2,500 target, please use the QR code on the school gate, or follow this link: <https://gofund.me/58080341>

We will have a group of supporters in the school playground to cheer them on - please

come and join us, or support the participants from somewhere around the route (map attached!). The half marathon participants will be starting at 9am, and 10k at 9.15am from school -please do come out to support them! We expect to be cheering on finishers until around 11.30!

Thanks also to those who are helping out as marshals on the day around the course - we still have several gaps, so if you would be willing to help us out with this please email harveybiggins99@gmail.com before Sunday!

Rob

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Sandalls PTA are going to hold a second hand uniform sale next Friday 20th May. We will open the gates slightly early at 3:00pm so you can come into the playground and have a look. Please make sure you bring cash with you if you want to buy. I know we rarely carry cash these days but pop to the cash point first. Thank you

Hither Green Hawks

In the Autumn term, children in Year 4 took part in cricket sessions held by Platform Cricket. These sessions are part of a wider project which incorporates activity at 10 schools around Catford, Hither Green and Lee. It aims to create new opportunities for local children to take up and progress in cricket. From next week, they are starting a community session, held on Wednesday evenings (7.00pm-8.00pm) at Mountsfield Park, Stainton Road, SE6 1AN (see attached flyer) which is open to all Sandhurst students in Year 4. To attend, please bring along the completed registration form (also attached). The first of these 10 weekly sessions starts next week on Wednesday 18th May.

Year 5 School Journey March 2023 - If your child is currently in Year 4, you should have received an email about the arrangements we are making for next year's PGL visit. If you would like your child to go, please submit the permission form and make the deposit payment via Parentmail. Any queries, please contact the school office.

Dates: I have attached the Dates again with this letter just in case you need them.

Have a really lovely weekend. I hope to see some of you at the Hither Half on Sunday.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove