



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Summer Term
22nd April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday. We have had such an exciting week in school. We have had samples taken from the moon in school. Mrs Joyce worked really hard to get us to be part of the "Borrow the Moon" school scheme and the children have all had chance to handle actual Meteorites and observe actual Lunar samples. We have also had some amazing entries to our Easter Egg decorating competition. If you go onto our website you will be able to view a video of a class looking at the moon samples and see some of the egg entries.

Please also take a look at the beautiful flowers that have bloomed thanks to all your donations of bulbs earlier in the year. Thank you to the Green Team for planting them all for us. These will now bloom each year so a huge thank you.

So we are going to try again to open up post COVID. We will try a second attempt at open mornings the week after next. We have set lots of dates until the end of term so please look at the attached date list. I have also attached the latest COVID guidance from the local authority. Please read and note the changes. Thank you.

Learning this week

This week in Nursery we have been busy with our mini gardening project. We have been listening to stories about flowers and gardens and planning how we would like our garden to look. We have been practising our scissor skills by cutting pictures out of magazines of the different flowers and plants we would like in our garden. We have also reflected on our learning so far by sharing our learning journals and have recapped numbers to 5.

This week reception have begun their new topic, "Emergency, Emergency!" and they are really enjoying it. In Literacy, they have been looking at information books to find out about lots of different people who help us and have written their holiday news. In Maths, they have investigated numbers beyond 10. The children were brilliant at recognising that all the teen numbers were made of a full ten and a single digit number, for example 17 is a full 10 and 7. They were able to use the equipment ten frames and Numicon to show this. They also had a special delivery this week, we got to see actual rocks from the Moon. The children were very inquisitive and shared lots of their knowledge about the Solar System.

In Year 1 this week the children have been learning all about animals that live in Africa and animals that live in jungles around the world. They have written some fantastic 'Who am I?' riddles. The children have researched and found out lots of interesting animals, they have also enjoyed reading the story of the ugly five. The children were so excited to be part of an assembly where Mrs Dove showed them real pieces of the moon and different rocks from outer space, it was amazing! In math's the children have been working on their knowledge of 2s, 5s and 10s. They have created number caterpillars, fives flowers and have been practicing how to count in groups of using their mental math's skills.

In maths Year 2 have been learning to tell the time. They have looked at o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. In English/science, they have introduced the Healthy Me topic and children have been thinking about what they want to know about healthy eating, exercising and hygiene. So, they have come up with a list of questions they want to learn/find out about.

Year 3 have started a new book, 'The Hodgeheg' in English this week. In maths, they have been representing tenths using cubes and part-whole models. Year 3 have been enjoying testing their reaction and response skills in Real PE lessons. This term their topic is science, 'Magnets and Forces', and they have been thinking about what they already know and tested some magnets.

This week in maths year 4 have been consolidating their fraction and decimal knowledge. In English they have been looking at poetic devices and planning and writing a poem about rivers, which also links to their new topic where the children have learned some of the key vocabulary involved in the journey of a river, from source to ocean.

This week Year 5 have started their new topic - 'Earth and Space'. As a starting point the children generated questions about space and used their ICT sessions to find the answers. In English, they have used metaphors and personification when writing a space

poem. In maths, the children have consolidated their knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages and ended the week with a fun game of bingo. Many fun memories were shared in a school journey and fun week assembly and all the Year 5 classes enjoyed handling asteroids, meteors and lunar samples.

Year 6 have been very busy with their learning this week and it feels like they have managed to cram five days into four! They have started to consider how authors develop characters to advance the story and have had lots of fun in drama, adopting different personalities and learning how to communicate these through their actions and dialogue. In Science, they have begun their new topic on electricity, creating their own circuits to light up bulbs and power motors. In maths, they have been revising their arithmetic skills and interpreting data including pie charts and line graphs. Finally, they have had a fantastic opportunity that is 'out of this world', exploring meteorites and holding samples from the moon!

Hither Half

Thanks to those who have signed up for our 'Hither half' half marathon and 10k on Sunday 15th May, which we are running jointly with Torridon school. We've got 16 signed up so far to participate- and it would be great if we can get our numbers up to 30+. A reminder that you can do the 10k as a sponsored walk if you aren't up to running that distance! All funds raised go to our great PTA to fund enrichment and improvements to our school environment. Click here to sign up: <https://forms.gle/8Ch5K6QLpDkYeozz9>

Dates

Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday Monday (School closed)
Tuesday 3 rd May	Open Morning – 8:50 to 9:30 – All classes
Wednesday 4 th May	Open Morning – 8:50 to 9:30 – All classes
Thursday 5 th May	Open Morning – 8:50 to 9:30 – All classes
WB 9 th May	Yr 6 SATs – All week
Sunday 15 th May	Hither Half Run
WB 16 th May	Yr 2 SATs begin
WB 23 rd May	Apollo Class – Swimming (everyday)
Thursday 26 th May	Ahoy Sailing (selected group – Yr 4 Two days)
Friday 27 th May	Platinum Jubilee Whole School Picnic – 2pm

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Monday 6 th June	INSET Day – no children in school
Tuesday 7 th June	Children back to school
WB 13 th June	Hubble Class swimming (Every day)
Monday 13 th June	New Reception Meeting – 2pm
Wednesday 15 th June	New Reception Meeting – 9:15 am (Repeat of 13/6/22)
Tuesday 21 st June	New Nursery Meeting – 9:15am
Wednesday 22 nd June	International Evening
Friday 24 th June	Platinum Jubilee Holiday day – No school
Wednesday 29 th June	Early Years sports day – details to follow
Thursday 30 th June	Yr 1 to 6 Sports Day – details to follow
Monday 11 th July	End of Year Reports to come home New Nursery and Reception Intake Stay and Play
Tuesday 12 th July	Secret Garden performance for KS2 New Nursery and Reception Intake Stay and Play
Wednesday 13 th July	Yr 6 Production
Thursday 14 th July	Open Day, children to show parents and carers their work 9:15 to 11:30am and 1:30 to 3:00pm
Monday 18 th July	Yr 6 Fayre and Leavers Disco
Friday 22 nd July assembly)	Yr 6 Leavers assembly -am (then leave school after the

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I have also put these dates in a separate document so you can print it off if you need to.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove