



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Summer Term
17th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well the week got off to an exciting start with lots of pirates appearing in Year 1. I then met all our new Reception parents and we look forward to welcoming them all in September. On Wednesday all the Year 4 pupils completed their times tables check and then on Thursday Year 1 enjoyed a lovely trip to the Maritime Museum in Greenwich. Hubble class have enjoyed their swimming this week.

I really hope the weather continues like this for International Evening next week – Wednesday 22nd June.

A few more details:

Entrance will be via the Ardgowan After School Club/Breakfast Club gate from 5:00pm.

Savoury food donations will be taken from you at the dining hall door

Families will then make their way around the side of the dining hall down on the playground

Sweet donations of food will be put under the shed just beyond the bike and scooter stands.

Food will be served from approximately 5:20pm

Miss Kirk's performers to meet at the stage at 5:45pm, Mr Searle's and Mrs Rajendrum's performers to meet at 5:50pm and Mrs Christies choir to meet at 6. The performance will start at 6:05pm

There will be an International Conga at about 6:25 to close the event.

(Please don't forget your plates and your cutlery – we are trying to reduce waste. Thank you.)

Learning this week

We have had a very creative week in Nursery and have started to make large models of our favourite sea creatures from "Commotion in the Ocean". We have also made special pictures using natural objects. We have been reading the story of "Billy's Bucket" and finding out about the different sea creatures that he finds inside. We have explored floating and sinking, choosing an object and predicting what would happen when we put it in the water tray. We were quite surprised by some of the results.

In Reception, the children have been practising playing different team games in readiness for Sports day and learning how to work as part of team. They have been enjoying solving addition problems and writing their moon inspired stories about a bear who lands on the moon!

In Year 1 this week the classrooms were invaded by pirates! They came in on Monday to find their classroom turned upside down. They spent the day learning about beaches and making some amazing pirate art. They even had to crack the pirate code. The children also had an amazing time on their school trip yesterday. They saw a huge pirate ship and dressed up at the Maritime Museum. They had a brilliant time playing in the sand and water in Greenwich Park. A very hot and very busy week!

This week year 2 have been writing wonderful stories based on their own interpretations of 'Stanley's stick'. They thought carefully about their use of punctuation and adjectives. In Maths, Year 2 have been revisiting measurement. They used rulers to measure in centimetres and considered which objects in the classroom should be measured in metres. In Art the children were introduced to their focus artist for the term, Henri Rousseau. They enjoyed writing his name in the style of his artwork.

This week Year 3 have been exploring shapes in maths. They looked at the different angles they could find within different shapes, as well as finding parallel and perpendicular lines in and around the classroom. In English, they wrote a letter in role as Nadine from our story 'Nadine Dreams of Home' by Bernard Ashley. The letter was written to Nadine's dad, who is stuck in Goma. They also thought about how Nadine would be feeling when she is reunited with her father at the end of the story. In science, the children looked at the importance of seed dispersal. They put their scientist hats on to help them predict which method of dispersal different seeds used. In art, the children started to study Georgia O'Keeffe, and created an artist research page in their sketchbooks.

This week in maths, year 4 have been learning about angles and shapes. We have identified, ordered, measured and named different angles and looked at the properties of triangles and quadrilaterals. In English we have continued reading The Valley of Secrets and written about the feelings and emotions of evacuees. We have also imagined and written dialogue between evacuees. In Science we have begun our topic on digestion beginning with teeth.

In maths, Year 5 have been working with metric measures. They practised multiplying and dividing decimal numbers by 10, 100 and 1000, then used this knowledge to convert metric units. They also had to convert measures to solve word problems. In English, Year 5 have started reading a new text called 'There's a boy in the girls' bathroom' by Louis Sachar. In science, the children have learnt about the circulatory system. They drew their own cartoon red blood cell and explained the journey of a red blood cell around the body. The sculptures of Anthony Gormley have been our focus in art. During the following weeks the children will create their own sculptures using wire.

Year 6 production practice is well under way. Their singing sessions have been particularly enjoyable, not only for year 6 but for the neighbouring classes also. The children have also completed story boards with their favourite memories in Sandhurst and have been very busy shooting their scenes in various areas of the school. As part of their DT project, 'Festive Lights', children have designed a festive light decoration and they will be moving on to make their festive light that uses electrical circuits, applying their knowledge of electricity. They have participated in another transition workshop, looking at techniques for minimising stress and anxiety.

Despite the heat wave, they have enjoyed their trip to Abbotshall Fields but have been grateful for the shading provided by gazebos.

The End of the Day

We love that families enjoy playing in the playground at the end of the day and we welcome this until 3:30pm. But at 3:30 we do need you to vacate the playground so after school club can come out. So, from Monday we will ring a bell at 3:30 and we will then expect that you get your children off the equipment and head home. Thank you.

Dogs in the Playground

Now you all know I am a dog lover and we have our own school dog but I am really sorry we can't allow dogs in the playground, even if they are small and in your arms. We just have to have one rule for all. I have asked lots of other headteachers and none of them allow dogs. I do hope you understand. Archie comes with his own insurance and risk assessment.

Sports Day for Years 1 to 6

Sports Day Lunches on 30/06/22 - please remember you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch for Sports Day if they are in Year 1 - Year 6. If your child is entitled to benefits-related free school meals and you would like a school packed lunch for your child on that day, please contact the school office.

Sandhurst Library Books

It is that time of year when we need to do a stock take of our school library. Please have a really good look at home and send back any school library books, this is especially important for Yr 6.

Get searching those book shelves and under those beds! Thank you.

After School Club – Thursday 21st July

Please could we ask you a huge favour. We are having a staff party on Thursday 21st July. We have not been able to meet together as a whole staff for so long due to COVID. Please could you collect your children by 5:00pm on Thursday 21st July so all staff can have chance to attend. Club will run as normal on the last day of term.

A Call for Help

We are really trying to run our football teams again so we can compete in the Lewisham League next year. We have tried lots of organisations to get a coach to be with the children at the league on a Saturday morning but just can't find one. We have a sports

coach that can train the teams in the week but are desperately looking for parents who are able to lead the teams up on the heath on Saturday mornings and referee the matches. The teams will be one team for boys (currently in Yr 4 and 5) and one team for girls (currently in Yr 4 and 5). If you feel able to help with either team, please let me know. A member of staff would be with you to support. The league generally runs from about October to May and each team plays every two weeks during term time. If you feel you could help that would be amazing.

Pro Strike Fundraising Day

Final reminder that this is your last weekend to raise money ahead of next Tuesday's Pro Strike Fundraising Day. Funds raised on the day will be used to help purchase school equipment. All money raised should be brought in on TUESDAY ONLY.

Mindful Mums at BLGMind – Volunteers Wanted

Mindful Mums Befriender Volunteers offer one-to-one support to local mums who are struggling with the demands of being pregnant or caring for a small baby. Volunteers offer listening and practical support to mums out in the community including in the mum's home, cafés, children's centres and parks. Support can also be offered remotely via zoom, FaceTime or phone calls. Due to COVID 19 pregnant and new mums have been extremely isolated and we have had an increase in demand for our service and therefore require more volunteers. Volunteers usually offer weekly support for 1-2 hours so the role isn't too demanding but is very rewarding. I have attached the flyer if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

Summer Short Courses for Swimming

Lewisham are running swimming lessons short courses at Glass Mill Leisure Centre. We have a discount code for the local schools which is SWIMHAPPY. Please see the attached flyer if you are interested.

Sandtots

Sandtots Stay & Play is back up and running. Every Thursday 9-10:30 in the dining hall, for younger siblings of Sandhursts' pupils & their parents / carers. Toys, crafts, snacks and singing. £2 per family.

Also, we were wondering if on Thursday 30th June we could have Sandtots in Abbotshall for sports day, as lots of us will be heading there anyway. We would put some picnic rugs down somewhere out of the way.

Sandtots Sports Day on June 30th. Instead of being in the dining hall we will head straight to Abbotshall HLC after drop off for some very simple games and races and a snack, after which we can cheer on older siblings in their sports day.

Lewisham Borough of Culture

Here is an event taking place this weekend as part of the Lewisham Borough of Culture. Sandhurst children performing, too. The dress rehearsal is free and the actual show £3 per person. Follow this link to see details.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-gyratory-dance-festival-gala-performance-saturday-18th-june-7pm-tickets-335560108317?aff=eemailordconf&utm_campaign=order_confirm&utm_medium=email&ref=eemailordconf&utm_source=eventbrite&utm_term=viewevent

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and you enjoy Father's Day on Sunday. I am off to see My Fair Lady the musical on Saturday. Please don't forget water bottles, hats and suncream if this heat continues.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove