



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Summer Term
1st July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We started the week with two fantastic assemblies delivered by Mr Welch (Laurel's Dad). It was all about Meteorites, rockets and space. It was so interesting and the children learned so much. Thank you to Mr Welch. It has been amazing watching the whole school enjoy their Sports this week. The cheering, encouragement and pure joy was just so lovely to see. Thank you, Mr Fogarty and Miss McKenzie, for organising it all. A huge thank you too to all of you for coming to support.

So, we will be saying some good byes to a few staff at the end of term. Mrs Kemp will be retiring after many years of being with us at Sandhurst. It is time for her to travel, put her feet up and enjoy a bit more leisure time. Miss Kirk and Mr Searle are both going to pursue their passion to teach pupils with special needs. Miss Kirk will be going to Watergate Special School and Mr Searle is going to be a 'Teacher of the Deaf'. Mrs Martin is off to continue her role as a Higher-Level Teaching assistant in another school. We will really miss them all and wish them the very best in all their new endeavours. We have appointed some new teachers to our school and we welcome Mrs Burke, Miss Blunden and Ms Opeolu.

We say big congratulations to Miss England and Mrs Gles as they are both expecting their first babies. They will be with us very briefly in the autumn term before they start their maternity leave. On Monday we welcome Ms Clarke back from maternity leave. Exciting times at Sandhurst.

Learning This Week

We started off the week in Nursery by looking closely at the different fish, king prawns and mussels that Mrs Michael brought in. We studied them carefully with magnifying glasses, before drawing them using pastels. We also used different instruments to accompany our sea creature poems. Despite the rain at the end we had lots of fun at our Early Years sports day on Wednesday. Our favourite activities were the teddy bear relay and the javelin "rockets".

In class this week, the Reception children have been planning their 'journey story' for next week and sharing all their knowledge about different countries around the world. They were absolutely brilliant in Sports Day and thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

In year one, we have been planning our own pirate adventure stories. We chose our setting and characters and created a story board ready to use next week when we write our stories. In maths, we have been looking at place value and using dienes to represent number. We spent our PE session practising for sports day and it paid off! We had a fantastic day at Abbotshall working together as a team.

This week Year 2 have been learning about different habitats that are suitable for living things. They have also explored the outdoor environment in search for micro-habitats and wrote descriptions about the different living conditions. In maths, the children have enjoyed carousel activities linked to weighing and comparing objects. They have also used a blank number line and the part whole model to calculate the total mass of different objects. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed participating in sports day and enjoyed cheering each other on!

Year 3 have been learning about capacity in maths this week and have enjoyed measuring liquids in different sized containers. In English they have been acting out and exploring the morals of different fables. In science, they have been investigating what things a plant needs to survive. They have made predictions about 6 plants: one receiving water, one without, one in the light, one in the dark, one in the cold and one in the warm. They are making lots of careful observations to see which plant grows the best. In art, they have taken a painting by Georgia O'Keefe and finished it using their imagination.

This week in maths year 4 have been plotting! We have learned how to use co-ordinates, translate co-ordinates around a grid, and find locations on a map. In English we have been looking at items an evacuee would carry in their case and discussing the significance of those items. We have also been planning and writing a story, from the point of view of an evacuee, about their feelings when they first see the house they are going to stay in and the family they are staying with. In Science we beginning to look at the digestive system, starting with teeth and the role they play in preparing our food to enter the body.

In maths Year 5 have revised their knowledge of the 24 hr clock and used it to interpret and read transport timetables. They also recapped their understanding of coordinates. The children were able to plot points on a 2 quadrant grid. We started our RE unit on Buddhism. The children retold and acted out the story of Prince Siddhartha which explains the beginning of Buddhism. Each class also sketched Buddha statues.

This week in year 6, we have been very busy preparing for the year 6 production. From making props to acting and creating posters, you name it, we have been working hard to pull out all the stops to ensure that we put on a top show! In Science, we have continued

to work through our crime investigation, applying our knowledge of light to help discover the culprit. Each week, as we unearth new evidence, we move one step further to solving the crime!

Year 6 Leavers Disco

The planning for our year 6 leavers' disco is well underway. This year's theme will be 'summer holiday' and it promises to be a fantastic evening. It will be held after school on Monday 18th July after their fayre. The fayre will be from 3:30-5pm followed by the disco from 5:30-7pm. Our team of organisers will be looking for additional help on the day, so please do come forward. More details will follow next week.

Jewellery in School

Please can I remind you we do not allow jewellery in school. We have seen lots of different bracelets, necklaces, earring etc. These are not allowed. Children should only wear a watch and stud earrings please. Please ensure your children are not wearing these things to school. Thank you.

Street Trees

Hi! Another plea for watering volunteers. Thank you to Helen who has 'adopted' the tree on Sandhurst Road. If anyone else is able to join us, I would be very grateful for your help. We have five trees on Ardgowan Road that would love to be 'adopted'!

At the moment I water 6 of the 7 trees myself (with some little helpers!). We now have to start watering twice a week so it would help me out a lot if a few people could take on the watering for some of the trees. If you are able to help please email sl_williamson@outlook.com

I water them every Monday morning so even if you think you couldn't manage twice a week, but could water once a week then we could share.

Thank you. From Stephanie

Sky Kids – Nest Productions

This is a message from a casting director working on a new gaming series for Sky Kids which is being produced by Nest Productions and MonRae Productions. The show will feature children aged between 7-11 years old and they'll be asked to play a selection of games on the Nintendo Switch console as part of the show. Flyer attached.

Mental Health Support Team – Lewisham

We are Lewisham Mental Health Support Team (MHST) and we work within your school to support emotional wellbeing and mental health. Our focus is on early intervention, prevention and promotion which means supporting everyone to understand how to look

after their mental health and wellbeing, as well as addressing difficulties as soon as they begin. Some of the things we help with are:

- Feeling sad or numb
- Anxiety or fears
- Friendship difficulties
- Managing emotions
- Dealing with change
- Not going to school

For further information on the type of support we offer as well as how best to contact our team please visit www.slam.nhs.uk/mhst-home

We Make Footballers

This organisation is delivering a free Fun Football programme on behalf of McDonald's.

This is 3 weeks of free football in Beckenham, Bromley, Sydenham and Lewisham for children aged 5-11 year olds.

Please can you spread this information in your School for parents to be aware of? We also have adverts on TV!

Please see the link for parents to book for free: <https://www.mcdonalds.com/gb/en-gb/football/fun-football-centres.html>

Raring 2 Go

I'm pleased to send you the copy of the Raring2go! Summer edition packed full of ideas to keep the family busy for the Summer holidays and beyond.

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

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove