



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Summer Term
20th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an extremely busy week this week. It all started last Sunday with a brilliant Hither Half. The playground was buzzing with cheering, instruments being shaken and banged as so many of our parents and staff came running or walking past. Thank you to everyone that took part. Year 6 have started their auditions for their end of year production, Year 2 have started on their SATs. On Wednesday we were taken over by Superheros as Reception had such a fun day. Yesterday was very exciting as we had all our Governors in school, for the first time since the start of lock down. They attended an assembly where the children asked them some excellent questions, then a staff buffet lunch, followed by a presentation from the School Council and concluding with a full Governors meeting and a Resource committee meeting. The school council spoke so eloquently about school and what they would like for the school in the future. It was a lovely day. Today we ended the week with a visit from our local MP (and parent) Janet Daby, who came to join us for assembly.

We are very excited that Year 4 are in the Guinness Book of Records for taking part in the world's largest number roll. They participated in a virtual times tables song and dance session with other schools and broke the world record for number of participants. Well done Year 4.

A creative job for you all this weekend if you fancy it? We would love our playground to be full of bunting for our Jubilee Picnic next Friday. If you are handy with a sewing machine, or scissors and paper please make us some bunting. Thank you. Don't forget to pack your picnic, blankets or chairs and come and join us for our Jubilee celebration at 2:00pm next Friday.

Learning This Week

This week the nursery children have been making musical instruments that recreate rain sounds. They then used them to accompany a rain-dance. In maths they have been making repeated pattern strips and saying what comes next. They have also been exploring capacity using different sized containers in the water tray. finally, children wrote rain poems as a group, thinking of their own pitter-patter descriptive words.

Reception have had a fun and exciting week! The children loved showing off their superhero costumes on Wednesday and have been planning their written superhero stories ready for next week. In maths, the children have started to explore subtraction and are using practical resources to help them solve the problems.

In Year One this week the children have been writing some incredible stories about a Chameleon who travels the world. They have included lots of detail and used some amazing descriptive language! Some of the children have shared their work and read stories aloud to their classmates. In maths the children have been busy finding a quarter of different amounts. They have used practical equipment and jottings to show their working out. In music they have been learning to sing a song all about using your imagination, the song is split into two parts and sounds wonderful. The children have also been incredibly busy in science learning about different animal groups and what makes animals special.

This week Year 2 have been superstars working so hard in their SATs. One week down, and one to go! In PSHE, they have been working together to think positively and encourage others. Year 2 have also been creative and started to think about our Jubilee picnic next week. They have created some lovely decorations for the playground.

Year 3 have learned about the 24-hour clock in maths this week. In English, they have enjoyed writing their own poem based on 'Hamster! Hamster!' by Joseph Coelho. They have picked their own animal to write about, but watch out - there is a turning point in every poem where our animal is not so cute and cuddly any more. In RE they looked at how Muslims think of others who are less fortunate during Eid and designed posters for their favourite charity. In in whole class reading Year 3 have enjoyed exploring and discussing classic texts, inspired by 'Charlotte's Web'.

This week in maths year 4 have been learning to tell the time using analogue, 12 hour and 24 hour clocks. They have been converting between the different formats. In English they have been identifying persuasive devices in various texts, in preparation for writing

their persuasive letters to the appropriate bodies. In science the children have been finding out about the water cycle. In Spanish they have been learning about seasons and in Art they have continued their studies of Seurat and experimenting with colour.

In maths, Year 5 have spent more time measuring and drawing angles. They have also compared and ordered angles and used their knowledge to calculate missing angles without using a protractor. All four classes enjoyed watching an animation by Andy Martin called 'The Planets'. He inspired them to draw their own imaginary planet and it's inhabitants. In science, the children have revised why we have day and night and begun to understand the reason why we have different seasons.

Life after SATs is looking exciting for year 6. They have started their maths projects, exploring maths in various aspects of life whilst developing the skills they have learnt during the year. In English, they explored features of survival guides, building up to writing their own 'SATs Survival Guides'. They have also enjoyed their art lessons; looking at the work of Escher. They have produced their own artwork based on the interpretation of their focus artist, which is proudly displayed in the classrooms. A workshop from the TfL was also an important part of their week and a start to their new topic - transition.

School Photographs

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Thursday 26th May 2022**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, please feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

School Journey (open to current Year 4 pupils)

Please remember to make your deposit payment and submit the Parentmail form **by 31/05/22** if your child would like to join the Year 5 Residential to the PGL Activity Centre at Windmill Hill next March 2023. Any queries, please contact the school office.

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

If you would like to order one for your child, please complete the Parentmail Form indicating the size and colour required. The payment should be made online. All orders need to be made by next Wednesday, 25/05/22. We cannot accept late orders. Sorry

Quidditch After School Club

We hope to start an after-school club on Fridays after half-term for Years 3 – 6. It will run for 4 weeks. If your child is interested in joining, please email clubs@sandhurstprimary.lewisham.sch.uk BY THIS MONDAY. Thank you._

COVID Vaccinations

Attached is a poster advertising COVID vaccinations for half term and a general invite for all 5 – 11 year olds.

Radish Catering

On the whole our catering contract is improving. However, we still have a few teething problems we need to iron out and I met with the Radish Management team today to work on those things. But one thing we are struggling with is food supplies. This is totally out of anyone's control but it is, at times effecting the menu. The menus are set well in advance and on occasions, the suppliers just don't have the food available. Our chef then has to make adaptations at short notice. I can only apologise for this. It is not only us suffering from this but I do understand how frustrating it is when a child is expecting a particular meal and we simply can't provide it. Please bear with us while we try and work on this.

Dangerous Driving

I have been so pleased that I have not had to moan about parking etc recently but sadly I have had a complaint. A parent driving a black BMW was seen texting on his phone, no hands on the wheel, he pulled up at the crossroads but then continued to school, still texting. This is very dangerous but also an offence. Please don't do it.

Dining Hall Rental

Just a reminder that now we are no longer in COVID restrictions our Dining Hall is available again for day time rentals at competitive prices. If you are interested please email the office.

Thank you so much to all of those who participated in, or supported, our Hither Half last Sunday. We raised an amazing £3,223 plus gift aid. A final reminder of the sponsorship link if you intended to sponsor our team but haven't yet: <https://gofund.me/58080341>

Hither Half

Particular thanks to our amazing marshals who volunteered around the course, cheered the participants on, and made sure no wrong turnings were taken! Also, a big thank you to those who walked or ran – especially those attempting the half marathon or 10k for the first time - it was great to see such a good turnout! We also had a great cheer squad in the playground cheering all our participants on!

We plan to put the event on next year. We would love to be able to encourage some parents to get involved and try and run their first half marathon or 10k... so if you are thinking I wonder if I could do that, the answer is very much yes! We will be sending out some further information in September - with some suggested training plans for those who would like to take up running, or extend their running distances - and will also try and put in place some informal support groups so we can hopefully have a record turnout of new participants next year!

I would like to say a special thank you to Rob who has worked so hard on this event on our behalf.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove