



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Summer Term
27th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, well what an amazing afternoon. Thank you all so much for coming. It was just amazing to see the playground so full.

I am so please to report that the missing bikes were returned, which I am so happy about. We have had such a lovely week at school, Apollo Class have been enjoying swimming, Draco Class had rather a wet afternoon at the park, Hubble Class did excellent litter picking on Wednesday. I had such a lovely time making cup cakes with year 3. Yr 2 have finished their SATs and they have just tried so hard, I am so proud of them. All that is left for this half term is our Jubilee Picnic.

Please don't forget that Monday 6th June is an INSET day, so no school for the children. We are all back to school on Tuesday 7th July. I look forward to seeing you all at 8:50am on Tuesday after the holiday.

As we start the last half term of the academic year I want to remind parents and carers of the importance of good attendance at school. I have been reviewing our attendance and we really need to improve. I do know it has been so hard this year with COVID, different bugs and viruses as well as travelling to see family after over 2 years. But I am so shocked to see we have 112 pupils for whom attendance is below 90%, with a few families considerably lower than this. We really need this situation to improve and now families have had a chance to travel we will not be authorising any term time holidays from September. Unless your child is really unwell they need to be in school. Please help us to improve.

In this last half term can I also ask you to encourage your children to come in on their own. They all know the way to class now and it is a really good way to prepare then for moving to the next class. We really find the children are so capable of bringing themselves in and it means they settle to their work so quickly. Thank you.

Learning this week

In Nursery this week we have been reading and retelling the story of Mr Gumpy's outing, drawing our own story maps with our friends. We made boats using sponges and recycled materials, testing them to see if they would float or sink. We have had lots of mathematical fun, starting with our favourite "number zap" game to help us learn 1 more or less than a given number to 5. We also made iced fruit kebabs to reinforce our learning on patterns, choosing different fruits and carefully placing them on the skewer in a repeating pattern. On Thursday we celebrated all things patterned by wearing lots of differently patterned clothes for pattern day. The children looked amazing in their spots, stripes and animal prints!

This week, the children in Reception have wowed the staff with their understanding of what a 'double' is in maths! They have been quick to calculate them and have even learned some off by heart. In Literacy, the children have been writing up their Superhero stories and making them into books. Their imaginations have shone through and their books are a pleasure to read. Well done Reception!

In Year One this week the children have been revising some of the things they have learnt this term, they have been reflecting on things they have enjoyed and sharing how they feel about their work. The children were lucky enough to have a visit from some year six pupils to teach them all about Islam, and how they live their lives as Muslims. The year six pupils were fantastic at sharing their experiences with the children, they shared their thoughts and allowed the year ones to ask some fantastic questions. The children have also been very busy getting ready for the Jubilee picnic. they have made some excellent crowns and bunting to decorate our playground. they have also made a tasty snack! A very busy and exciting week in year one!

In Yr 2 our learning has been based around revision for English reading comprehension. Children also continued with their handwriting practice, reading, computing and Art. Year 2 children have produced some interesting portraits of the queen using, pastels and water colour paints.

Year 3 have had a busy week preparing for our Jubilee picnic. They have been making crowns and flags, and even got to make cakes with Mrs Dove. They finished their learning about time by calculating durations. In English, they have written another poem, 'If all the world were paper', and have chosen their favourite poems to make into a class anthology for their book corners. In DT, they have been finishing off and evaluating the successes of their pencil cases and thinking about any improvements they would make.

This week in English year 4 have been planning and writing our letters to persuade people in power to act on the plastic pollution problem, we included some possible solutions. In maths we have been using calendars to answer questions relating to days,

months and years, we also solved problems using dates. In art we have been preparing for our Jubilee picnic by decorating bunting and flags using pointillism. We have also been making a sweet treat for the big day.

This week, in maths, Year 5 have been consolidating their knowledge of number through arithmetic and reasoning style questions. In English, they have looked at features of a trip adviser review and then wrote their own review about an imaginary planet. In ICT, the children now have their own school email address. They have learnt how to send an email and add an attachment. All four classes enjoyed baking and making games for our Jubilee picnic.

Year 6 have been incredibly busy - if the kids thought it would quieten down after SATs they would be very much mistaken! This week, NASA and Stephen Hawking class have been making delicious snacks, vibrant bunting and quirky games for the picnic on Friday. So if you fancy pinning a tail on a corgi blindfolded, or challenging your child to Buckingham Palace snap, please come along and join us! Meanwhile, Apollo have been keeping fit travelling to Wavelengths and swimming each day (with the added excitement of hailstone dodging and a thunderstorm). For maths, the children have started a new project, designing their own theme park. With a budget of £500,000 and many practical considerations, they need to select rides and all necessary amenities they wish to include before presenting their designs to the class. Finally, the children have been completing their SATs Survival Guides, helping to support our next year 6 children with creative and well-informed suggestions about maintaining a positive mindset, and all they need to prepare them for all the challenges they will face.

Pro Strike Sponsored Event

A message from Pro-Strike, "On Tuesday 21st June the pupils of Sandhurst Primary School will be taking part in our sponsored 'Speed Challenge'. There is no fee for participation and every child in the school will take part.

Our Speed Challenge involves a giant inflatable football goal with integrated speed camera system. When a pupil (or teacher) takes a shot at goal the speed is displayed on a digital screen for all to see. Every child in the school will receive a personalised certificate showing their top speed on the day of the event. Like many fundraising events, funds are raised via pupil sponsorship; children will ask friends and family members to sponsor them to take part in the speed challenge. Your school are not the only ones who can benefit from one of our fundraising events as we offer the pupils the opportunity to win prizes for their fundraising efforts. The more each child can raise, the more prizes they will win. Our prizes include, drinks bottles, gym bags, wristbands, medals, trophies and footballs! Your school will receive 50% of all the money raised and all costs associated with running the event come out the remaining 50%. Our events are structured in this way to eliminate any initial outlay and financial risks for your school which occur when running fundraising activities. Today the pupils were shown a virtual assembly where the event was explained to the pupils and staff. During this assembly we informed the children to importance of 'safe' fundraising. We have asked that all funds

raised are received from friends and family only and pupils are not to knock on doors or ask strangers to sponsor them.

Your child has been sent home with a fundraising form however should it get lost, a copy, plus the cover letter in full from Pro Strike can be found attached to the newsletter alongside a list of prizes available."

Zumba at the Hither Green Festival

Our very own fantastic Mrs Poyser will be providing Zumba entertainment at the Hither Green Festival on Saturday 28th May 2022. The slot is 1pm-1:40pm, at the Hither Green clock tower. Feel free to come along with the family to support our local community and commence the Platinum Jubilee celebrations with Zumba family-friendly, fitness and fun.

Jubilee Jive Show

Some of our students are performing the Jubilee Jive show as they are in Goldsmith's Dance. They will be performing, in collaboration with the elders of the 'Bring Me Sunshine' group.

Tickets are now being allocated and are free but limited - information and timings on the poster. There will be refreshments available and table seating. Please see the attached flyer.

Penge Cycling Club

Attached is a flyer for the cycling class run by the Penge Cycling Club. It is held on Saturday mornings at 10am, usually in Crystal Palace park. Please do take a look at the flyer.

Have an amazing holiday and I will see you all on Tuesday 7th June.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove