



# Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter  
Autumn Term  
23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well for a short week we seemed to have packed a lot in. Our new playground equipment has been fitted this week, the children have been so sensible, staying away while the fitters did their job. It will all be set and ready to use by Monday. We have funded some of this from our PE premium but a big chunk has also been funded by you, the parents, with all your amazing fund raising, so a huge thank you. Some Year 6 pupils enjoyed a dance workshop, while others went to see the tennis at the O2. It has also been lovely to see all the clubs starting up this week. The school feels like it really is coming properly back to life, post COVID.

Don't forget it is the Yr 5 Meet the Teacher meeting on Monday in the lower hall at 9:15am.

## **Learning This Week**

The Nursery children have had an amazing start to their learning journeys and have settled in exceptionally well. They have enjoyed listening to stories including The Gruffalo and Where's My Teddy and have also been singing songs and nursery rhymes. The children are getting used to our routines and have been busy making new friends.

In Reception, the children have been exploring the story Dear Zoo in class. They have been finding out about pairs and finding matching pairs. The children have painted some wonderful pictures of their favourite animals in the story and played some animal sounds games together.

Year 1 have been thinking about what makes them special. They have been writing about themselves and thinking of words that best describe them. In maths they have been

making numbers in different ways using their number bond knowledge. They have begun using the computers in the ICT suite which has been very exciting!

Year 2 have had an exciting week exploring their new topic 'Our World.' They have used the globe to locate where we live and have written about a country that they have dreamt of visiting. The children have also looked at traditional clothing worn by people around the world and traditional dishes of food eaten in different countries. Next week, they will be exploring a country in Africa and are looking forward to learning some African dance moves in their workshop.

This week in year 3, the children have created story maps and have been writing their own version of 'The Stone Age Boy'. We have been using the equipment to help us with our adding and solving some tricky word problems. In history, we have been finding out lots of facts about the Stone Age and we created a timeline to show the key events.

In year 4 they have been exploring making numbers 10, 100 and 1,000 times bigger and smaller. They have also been completing their class name information books and creating art using pastels and watercolours. In science they have been exploring pitch.

Year 5 in Maths, have rounded numbers up to 6 digits to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000 and 100,000 and they looked at Roman Numerals. They played games and cracked secret codes. In English, the children have been using notes from their research to write fact files about their class names. Yr 5 really enjoyed becoming geographical experts. This week, they started creating various pieces of art ranging from sketching, painting and map making.

Year 6 have been reading the text 'Race to the Frozen North', finding out more about the life of Matthew Henson and his remarkable story. In Maths, year 6 have started the Addition and Subtraction topic, practising formal methods to calculate their answers. In English, year 6 have started their new text 'Kick' which is based in Jakarta. They have been comparing the rights of children in Jakarta and the UK. Children have practised their ICT skills to design their own reading album covers; reflecting on their reading journey so far and sharing some of their favourite books.

## **Autumn Welcome Fair**

- Tomorrow is the day!! The fair will run from 12 until 3. There are lots of lovely activities, games and stalls planned. Just to remind you we will be taking card and cash payments. See you tomorrow. A few extra reminders:
- **Dont forget to bring cash** - although we will be taking card payments across most of the fair.
- **Cake donations** - no nuts please and if you are bringing in a home-made cake- please list the ingredients so we know to look for allergens.
- **Bring a bag** - a tote bag or carrier bag to keep all your books, toys and uniform purchases safe
- **Bring Tupperware** if you want to take some delicious cake home with you!
- **Luxury tombola donations** - please continue to bring in any nice items we can use in the luxury tombola (eg bottles of wine, beer, box of chocs, nice smellies, etc)
- **Volunteers**- we would love some extra help on the luxury tombola between 12 & 1:30pm and on the bouncy castles between 12-1:30pm and 2-3pm- please get in touch at the gate today or email sandallspta@gmail.com if you can spare an hour or two.
- The **raffle draw** is at 2:30pm
- and on an exciting finishing point, we have should have the police horses and the London fire brigade coming too (unless they are urgently called away)

See you TOMORROW!

## **Secondary Transfer**

There are few of you that missed the Secondary Transfer meeting and I know how stressful it can be, so I am going to run a coffee morning where you can come a see the presentation again and chat things through in a smaller group. I know, too, that a few Yr 5 parents are also starting to think about their options so you would be welcome to join. It will be on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 9:10am.

**Year 6 Secondary Transfer Process** – we hope you are finding the visits to prospective secondary schools useful. Please refer to the Lewisham booklet sent home or websites of the schools you are considering for more information. The closing date is 31/10/22. Please click on this link for information about how to complete your application.

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school/completing-an-application-form>

When you have completed the application, please email your reference code to [admin@sandhurstprimary.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sandhurstprimary.lewisham.sch.uk). Thank you.

### **Sickness absence from school**

It is the time of year for incidences of vomiting and diarrhoea unfortunately. We do our best to make sure the children follow good hygiene practices at school, but please do remind your child/ren to always wash their hands after visiting the toilet and before eating food. If your child becomes ill with vomiting and/or diarrhoea, please keep them at home for 48 hours from the last episode to prevent further infection in school. Thank you.

### **Raring2go Magazine**

Here's the electronic copy of the Raring2go! Autumn magazine with lots of ideas to keep everyone busy during the Autumn months, no matter the weather.

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/lewishamandgreenwich/autumn2022/>

### **Reception Parents**

The Lewisham & Greenwich NHS Trust School Health Service is committed to the health and improvement of children by promoting positive attitude towards good health and ensuring they have access to a dedicated and response service.

In September 2022, we are inviting parents to complete the Health Need Assessment (HNA form) for ALL RECEPTION children. The questionnaire is an opportunity to have child's health and development reviewed at school entry. This information is very useful for our services, so we can support in the management of health conditions for all children attending your school- by drawing care plans and offering relevant training. With the unique link to your school for parents with children in RECEPTION only to access the Health Needs Assessment (HNA) portal.

We are now inviting parents/guardians to complete this questionnaire via this quick and easy process:

Please click on this link to access the HNA form: <http://qlink.uk/Lth155/100703>

Here's a video on how the HNA portal works: <https://vimeo.com/442663214>

### **Half Term Activities**

I have attached a flyer from Abbotshall Healthy Lifestyle Centre about some activities they are running in the half term holiday.

I look forward to seeing lots of you tomorrow. Let's hope the rain stops.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove