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Dear Parents and Carers,

Introducing our new forest school area



During May, Mrs Edge (our forest school teacher) and Mr Osmand (our super star caretaker), have worked incredibly hard to turn the old, disused school pond into an exciting new forest school area. The pond has been drained, and converted into a seating area. There is a new mud kitchen, den, nature table and even a special place to hang the bird feeders. This is an excellent extra learning space for the children. All year groups will have access to this wonderful new area. On Tuesday, we had a special "opening ceremony," with a ribbon cut with, of course, a pair of garden shears!



Thank you Mrs Edge and Mr Osmand 😊

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Staffing News - Sad Farewells

Mr Mosely

I was attracted to the position because of their vision and values as it very much reflected the Sandfield skills. Allenton Primary School is a 2 form entry school with around 420 pupils in the heart of Derby. I will continue on with my journey as a deputy headteacher, but the role will be non-class based. I am very much looking forward to the challenge this new role represents but Sandfield will always have a special place in my heart. I have spent 6 years getting to know the staff, governors, parents and children at the heart of the Sandfield community. It is an extremely special community where I have always felt accepted and I will never forget you all. Thank you for all your support throughout the time we have known each other.



Huge thanks to Mr Mosely, who has worked so hard to ensure that our curriculum is enriched by the use of our iPads and new technologies. His insight into using Seesaw as a feedback tool to improve writing outcomes for pupils, has been utilised fully as our home learning platform, during the COVID outbreak. Seesaw has enabled our pupils to keep learning and receive important teacher feedback during this time.

Mrs Farmer

I have made the decision to change schools and relocate primarily to be closer to my family. I will now be taking on the challenge of Early Years phase leader in a large 3 form entry primary school in Warwick city centre. The school shares the same vision and love that I have for Early Years and I am excited to continue to develop as a phase leader. I have loved my time at Sandfield and I will always remember the amazing children and families that I have worked with. Thank you for all of your support throughout my time at this wonderful school.



Many thanks to Mrs Farmer for changing the way our EYFS now operates, by introducing continuous provision, home visits and for using Tapestry to record the children's learning journey, which can be shared with parents. Mrs Farmer, has currently been working very closely with Mrs Downes during the transition of our new intake for September.

As a whole staff team we will miss both Mr Mosley and Mrs Farmer very much. They have been a real strength to Sandfield and we take this opportunity to wish them all the very best for the future. I am sure they will both keep in touch.

Say Hello - Miss McIllroy – our new Deputy Headteacher

Miss McIllroy joins us from Boxgrove Primary School, where she has worked for the last 13 years, 7 of those being a member of the senior leadership team. Miss McIllroy is a highly skilled teacher and has worked with children from Reception to Year 6. Her passion is reading and she is looking forward to sharing her love of reading to all children at Sandfield. Miss McIllroy is excited about getting to know all the children and their families and becoming a member of our Sandfield team. We all look forward to welcoming her to our lovely school in September.



Staffing for September 2020

It gives me great pleasure to share our staffing with you. As a staff team, we really hope it will be business as usual in September!

Year Group	Teaching	TA	LSA	SCITT trainee teacher
R	Mrs Emma Downes	Mrs Fiona Campbell - bell Mrs Jean Sherwin (AM) Miss Lisa Wilde (PM)		
1	Mrs Helen Holloway (M, T, W) Mrs Karen Whiting (Th, F)	Mrs Shulay Edge	Mrs Linda Parker (AM) Mrs Jenni March Ward Mr Gary Tozer (PM)	
2	Mrs Justine Grant (M, T, W) Miss Claire McIllroy (Th, F)	Miss Lisa Wilde (AM) Mrs Jean Sherwin (PM)		
3	Mrs Jennie Mason	Mrs Jo Davey		Emily Sands
4	Miss Laura Rowe	Mrs Jo Davey		
5	Mrs Nelly Payne	Mrs Laura Di Marco	Mr Gary Tozer (AM)	
6	Mr Simon Godber	Mrs Laura Di Marco		

Transition Update

As I stated last week, the government has now reduced the "pressure" on school to get ready to bring back other year groups and it is now up to headteachers to be free to decide whether they can bring in more classes. Our transition model has now been approved by both our Sandfield governors and the GEP academy trust.

To that end, Sandfield staff feel very strongly, that each year group, who has yet to return to school, should have the opportunity to return to Sandfield before the end of the summer term. We are currently planning transition days for years 2, 3, 4, and 5, as well as inviting our new intake into school. Year Groups will be allocated two transition days, at the end of term, which will allow pupils to have closure on their current year group, as well as meeting their new classteachers and other adults. During these two days there will be a focus on wellbeing, physical activities, as well as finding out about the exciting new topics that await them in September. It will be wonderful for the children to see each other in school and for staff to catch up with them all again before the summer holidays. We really have missed **all** the children.

Sandfield has been focusing on delivering a recovery curriculum for our Year 6 children and for Year 1 and Reception class. The main focus is on well-being, with the aims for children to feel: a sense of calm, a sense of safety, a sense of feeling connected and a sense of hope. These elements will be key in our transition days for the other year groups. The big idea is that the children feel as confident and ready for September as they can be.

I will be sending out another letter next week, which we outline this plan, in detail, for each year group.

Wrap Around Care

We are delighted to announce that Sport4Kids will be operating at Sandfield Primary School from September 2020 to deliver a Breakfast Club and After School Home Club. S4K has been working closely with Sandfield for the last five years and we have built up a very good relationship with the organisation. The S4K team are extremely excited to extend their support of the school and its families.

Timings for the breakfast club will run from 7:30am to 8:45am and the after school home club will be from 3:15pm to 6:00pm. The usual before and after school sports clubs will continue to run alongside this new provision.

S4K will be sending out a letter and flyers next week, with further information about their provision, ethos, costs and links on how to book places. As a school, we greatly value S4K's support, to enable our Sandfield families to have this essential wrap around care option at school.

This week's highlights from across the school:

Year R: This week we have had some children back in school and it has been lovely to see them all. I have been so impressed at how well they have adapted to the new routines and expectations and are now reminding me to use the hand gel when I touch something new! We have been discussing healthy and unhealthy foods this week, linked to The Very Hungry Caterpillar story, and the children have designed their own healthy plates. In maths we have been learning about subtraction and practising counting backwards from 20.



Year 1: It has been a lovely week for all of us in Year 1! Some children returned to school and were very excited to see their friends and teachers. We have all enjoyed learning about different habitats around the world and how different bears have adapted to their different environments. On 'Wellbeing Wednesday' we asked the children to think about their 'hopes, ambitions and dreams'. Some were very ambitious, some were realistic and some (we were pleased to see) were just 'dreaming of returning to school!!'



Year 2: We have been looking at lots of different things this week. In maths we have been looking at position and direction and following instructions to find things on a treasure map. In English we have continued looking at rhyme and the children were challenged to find different things at home that rhyme with each other. There were some really great and strange items found that rhymed. Wellbeing Wednesday has been great to see so many skills that the children have from physical activities to a variety of creative skills too. We also welcomed a new member to our class Rose, and the children were amazing creating a picture that we shared to make her feel welcome.

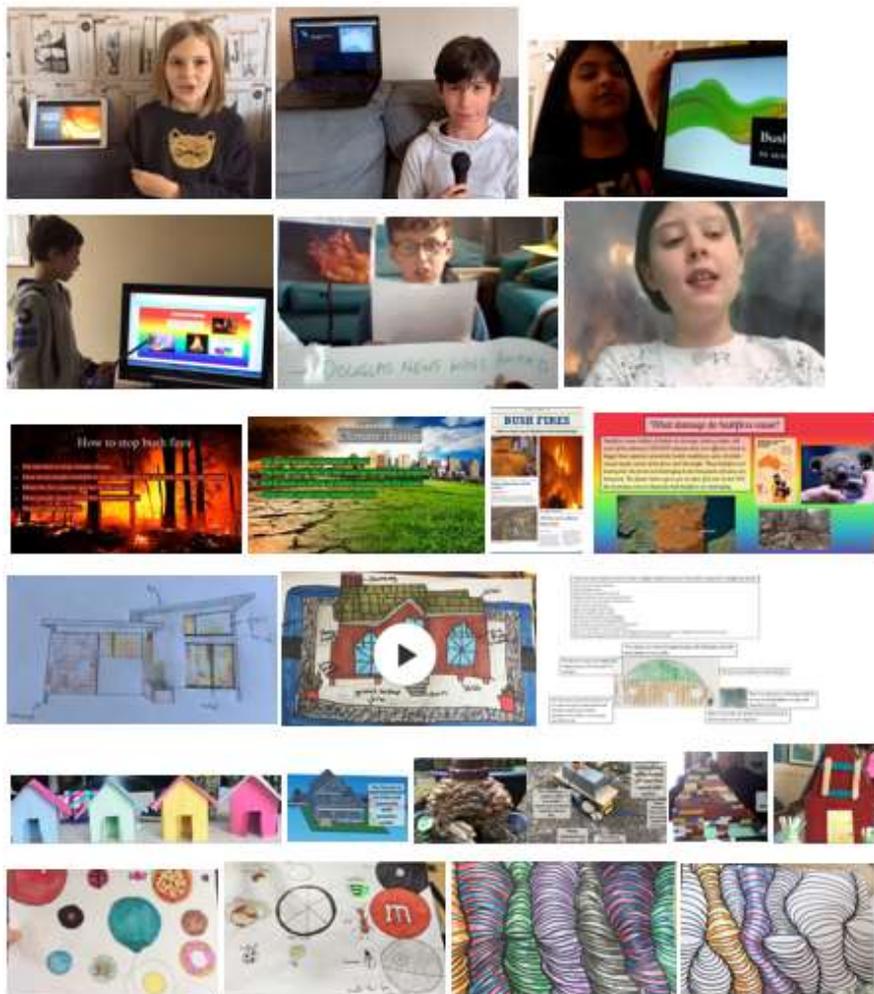


Year 3 and 4: We have had a very busy time in Year 3 and 4 - as usual it seems! Mr Mosley, Mrs Grant and I were able to talk to some of you and find out how you are - it was so lovely to hear your voices after so long! This week, our highlights were our letters from Stoke Hospital residents. They have written back and when we are all back in school, we will give them to the children face to face. We have paused and reflected on how we are feeling using a quote from Damian Barr that 'we are in the same storm but we all have different boats'. The children drew their storm while listening to music and then designed their boats to show how we all have reacted differently to this situation. Very perceptive responses showing their fantastic resilience and courage. The children also had great fun transforming their photos into Pharaohs - great technical skills uploading and drawing over the photo. We are loving our Ancient Egypt topic!





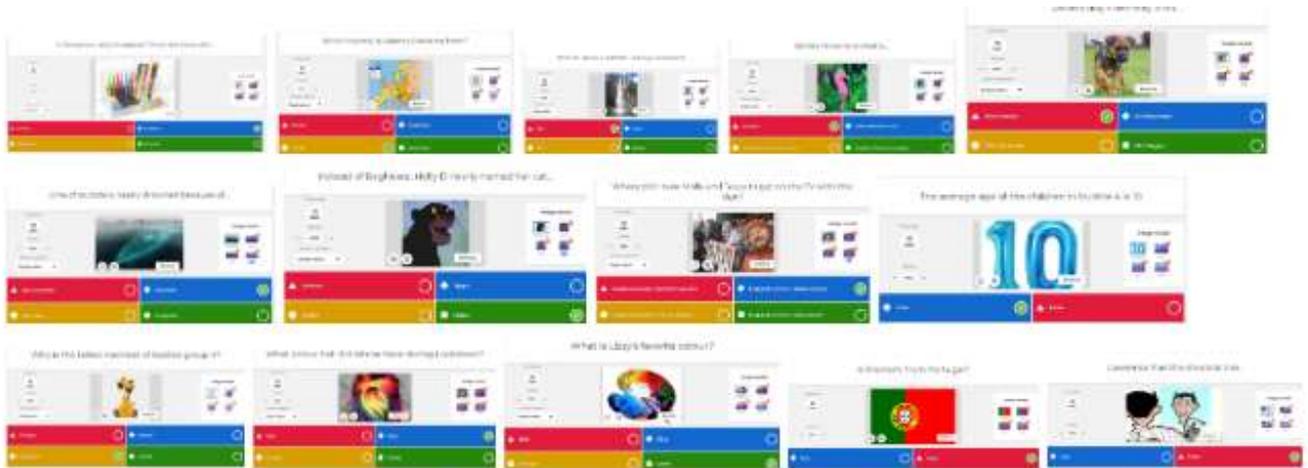
Year 5: This week in Year 5, we were having Geography focus in our English lessons and the children were researching information about bushfires in Australia. They pretended to be a reporter on Newsround and recorded a video of their news report, telling us about bushfires, and explaining the link between climate change and the bushfires in Australia. There was also an Art and DT project related to this topic and the children have been researching and finding out what the best materials and designs for a bushfire resistant house are; and then drew and made their own model of bushfire-proof house. Year 5 have been enjoying learning how to draw optical illusions, as well as using various sizes circle objects to create their unique art works.



Year 6

This week has been about cementing our routines in school! The usual suspects of Maths, English, Focus Reading and Spellings have been on the timetable alongside some more relaxed activities in the afternoons. We have also started to move away from iPad use as the norm and are re-introducing writing books and whiteboards to remind the children what Year 7 might be like for them.

We have done our food challenge (which proved very difficult). I am hopeful the children will try to test you with it on their seesaw account.... The other highlight was the inter-bubble quiz! This proved ultra-competitive (Mrs Davey!) and was a logistical nightmare to try to mark fairly for me! Each bubble created a Kahoot quiz to test the other bubbles on their knowledge of those people in the bubble!



bubble 5 bubble quiz

1 favorite 4 plays 24 players



A public kahoot

@awild10
Created 6 days ago

Questions (15)

1 - Quiz
what is Jayvyns favourite activity?

2 - Quiz
what is Serens dogs name?

3 - True or False
Jasmine has a cat

4 - Quiz
What pet did Oliver have?



Bubble 3- Who are we?

1 favorite 4 plays 24 players



A public kahoot

Mrs_Davey07
Created 6 days ago

Questions (9)

1 - Quiz
What is Fergie's favourite sport?

2 - True or False
Elena is one quarter Japanese

3 - Quiz
How old is Faith?

4 - True or False
Was Kitty born early [premature]?

5 - Quiz
What is Otilias parents nickname for her?

6 - True or False
Jayvyn likes his brother

Enjoy the weekend and stay safe.

With best wishes from all our Sandfield Staff

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Collins', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Kate Collins
Headteacher