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Dear Parents and Carers

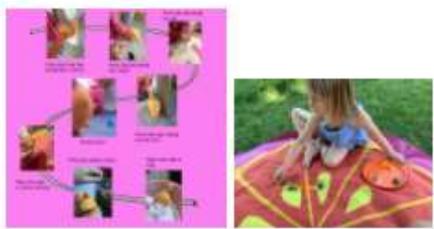
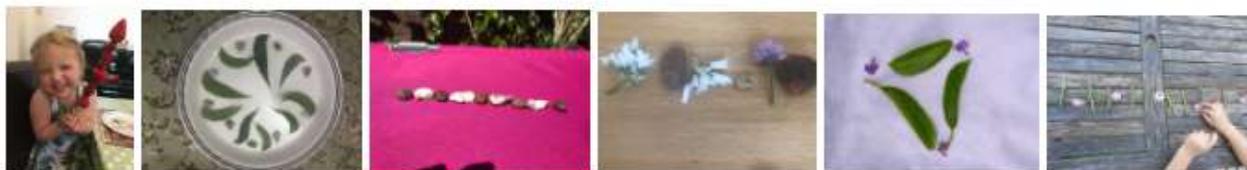
Well done to both Mr Mosley and Mr McKee, parent from Year 3 + 6, for speaking so articulately on BBC Radio Surrey on Tuesday morning. The subject was Sandfield's learning platform, Seesaw. Mr Mosely commented on how the school had worked hard to ensure that all pupils had access to the internet. For those that didn't, 4G boxes had been delivered. Also laptops have been given to families to support children with their learning at home. Mr McKee praised Seesaw for its ability to allow children, teachers and parents to be in the learning loop together. For their family Seesaw has had a positive impact during this difficult time and has made the home learning experience as straightforward as it could be.

To hear the full interview, please click on <https://www.sandfield.surrey.sch.uk>, which will take you to our Sandfield home page.

A reminder that it is half term from Monday 25th May until Friday 28th May and our learning platforms will be open again for all year groups from Monday 1st June.

This week's home learning highlights have been:

Reception Class: have continued to continue and create their own pattern this week using a variety of different resources from fruit to natural objects. They have also worked through a Talk 4 Writing activity 'Mavis The Magical Cat' and have produced some amazing work including taking their own toys on journeys and writing a story about it. Well done reception for all of your hard work this half term, have a lovely break next week and we'll be back on Monday 1st June!



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Year 1 - What another fabulous week we had with Year 1. They used their fantastic mathematical 3d shape knowledge to design a variety of spectacular towers explaining which shapes were great and which they would not use-some amazing designs and maybe some future award winning architects! On "Well-being Wednesday" they created art work based on the work of Andy Goldsworthy, who makes sculptures and patterns out of things he has found. Their work was so beautiful and really showed what amazing creative skills they all have. Well done Year1, we hope that you and your families have a relaxing half term holiday.

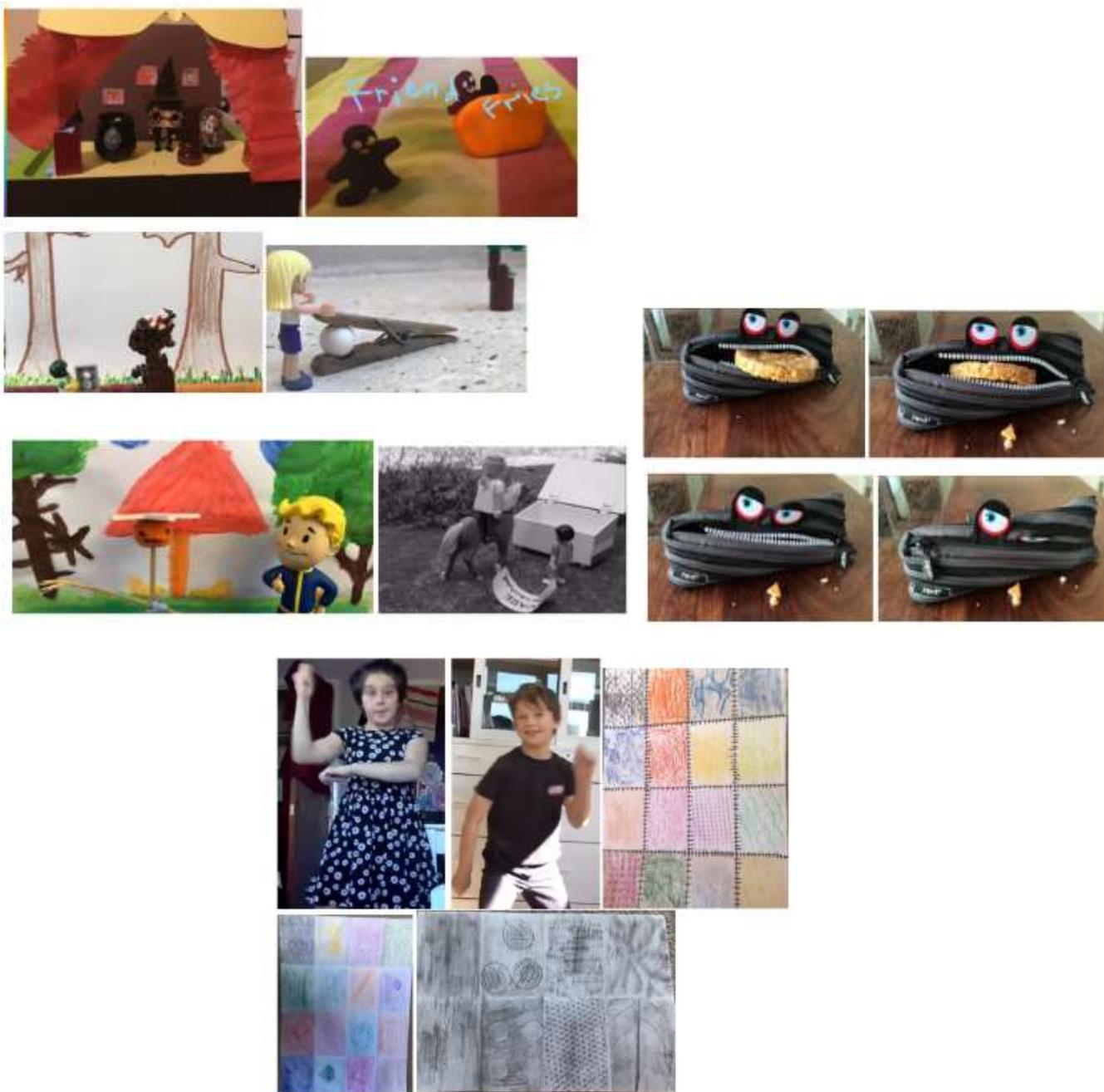


Year 2 - have worked really hard in Maths this week where we have started to look at fractions. I have enjoyed listening to all the children read and some of the books have brought back memories of stories I used to read such as Mrs Pepperpot, also some favourite stories of mine like The Tiger who came to Tea. I was able to catch up with Mrs Davey at work and we videoed a dance for PE for the children to do and I have received lots of lovely messages saying thank you. Some amazing shoe box habitats have been produced and I have enjoyed looking at all of them. The children have accessed lots of BBC bitesize activities which have taken them on adventures around the oceans of the world.



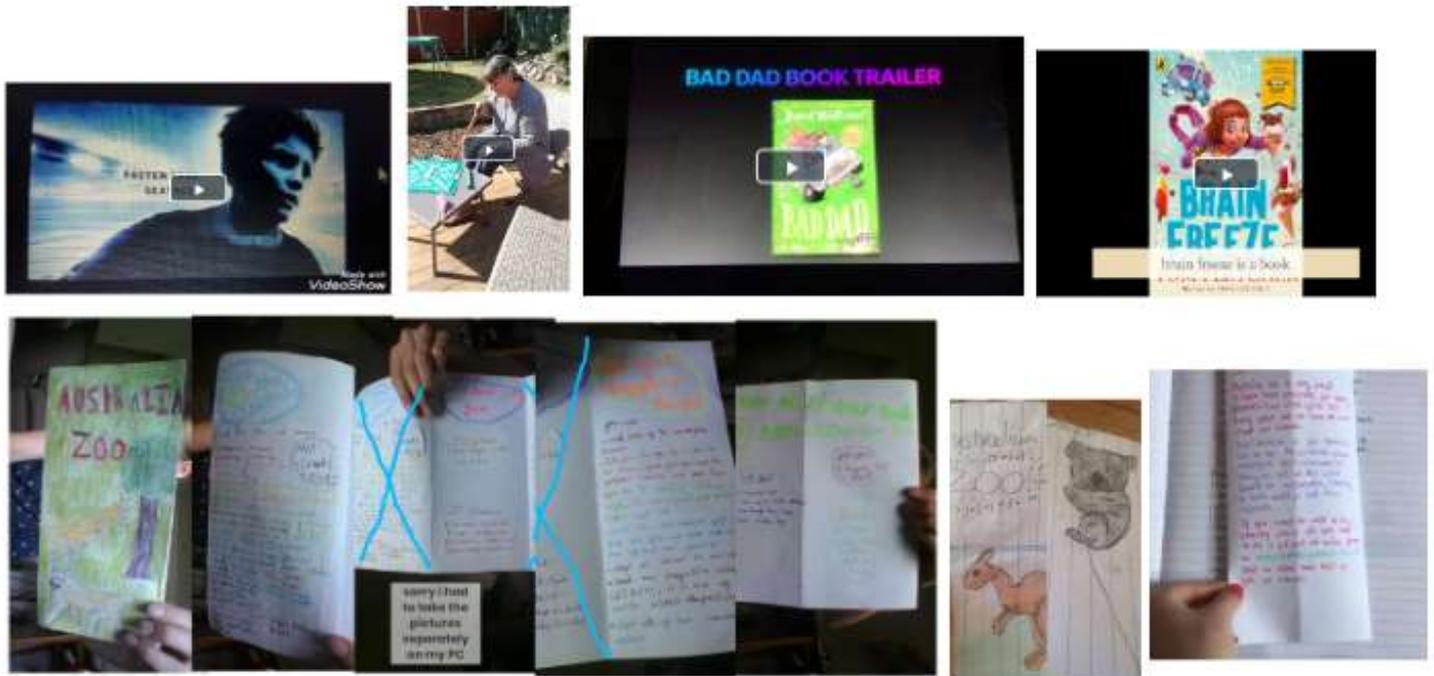
Year 5: This week Year 5 were busy creating their own Stop-Motion Animation! They thought of an idea for their story and created the setting, characters and a storyboard; then they took photos and used a software to produce their very own animation! There were some clever titles and brilliant sound effects! In Art, Year 5 learnt how to make artworks using the frottage technique and found various objects around their house and garden to rub onto a piece of paper and create excellent, eye-catching designs. As always, it was great to see some of the children performing their own dance routines and having fun!

I have been really impressed with the children's engagement with the Maths and English activities and their commitment has been fantastic. Have a well-deserved half term break – relax and enjoy it!



Year 6: This week has been finishing off our Australia topic. We seem to have whipped through it at a rate of knots but maybe that's just the lockdown lifestyle... I have seen a lovely set of travel leaflets encouraging people to visit Australia Zoo and see all their different animals. Particularly good efforts from Dylan, Holly D, Kitty and Sam! Well done all of you!

My other highlight has been the book trailers that you produced. There was a minor hiccup in that I sent out the one with the wrong book title but Y6 coped admirably and exceeded all my expectations. Well done to the parent who ended up hating their Apple device and ended up emailing me to hand the work in! Happy times....



A message to our Sandfield families from our Chair of Governors, Melanie Hancox.

Dear Parents and Carers,

So much has changed in school and the world since we last wrote to you in March. When it became clear that the government would be closing our school to most pupils, the leadership team at Sandfield and the central team at GEP swung into an unprecedented level of action. As chair, I attended a virtual update meeting with the GEP trustees, the other chairs and the central team who shared their plans with us. There has been a huge amount of work going on behind the scenes to ensure that, for example, staff are well looked after, IT is working properly and that our premises are kept safe and secure.

The governors have had to learn new meeting protocols for holding our meetings on Zoom and we have met twice since the school closed, with, as I write, another meeting scheduled for this evening (Tuesday 19th May). Much of our recent business has been in asking questions about remote learning, how well it is working, how our families are managing to balance their working lives with supervising their children’s learning, how the school is keeping an eye on our more vulnerable pupils, the new arrangements for free school meals and so on. But there has been much business as usual to look after, too. We have reviewed and agreed policies and this evening, we will be asking questions about the draft budget for next year and beyond.

We have been so impressed and are so grateful to all of the staff who have continued to work with dedication to educate all of our pupils, whilst at the same time negotiating their own family lives and individual circumstances. The school leadership and governors are also extremely grateful to you, the school community, for supervising your children’s work and adapting to these new ways of working with creativity, patience and fortitude. Much remains unclear and we will need to continue to ask for your patience as we negotiate the choppy waters ahead. This remains an unsettling time for us all and our community will recover and go on to thrive if we continue to work together and continue to be kind to one another – both key Sandfield values.

Very best wishes,

Melanie Hancox, Chair of Governors

I will be in touch again about Sandfield re-opening after half term, when the government makes a final decision as to whether schools will open more widely for other year groups **from** Monday 1st June. This is a tricky time for all for us, as we are unable to set firm dates for our staggered opening. Please have patience and understanding.

Wishing you all a happy half term.

Take care 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