



**Sandfield Primary School, Stoke Road, Guildford, GU1 4DT, 01483 566586**

**MESSAGE FROM MRS COLLINS**

**Miss McIllroy is  
Teacher of the Year in a Primary School**

Congratulations to Miss McIllroy for achieving this amazing award. We are so proud of her. Pearson National Teacher Awards recognise excellence in education across the UK. This award is for Miss McIllroy's work for all those children that need something more. She is a champion of our SEN pupils and her work has had such a positive impact to those children and their families.



**Curriculum Breakfast Briefings**

We would like to invite you to our Phase Group Curriculum Meetings. This provides an ideal opportunity to meet the teachers in your child's phase, as they explain the expectations and curriculum.

This year we are trialing these meetings as a breakfast briefing, so you can come and join us for a coffee and croissant straight after school drop off.

KS2 - Wednesday 4th October at 8:45 - 9:15am

KS1 - Wednesday 11th October at 8:45 - 9:15am

To book please click the [link here>>](#) This will help us order enough breakfast for everyone. If you are unable to make this, we will upload the PowerPoints onto the website for your information.

**A New Song for Sandfield – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October – 8:45am**

After five years of being head at Sandfield, I have decided that we needed a new school song and flash mob. Mrs Davey has choreographed a new routine and the children have been practicing. We will be filming on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 8:45am and you are all welcome to come and join in. The more the merrier and bring your friends and family! I am sure your children will teach you the moves.

Here is the link to the song for you to practice at home. Enjoy 😊

**The Power In Me**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5CAL3OC-Qfk>

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Collins and the Sandfield Staff

## NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

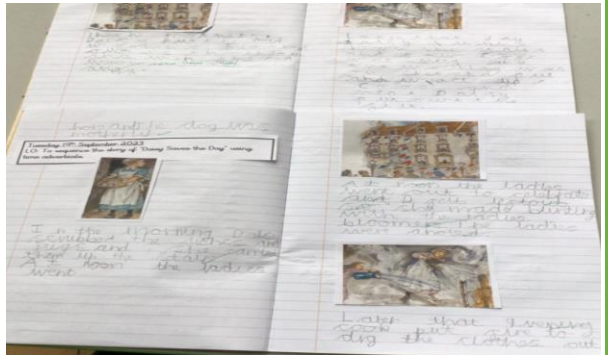
### Reception Class

This week, Reception came back refreshed and ready for more adventures in their new learning landscape! We've used this week to practice "big school skills" in which they continue to show determination! We have also started discussing our uniqueness and families.



### Year 1 and Year 2

This week, in English we have discovered what fantastic imaginations Year 1 and Year 2 have as we have been re-telling the story of Daisy Saves the Day. They have all worked hard at generating their own ideas and using new vocabulary.



### Year 3 and Year 4



In Science this week, the children have been investigating their teeth and discovering what different types of teeth they have and what their functions are. They really enjoyed using dentist angled mirrors to examine their own teeth and find out how many they each had and try to name them. I wonder if they can remember which teeth are doing what job whilst they are eating their breakfast?

## Year 5 and Year 6

Do you know how a periscope works? We do, so be sure to ask us! We were set the challenge to make one in Science using our knowledge of angles of incidence. Some of us were more successful than others with our designs!



## MEET THE TEAM

This week, meet the Office Team!

### **Lindsey Donnithorne**

I have worked at Sandfield for nearly 26 years and during this time I have had several roles, Parent of 3 girls who are now all grown up with children of their own, Teaching Assistant, Clerk to the Governors, Secretary to the PTA and Admin Assistant. My current role is Admissions, PA to the SLT and HR Operations. You will also see me on the school gates and in the playground welcoming parents and children to school. Mornings seeing all the children coming in is an absolute joy! This is an amazing place to work and each day is different. 2 of my 7 grandchildren come here now and for me Sandfield is truly a family school.

### **Helen Elliott**

I have worked in schools for 22 years with the last 16 years at Sandfield Primary School. I started school roles within a secondary school and moved to another primary school before joining Sandfield. My role has evolved over time and is now mainly all aspects of school finance as well as data, lettings and clubs and school office support for the PTA. I love working at Sandfield, which has a real family feel. My time spent at the gates after school, and in the playground in the mornings, gives me a wonderful opportunity to meet the families and interact with the children. I have children myself, but they are all grown up now, but this does bring an added advantage of grandchildren with whom I love to spend as much time as possible.

### **Becky Hart**

Becky has joined us from the Trust Central Team and is responsible for the School Budget. Becky is a very proud mum to 2 little guinea pigs and she is in every Wednesday, so please say hello if you see her!

### **Thabi Mabinda**

I've officially been part of the Sandfield crew for a full year, and believe it or not, it's my first rodeo in the world of schools! My role here involves a bit of everything - from keeping a tight ship at lunchtime dinners, making sure all children are catered for and rolling out the welcome mat for our

visitors, to uniforms and some financial assistance. Oh, and don't forget my superpower of managing hometime and permanent arrangements, all the while being the go-to support for our fantastic Sandfield team. And just when you thought that was it, I've also taken on the role of Attendance Officer, making sure our records are top-notch. Plus, I'm proudly sporting the title of "Mom to a Sandfield Superstar." Yep, it's been quite the adventure, and I wouldn't have it any other way!

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Children in Celebration Assembly this week were:

Reception Class: Children will be joining us later in the term.

Year 1: Sadie and Tawaka

Year 2: Akram and Ivy

Year 3: Connie and Calumn-Neil

Year 4: Faith and Lucas

Year 5: Youcef and Alveena

Year 6: John and Said



## REMINDERS & MESSAGES

### Home-time Club with Planet Soccer

Due to confusion at the end of the day Planet Soccer now has a cut-off time of 10.30am for booking places for the same day. Please be aware that your booking will not be accepted after this time.

Parents and carers must also advise Planet Soccer of any changes to collection arrangements.

### Family Science Sessions

Please see attached an invitation to this event and booking information. Sessions have already started, but there are still places available!

### PTA Autumn Term Event

Our Winter Fair this year is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 5:00pm-7:00pm. We look forward to seeing you all there!



### Reception Parents!

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 2-3pm, we welcome all Reception parents to an EYFS Curriculum presentation. This will be a chance to sit down with Mrs. Phillipot to unpack the wonderful world of Early Years: the EYFS curriculum, school expectations and what your children will be doing this year. This is also an opportunity to ask questions or clarify anything as the newest members of the Sandfield family!