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**Newsletter
29th September 2023**

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MESSAGE FROM MRS COLLINS

The autumn term is always a busy one. Please see below for key dates and events leading up to half term.

Reminder Curriculum Breakfast Briefings - Change of date KS2

Please note the change of date for KS2 as it clashed with secondary school open days.

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

KS2 - Wednesday 18th October at 8:45 - 9:15am

Please [click the link here to sign up](#). This will help us order enough breakfast for everyone.

Parent Teacher Meetings - Save the date

This is your opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and chat through how they are settling into their new year group. The class teachers would love to see everyone.

Tuesday – 17th October – 3:40pm – 6:00pm

Thursday – 19th October – 3:40pm – 6:00pm

Join us for the Flash Mob – Friday 6th October – 8:45am

Thank you to all those parents who have been singing our new school song with their children in preparation for next Friday. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in. Mrs Davey will be leading the dancing, so we can all be part of this performance. The cameras are ready to roll!

The Power In Me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5CAL30C-Qfk>

Staff News

It is with sadness that I inform you that Mrs Donnithorne, our amazing office team member, has broken her shoulder. She is waiting to see what treatment will be needed to aid her recovery. I know that you will join me in wishing her all the best and we look forward to seeing her back at Sandfield when she is recovered. In the meantime, the office staff, Mrs Elliott, Mrs Mabinda will be working extra hard to make sure everything is done. Please bear with us if things take a bit longer.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Collins and the Sandfield Staff

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Reception Class

This week Reception have been discussing the word 'unique' and how we are different in our own special ways. In pairs, the children spoke to peers about their talents, hobbies, families, likes and dislikes. They found that they are a lot more similar than they thought! They painted self-portraits by looking closely at their unique facial features.



Year 1 and Year 2

This week Year 1 and Year 2 have been busy innovating one aspect of the story 'Daisy Saves the Day'. We enjoyed our experience day when the children had fun recreating the part where Cook's bath was overflowing, and the water was dripping from the tissue paper ceiling! Wait and see our fantastic writing!



Year 3 and Year 4

It has been a science experiment week this week. We have managed to raise a real stink in KS2 with our egg-cellent method to test how acid and alkali affect our tooth enamel. It turns out that putting a boiled egg in a cup of vinegar for 3 days makes the shell all soft and squishy!



Year 5 and Year 6

We have continued to enjoy learning about World War Two. In History, the children explored the Axis powers and the Allies and used this information to produce some incredible maps locating these countries. The children were shocked that over 61 countries were involved!



MEET THE TEAM

This week, meet the Inclusion Team!

Laura Kennedy

I am Sandfield's Special Needs Coordinator or SENCo. I have been at Sandfield almost 7 years; before that, I taught for 5 years in London. Before having my own children, I was also an Events Manager for Teach First/NSPCC/Childline, ChildLine counsellor/trainer and Youth Offending Panel volunteer for years. I love my job - supporting pupils, teachers and families - at Sandfield Primary School. Please do come and say hello or talk to your child's teacher if you have concerns about your child.

Lucy Lidstrom

I have been the Home School Link Worker here at Sandfield for 5 years now and I really love being part of this community focused school. One of my favourite times of the day is being on the gate (in the sunshine) in the morning and welcoming all of your children into school – it is a joy to see them hurrying in as the gates open. Day to day I am involved with supporting families, working with external agencies, running small groups to support children's access to learning – no one day is ever the same!

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Children in Celebration Assembly this week were:

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

Year 1: Pearl and Lucas

Year 2: Harrison and Crizanne

Year 3: Amaya and Stefan

Year 4: Zainab and Thomas

Year 5: Anes and Kasey

Year 6: Tobias and Hasan



REMINDERS & MESSAGES

Important Message from Planet Soccer regarding Home-time Club

Please be aware that, due to changes with Ofsted registration, as of the week commencing 9th October 2023, all children in Reception class are only permitted to attend our Wrap Around Club or after school clubs for a total for 1hour 59 minutes per day.

This can be a combination of Planet Soccer after school clubs and Planet Soccer wrap around club ie: 1 hour after school club and 59 minutes wrap around, or alternatively the full 1 hour 59 minutes at wrap around club. There will be a special link on our website for Reception parents ONLY to use for booking the reduced session.

Learning Support Assistant Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Learning Support Assistant at Sandfield. If you are interested in finding out more about this position within the school please [click on this link](#).

School Photographs

The school photographer is at Sandfield on Monday to take individual photos of all the children as well as sibling group photos.

If your child has PE on this day, they should come to school in their PE kits as usual and will have their photos taken in their kits.

Please remember to bring your red jumpers / hoodies.

October Half Term Holiday Camp

It is now possible to book the holiday camp places with Planet Soccer, please [click on this link](#).

Trip / Event Reminders

Years 5 and 6 Henley Fort trip on 1st November, payment contributions by 11th October please

Year 4 String Scheme, Autumn term contributions before 15th December please

Years 5 and 6 Cross Country Tournament on 5th October – don't forget to complete the form sent by StudyBugs to those parents whose children were selected.

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.



PTA Autumn Term Event

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

More details to follow – watch this space!