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**Newsletter**

**13<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

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

## **MESSAGE FROM MRS COLLINS**

### **Sandfield Flash Mob**

This morning in celebration assembly we shared our Flash Mob with the whole school. The children were amazing; fabulous dancing and great singing. We certainly have some dancing superstars amongst us. Big thanks to Mrs Davey for her choreography and to all of the families that came along to support. Please click on the link to view our 'Flash Mob' – hope you enjoy it.

[Sandfield Flash Mob 2023](#)



### **Harvest**

This year Sandfield will be celebrating Harvest in our Assembly on Wednesday 18th October 2023.

If you can spare any tinned or packet produce or toiletries (shampoo & conditioner, shower gel etc) for our Harvest celebrations, please bring these into the Learning Lab from Monday until Wednesday morning.

If you would prefer to bring in a posy of dried flowers or corn dolls etc. please also bring these in from Monday.

If your child would like to decorate a shoe box to put donations in, please also bring these in from Monday.

The PTA will deliver these donations of food to the needy in our community on Thursday.

Thank you to everyone who is able to bring in any donations.

## Biodiversity Project with Surrey University



Yesterday, Year 5 enjoyed completing another biodiversity survey as a follow up for the Green Wall project. They were using a new app (designed by the university) on ipads to identify unknown plants and animals to compare the findings of an earlier study in June. Hopefully, the research will show increased biodiversity in our school grounds. The children enjoyed exploring and identifying plants and insects and managed to avoid rain showers. Thank you to Charlotte and Abi from the University for involving the children in this fascinating project.

**HELP SANDFIELD ACHIEVE ITS GREEN AMBITION TO CREATE MORE LIVING WALLS WITHIN OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS.**

**Please click on the Go Fund Me logo below to donate and feel free to share with friends and family.**

**Let's make Sandfield a green and clean place for our children.**



## Key Dates

### Curriculum Breakfast Briefings

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

Tuesday – 17<sup>th</sup> October – 3:40pm – 6:00pm

Thursday – 19<sup>th</sup> October – 3:40pm – 6:40pm

Please sign up via Studybugs – a notification has been sent to all families

### October Half term

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**PLANET SOCCER CAMP HERE DURING HALF TERM – [Please click here to sign up](#)**

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Collins and the Sandfield Staff

## NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

### Reception Class

This week Reception focused on hygiene! We discussed hand washing, teeth brushing and taking care of mental health.

We started phonics this week, with the first three sounds of the year (s,a and t). The children wrote these sounds on post-its and they have been sticking them to every surface in the classroom – including all of their friends and teachers!



## **Year 1 and Year 2**

This week in PE Year 1 and Year 2 have been showing us what fabulous athletes they all are! They have been developing their team building skills as well as perfecting their throwing and catching... well done.



## **Year 3 and Year 4**

Year 3 and 4 have had a busy week indeed! We went on our first trip up to Holy Trinity Church on the High Street. We learnt some Christian stories, made a clay heart to show friendship and had a go at making our own version of the 10 Commandments.



## **Year 5 and Year 6**

On Monday, we investigated shadows in science as part of our learning about Light. We measured the width of a shadow when the light source was at different distances and found that the further away the torch was, the smaller the shadow got. Ask us about the difference in shadows between opaque and translucent objects!



## MEET THE TEAM

This week, meet the Year 1 team!

### **Nelly Payne**

Hello, Sandfield parents! I have been a part of this wonderful school for the past 15 years. My journey here began as a Teaching Assistant for Year 1, 3 and 4; and I have since grown alongside our amazing Sandfield children. I trained to become a teacher through the SCITT program with valuable experiences in both Year 4, here at our school, and Year 2 at a different setting. I have spent two enriching years as a Year 5 teacher before embarking on my current adventure, where I have been teaching Year 1 for the past three years. I absolutely love teaching Year 1, where I see the boundless enthusiasm and potential in our youngest learners.

I am also excited that in my role as a science lead, I am working closely with the rest of our fantastic team to nurture a passion for discovery among all Sandfield children.

What's more, both of my children had the privilege of attending this school, so it holds a special place in my heart. It is an honour to be working at Sandfield, alongside such a fantastic team, inspiring children and supportive parents. Thank you all!

### **Laura Di Marco**

Hello Sandfield parents and carers, I'm Mrs Di Marco and I have 16 years of dedicated experience in education, starting in Italy where I gained an Art Diploma and a Master's degree in "Literature and Philosophy", complemented by a postgraduate master's degree in HR.

In addition to my extensive teaching background, I've had short but impactful experiences at George Abbot School in the SEND department and at Boxgrove School.

For the last six years, I've been an integral part of Sandfield School, working across various year groups from Y5 and Y6 to Y3 and Y4.

Currently, I'm very excited to be in Y1.

I take great pride in being part of Sandfield School, it's truly a rewarding journey.

Beyond my professional life, I'm a proud mother of two children. On a personal note, I'm a creative individual with a deep passion for art, music, and cooking. I'm also a sport enthusiast, finding joy and balance through an active lifestyle.

### **Christina Kelly**

Hello everyone!

I have been part of Sandfield as a parent/on the PTA/ and as a TA for 5 years, My daughter has just moved on from her time at Sandfield to secondary school, but I still have my son here in Year 4.

I have been teaching children and adults for over 20 years. Prior to life at Sandfield, I lived abroad in Andalusia, Spain (for 15 years), where I taught

Years 1, 2 and 7,8,9 and 10. I also ran many types of Yoga classes. Maybe your children have already had a session with me at Sandfield?

My absolute favourite thing, is helping children learn to read and so I feel privileged to be able to help them on their learning journey.

I'm looking forward to meeting you all and working with your children.

### **Jenni March-Ward**

Just a quick hello and a little more about me. I've been a part of the Sandfield School community for 13 years as a parent of three children, a PTA member, and for the past 7 years, a Learning Support Assistant (LSA), having the privilege of working in various year groups over the years.

This year, I'm really pleased to be working in Reception and Year One.

I'm also a qualified Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA), which means I'm here to provide support and guidance to your children across the school.

In addition to my experience, I bring a wealth of knowledge in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), Speech and Language, and I'm also trained in Art Therapy and Relaxation techniques.

I firmly believe that school isn't just about education; it's also about nurturing your children, focusing on their emotional well-being and building their self-esteem, a core value here at Sandfield Primary.

## **CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**

Children in Celebration Assembly this week were:

Reception Class: Evelyn and Richard

Year 1: Dawood and Sofie

Year 2: Thayel and Yasmin

Year 3: Kristoff and Winter

Year 4: Safryn and Eva

Year 5: Connie and Leo

Year 6: Aria and Maks



## **REMINDERS & MESSAGES**

### **Learning Support Assistant Vacancy –**

#### **Join our fantastic teaching team**

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](#).

### **Secondary Admission Deadline – Year 6 parents**

Don't forget that the secondary admission application deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> October.



## **October Half Term Holiday Camp with Planet Soccer**

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

### **Trip / Event Reminders**

Year 1 Victorian Toy Museum on 30<sup>th</sup> October, **payment contributions by 13<sup>th</sup> October please**

Year 2 Victorian Toy Museum on 6<sup>th</sup> November, **payment contributions by 13<sup>th</sup> October please**

Years 5 and 6 Henley Fort on 6<sup>th</sup> November, **payment contributions by 11<sup>th</sup> October please**

Years 3 and 4 Butser Ancient Farm on 29<sup>th</sup> November, **payment contributions by 15<sup>th</sup> November please**

Year 4 String Scheme **Autumn term contributions before 15<sup>th</sup> December please**

Years 1 and 2 Great Fire of London Experience day on 8<sup>th</sup> January, **payment contributions by 8<sup>th</sup> December please**



### **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!

More details to follow – watch this space!