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MESSAGE FROM MRS COLLINS

Harvest Assembly

A big thank you to all those families that sent in food for our Harvest assembly. It is greatly appreciated. Our assembly was led by Mark Woodward and Christine Mogford from St John's Stoke. The children enjoyed seeing how many different words they could make from the letters in HARVEST. The most poignant were "have, share and hearts." The food that was kindly donated will be sent to the North Guildford Food Bank. This charity delivers food parcels to families within 3 miles of Sandfield, with its mission to ensure that no one goes hungry.



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



Key Dates

October Half term

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October

Return to school Monday 30th October – 8:30am

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Wishing you all a wonderful half term,
Mrs Collins and the Sandfield Staff

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Reception Class

Secret codes and symbols everywhere this week in Reception! Adventure Island has arrived and has brought with it all sorts of imaginative creatures and mischief. The Message Centre also arrived in the class where the children unlocked superpowers and magic when they wrote symbols, sounds and words!



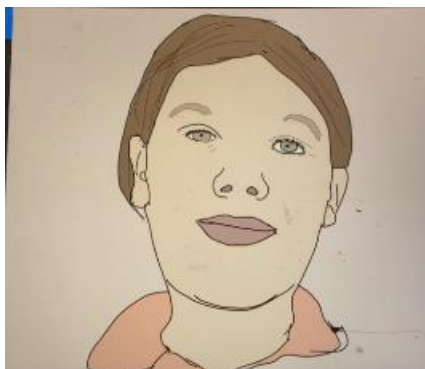
Years 1 and 2

In computing this week, Year 1 and Year 2 have been learning how to use "Chatter Pix" to make a talking image. We had fun using filters, stamps, frames, and what we have learned about Queen Victoria to create our image. The children have uploaded it onto Seesaw for you to watch at home.



Years 3 and 4

Year 3 and Year 4 have been learning how to create animated presentations using Keynote. They took photographs of themselves and produced some amazing animations using their fingers to create intricate details on their ipads. They all worked incredibly hard and produced some truly outstanding work! Mr Godber and Mrs Dorman were super impressed!



Years 5 and 6

We have performed 'Hey Mr Millar' for our end of unit assessment about Big Band and Swing music. We have been practicing singing in unison and in a round.



MEET THE TEAM

This week, meet the Year 2 team!

Claire McIlroy

Hello Sandfield parents and carers,

I have been part of the Sandfield community for nearly four years. I have had the privilege of teaching all year groups in the primary phase for over 20 years. Teaching is not just a job to me; it has always been my passion since I started university to study primary education in 1999. What is amazing about teaching is that every day is a new and exciting chapter.

I absolutely love my job and it is incredibly rewarding to see how I can support children in achieving their goals and to help them build their resilience and determination to succeed.

It is a journey I cherish, both as an educator and as a parent. I have two children of my own, one in Year 2 and the other in Year 8, which gives me a unique perspective on the needs and aspirations of our children at Sandfield.

I lead reading, phonics and writing across the school. I am passionate as to how reading is taught as it is the foundation upon which nearly all learning is built.

Year 2 holds a special place in my heart and every day spent with these young learners is an adventure itself. I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of such a supportive and fun-loving team at Sandfield, where learning is always fun! 'Fun is the fuel that drives the engine of curiosity and curiosity is the engine of learning.'

I am thrilled to be part of this incredible community and look forward to another year of fantastic learning and growth for all of our children.

Helen Holloway

Hi, I have been part of the Sandfield family for five years and I believe that as a teacher it is a real privilege to have the opportunity to teach our children a wide diverse and exciting curriculum that will hopefully inspire them for years to come.

Prior to teaching I worked as a nurse and then as a hospital manager in a variety of London hospitals for 30 years so bring a unique experience to teaching as I still continue to also work as a nurse.

I absolutely love working in KS1 and particularly in Year 2 as every day I learn something new and exciting from our children who also always make me laugh with their stories! History and Geography is one aspect of our curriculum that I really enjoy teaching.

It is fabulous to watch the children gain confidence, knowledge, and skills especially when they then come in on a Monday to tell me some other fact they have learned about our topic.

Being the school lead for Sport and PE is such a fabulous role. I am very passionate about ensuring that all our children have the opportunity to try different sports so that when they leave us at the end of Year 6 they have all found something that they enjoy doing to help them stay fit and healthy.

Fiona Campbell-Bell

Hi, I've been a Teaching Assistant at Sandfield for 17 years. My (now grown up) children attended Sandfield and I started as a parent helper, which led to me becoming a Teaching Assistant!

I've spent a total of 9 years as a Teaching Assistant in Reception Class, which was a wonderful experience.

I've also been a Teaching Assistant across the school, up to and including Year 4. This year, I was delighted to return to the role of Year 2 Teaching Assistant and have immersed myself in our Victorian topic!

It is a privilege to support the children in their learning. I particularly enjoy teaching phonics. It is extremely rewarding to watch the children gain the confidence, knowledge and skills they need to enable them to achieve success. I also love reading stories to the children, music and singing.

In the past, I ran a Nurture Group at Sandfield, which enabled me to develop my interest in supporting children's social, emotional and behavioural wellbeing.

For the past year, I have been part of the 'morning club' team, which has given me another opportunity to interact with children across the school. I feel incredibly proud to be a part of our fantastic Sandfield team!

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Children in Celebration Assembly this week were:

Reception Class: Henry, Kayden and Isaac

Year 1: Rex and Lola

Year 2: Hope and Luca

Year 3: Zach and Cumi

Year 4: Ines and Ili

Year 5: Ernie and Samuel

Year 6: Martha and Lilly



REMINDERS & MESSAGES



KS1 Nativity

Please can we let you know the dates for the KS1 Nativity

Performances are as follows:

Monday 11th December at 2.00pm

Thursday 14th December at 9.30am

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](#).

Statutory Attendance Reminder

Each term we have a statutory obligation to remind parents of the school's attendance policy. Brief information is listed below but please make sure you familiarise yourself with the full policy which is on the school's website or click here to be taken straight to the document.

- School must be notified by 9.15am each day that a child is absent – via Studybugs

- If a call is not received and we are unable to contact you, further steps to investigate can be taken, which could result in a home visit from the school or police – we need to make sure everyone is safe
- Children in all year groups who need to leave / arrive during the school day must be signed out or in to school, by an adult via the office
- Medical appointments should be made outside of school hours for routine dentist and doctor appointments wherever possible - for any medical / well-being appointments during school hours a StudyBugs message can be accepted in advance - evidence of the appointment will still need to be provided via email (parents@sandfield.surrey.sch.uk)
- A StudyBugs message can also be used for secondary visit absences
- An Application for Leave of Absence in Exceptional Circumstances should be completed, in advance, for any absence of one whole day or more, other than illness - this form can be found on the parent page of the website
- Leave of absence is not authorised during examination periods or at the beginning or end of terms.
- Punctuality to school is crucial and for registration at the beginning of the day - lateness into school causes disruption to that individual's learning and to that of the other pupils in the class
- The school gates are open from 8.30 to 8.45am and registration takes place as children arrive
- Pupils who arrive after 8.50am will be recorded as late to school and receive a late mark in the register
- Registers close at 9.05am - after this time lateness is recorded as an unauthorised absence and a missed session
- Persistent lateness of a pupil will be referred to the Home School Link Worker and/or the Local Authority Inclusion Officer and can be subject to penalty notices

Secondary Admission Deadline – Year 6 parents

Don't forget that the secondary admission application deadline is 31st October.

Trip / Event Reminders

Year 1 Victorian Toy Museum on 30th October

Year 2 Victorian Toy Museum on 6th November

Years 5 and 6 Henley Fort on 6th November

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

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

Years 1 and 2 Great Fire of London Experience day on 8th January, **payment contributions by 8th**

December please

NEWS FROM THE PTA

Meet the PTA

Come along and meet the PTA team on Wednesday 8th November at 3.00pm in the playground. They are looking forward to introducing themselves to all our parents.

PTA AGM

The AGM is taking place on Tuesday 14th November in the Learning Lab. Please come along and support the PTA your input is important. We will be voting in new PTA member roles and discussing fundraising events for the year.

PTA Winter Fair

Organisation for our Winter Fair on Friday 1st December at 5:00pm-7:00pm is well under way. Santa himself will be making a special appearance, there will be an array of international food and cakes, lots of activities for the children and the usual stalls for adults too. There is a flyer being sent home today via Studybugs, giving you a lot more information about the event and the different ways in which you can help and contribute. We look forward to seeing you all there!



SANDFEST 2024

Plans are underway for our summer fundraising event, SANDFEST 2024. Please book the date in your diary, Saturday 22nd June 2024 from 2 – 5pm. Come along to our annual music festival – more details to follow nearer the time.