

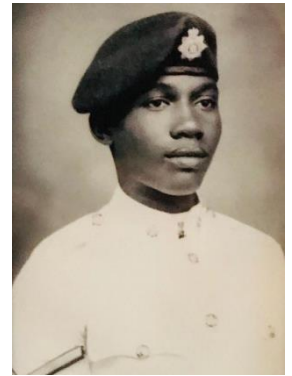


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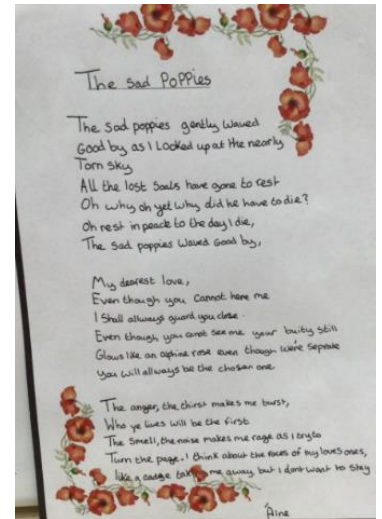
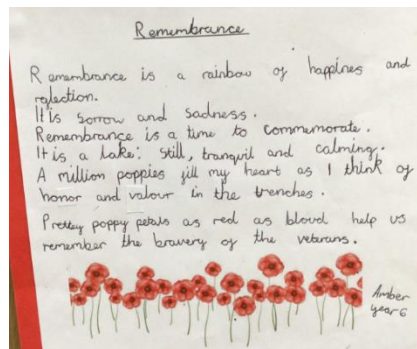
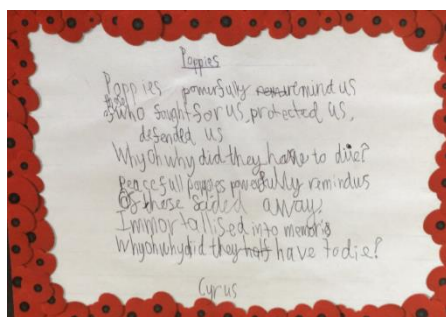
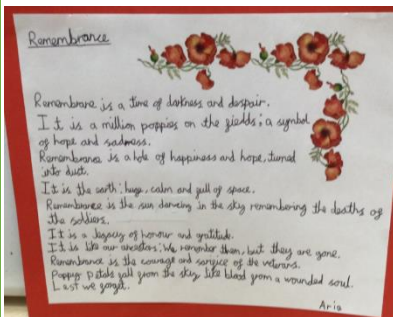
MESSAGE FROM MRS COLLINS

Remembrance Assembly

This morning we joined together as a school community to explore what Remembrance is all about and why it's important to think about people who work to protect others. I shared the story of Norman Harris who was born in Jamaica and always dreamed of being a soldier and travelling the world. Norman joined the Jamaica Defence Force and then was encouraged to travel to the UK to join the British Armed Forces. This he did and served as a Commando in the army from 1965 – 1987. During this time he served in many different countries all round the world, working to protect others and keep the world safe, whilst risking his own life. We remembered all those people who have served and are serving now and those who have scarficed so much for us.



Thanks to Aria, Cyrus, Amber and Aine for sharing their Remembrance poetry.



Staffing News



Thank you – Mrs Lowe

A big thank you to Mrs Lowe for stepping in to work in our school office during Mrs Donnithorne's absence. We appreciate all Mrs Lowe's hard work and flexibility during this time. Also for your positivity and enthusiasm. It has been a pleasure to have you as part of our Sandfield team.

Welcome back – Mrs Donnithorne

We are delighted that Mrs Donnithorne is recovering from her broken shoulder. It is great to see Lindsey back again in the school office. 😊

Welcome Mrs Wong and Mrs Bulus

Following successful interviews we are thrilled to announce the appointment of Mrs Wong and Mrs Bulus. They will be working with children in KS1. We welcome both to our fantastic Sandfield staff team.

Enjoy your weekend,
Mrs Collins and the Sandfield Staff

Reception Class

The role play area of the Three Little Pigs came to life this week as our busy little pigs turned our entire classrooms into a gigantic building site. The children each took on specific, important roles and worked together industriously to build bridges, roads and houses.

Outside, on Adventure Island, the magic graffiti pens gave the children an opportunity to draw and write on the tables and walls – there were so many writers!



Years 1 and 2

This week Year 1 and Year 2 have continued learning about the Victorians. Year 2 enjoyed their trip to the Victorian Classroom and Toy Museum. They enjoyed dressing up in Victorian clothes and compared them with the clothes that they wear today. Year 1 and Year 2 have also been learning about the importance of Remembrance and made beautiful poppies.



Years 3 and 4

This week Year 3 and 4 have been learning about rocks and just what a journey they have been on! In our rock lab the children have been using scientific skills to observe different rocks and try to identify them based on their appearance and characteristics. They saw vinegar react with chalk and tested permeability and buoyancy. Great work rock investigators!



Years 5 and 6

We had a fantastic time at Henley Fort on Monday. Children were able to experience life as a Home Guard taking part in 'roadblocks' where they checked for enemy spies. Home Guard training was required for the role where children wore uniforms, learnt to march and experienced the daily activities that would have happened. Other activities included putting out fires and exploring the vital role of ARPs during the war. Children were shocked by the size of the Air Raid Shelters after squeezing into them and now have a much clearer understanding of how tough it would have been living through the war!



MEET THE TEAM

This week, meet the Year 4 team!

Louise Dorman

Hello Sandfield family! I joined Sandfield in September 2021 as a SCITT trainee and felt at home immediately. I took the plunge to retrain as a teacher after lockdown. I had been working as a teaching assistant for several happy years and I wanted a new challenge!

My previous career was as a lawyer and, believe it or not, there are many transferable skills from law to teaching!

I spent my training year based in Year 2 and Year 5 (at Burpham Primary) and also worked on a placement in a SEN school. I love reading, etymology and the chance to be creative! When I was at school, my favourite subjects were History, Latin and German! I am enjoying teaching Year 4 very much and every day is always completely different.

Out of school, I love swimming (especially in the sea), reading, running and cooking. I have two teenage children (my son is at university and my daughter is about to take her A levels), a ragdoll cat called Willow and a patient husband!

Kate Oliver

As I said in last week's newsletter, I returned to Sandfield in May this year. But my journey with Sandfield began twenty-five years ago when my son joined in Reception class. I loved the small-school feel of Sandfield and soon joined the 'Friends of Sandfield' (PTA) as Secretary, and then later regularly volunteered in my youngest's Reception class.

I joined as a TA 15 years ago and worked alongside a number of lovely staff (some of whom are still at Sandfield) and students. After taking some time to experience other schools, I was excited to rejoin the team. Coming back to Sandfield is like coming home but of course it has evolved under Mrs Collin's leadership and I love the challenge of working in Y3 and Y4 with the wonderful staff and children, led by Mr Godber and Mrs Dorman.

During my time at Sandfield, I completed an English Literature degree and I love to write and curl up with a good book. In recent years I have taught myself to knit and crochet and I also enjoy travelling around the British Isles.

Gary Tozer

I am known as Mr T and am now in my 18th year at Sandfield.

I am currently working in Year 4, but over the years have worked in every class and in a variety of roles but mainly with SEND children.

My association with Sandfield goes back well over 20 years now as my daughter, Imogen, was a Sandfield girl and is now doing a PhD.

I am very much a Sandfield person through and through!

Elwira Piwonska

Hello everyone. I am a new to the Sandfield family as a staff member. However, my daughter (now grown up) attended Sandfield her whole primary school life and I fell in love with the school.

I am now supporting children in the Year 4 class, and it is a real pleasure to work with them.

I love my job and feel proud to be a part of the amazing Sandfield family.

Nadeesha Perera

Hello. I have been part of the Sandfield family as a member of staff since last February as a Learning Support Assistant.

This year I am pleased to be working in Year 4.

Prior to my life at Sandfield, I worked as a teacher in Sri Lanka for 10 years.

Beyond my professional life, I am a proud mother of two girls.

It is an honour to be working at Sandfield.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

There was no celebration assembly this week.

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

Trip / Event Reminders

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

PTA AGM

The AGM is taking place on Tuesday 14th November after drop off in the Learning Lab, 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. Everyone is invited so please do coming along.

CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS

The proof cards were sent home with your children this week for Years 1 to 6 and Year R will either be today or early next week. The deadline for placing orders is 20th November.

THANK YOU

Dear All!

It was fantastic seeing everyone at the uniform swap on Wednesday! We hope you managed to grab some useful bits for your children!

Many thanks to the people who were able to put in a contribution. Cash and PayPal contributions total of £57.50. If anyone else feels they want to do a last minute contribution, here is our PayPal link again.

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/sandfieldpta>

PTA Winter Fair

Organisation for our Winter Fair on Friday 1st December at 5:00pm-7:00pm continues at full speed as it is not long now!

Watch out for a exciting news on Santa's Grotto over the weekend!!

- Start collecting small recyclable boxes, packaging, paper bags, tubes etc for Jolly Jingles instructions shared via WhatsApp – ask Mel (parent of Year 2 & Year 5 children)
- Booking slots for Santa's Grotto go live on Saturday 11th November, further details to follow.
- 'Decoration making workshop' for Santa's Grotto. Saturday 18th November 9.30am-1.00pm. We still have slots available, so come along to the Learning Lab at the school for some festive crafting, including a big gingerbread house and gingerbread men. Slots are, for the younger children (KS1 from 9.30am) and older children (KS2 from 11am) – use the link below to sign up:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeVyxfasbI4d9ZNWAUWxGGNoJ677sQSXtjyWRMCzeriE7Fw/viewform?usp=sf_link
- Winter Fair Volunteer Slots are now available. We need your help to make this fair a success. Please sign up using the link below to help at the fair, or before and after. Thank you.
<https://volunteersignup.org/PMRJY>
- Sign up for Cake contributions and International Food contributions via the link below:
<https://forms.gle/r542618S71cunLgQ8>
We would love to be able to keep sharing all our favourite festive dishes and we appreciate all your contributions!
- Winter Fair Organising Volunteer slots available! Are you good at organising or project management? We could do with an extra pair of hands (or two) to make the Winter fair happen! Please contact Charlotte on 07708530445
- Please pass any raffle prizes you have managed to source to Charlotte yr2

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Your Sandfield PTA



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.