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MESSAGE FROM MRS COLLINS

Guildford Mayor - Masuk Miah - helps judge the Sandfield Art Competition

In September, every Sandfield pupil entered an art competition based on their summer holidays. The competition was the idea of Graham West, Area Construction Manager, the company which is currently redeveloping the building next door to Sandfield. Each picture is now displayed in the window of the building with a banner showing small versions of every design. The children enjoyed spotting their picture.



Assisting the Mayor with the judging were the year 6 Ambassadors and Tour Guides who shared their thoughts for year group winners and then the overall winner. The Mayor was impressed with the children's creativity and use of colour. Each winner received an Amazon gift voucher in celebration assembly today.

Winners

- Year R – Athena
- Year 1 - Leo
- Year 2 - Max
- Year 3 - Meabh
- Year 4 - Hanee
- Year 5 - Gracie
- Year 6 - Esther

Overall Winner – Martha - Year 6



Enjoy your weekend
All best wishes

Mrs Collins and the Sandfield Team

Reception Class

This week, we had the pleasure of learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali from one of our very own. Onish, his mum and dad came beautifully dressed in traditional clothes on Monday. They explained the story of light over dark, goodness over evil and explained the importance of the celebration. They even showed us photos from their family's celebrations in India and brought us traditional snacks to try. The children loved learning about this festival and the buzz carried on throughout the play this week!



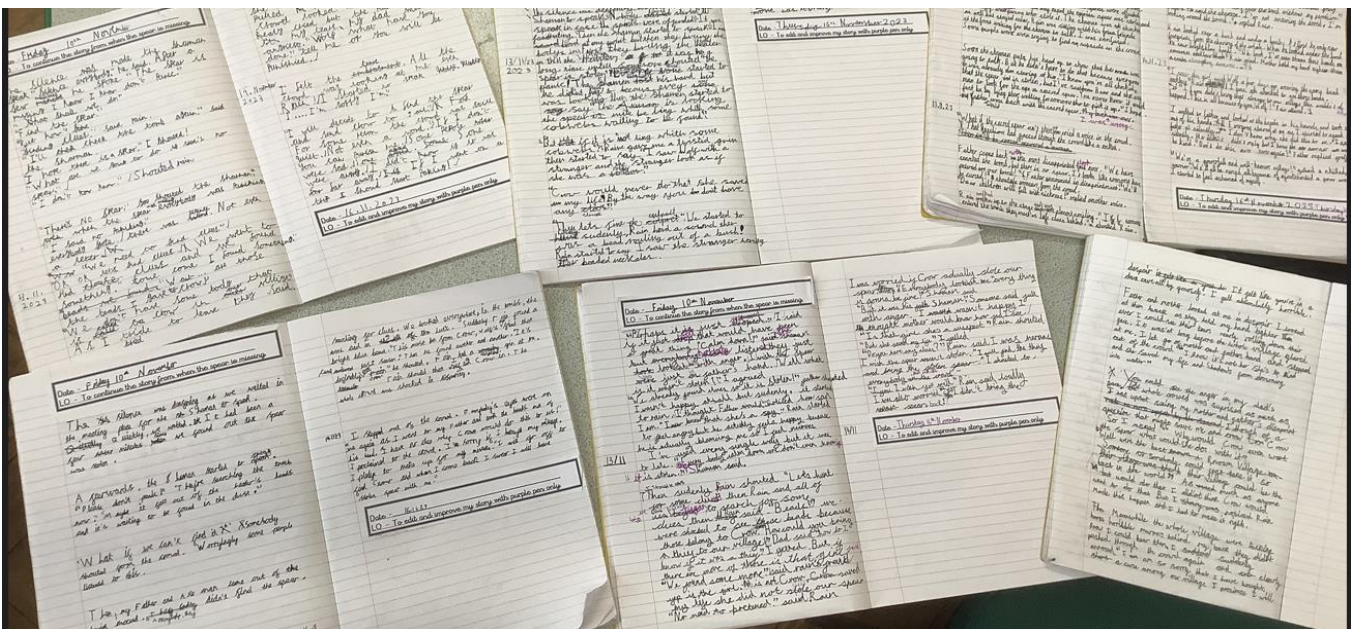
Years 1 and 2

This week we continued our Victorian theme, and in the playground, we played a variety of games. Some of which we learned about at the Toy Museum. The children really enjoyed playing "The Potato Race," "Oranges and Lemons" and flicking the marbles at a target. After playing the games we wrote an explanation of how to play their favourite game.



Years 3 and 4

Year 3 and 4 have been busy with our writing this week. We are starting our journey with using handwriting pens and it is proving a brilliant experience. There are the usual bits of presentation worry as we all transfer from pencil to pen but it has been a very good process so far.



Years 5 and 6

In a few weeks time, we will be making Anderson shelters in DT. We are at the planning stage, so tested the strength of different materials to decide which would be suitable for our prototype. The corrugated card held the most cubes and it was also the most difficult to rip and cut. We think it will be best to make a wooden frame and use the card for the sides. Watch this space for our finished products soon!



MEET THE TEAM

This week, meet the Year 5 team!

Justine Grant

Hello everyone,

I have been part of the Sandfield family for nearly fifteen years and feel so privileged to be part of such an amazing community. I started my teaching career as a secondary school teacher and then moved to primary school age when I relocated to Surrey before having children. I've never looked back. I've been teaching for over thirty years (!) and believe I have the best job in the world which is due to the amazing children I teach now and have taught over the years. It sounds cheesy but Sandfield is simply the friendliest, kindest and most enjoyable place to work where children love to try new things and learn in a positive and fun environment. I learn as much from the pupils as I hope they learn from me! I'm lucky to work with such a wonderful staff who are friends as well as colleagues and every day starts with a cup of tea and a catch up, which is the perfect start to the day.

I lead history and geography – a role I thoroughly enjoy as I hope all children will leave Sandfield with a fascination about the world and its people.

Outside school, I enjoy reading, drinking lots of tea, eating lots of chocolate and spending time with my family. My son is currently studying at university and my daughter has recently graduated and is now living back home with us which is lovely after going through the empty nest phase.

Jo Davey

Hello everyone! I have proudly worked at Sandfield for the past five years as a teaching assistant, starting in year 2 but now in years 5 and 6, and taking over as Music Lead last year. Being able to share my passion for music, singing and dance with all the children (and adults) at Sandfield is deeply rewarding, particularly working with year 6 to create their end of year Musical.

My roots in the arts go back to my training at a Performing Arts College in London, where I also earned my dance teaching qualifications. Before joining the Sandfield staff team, I worked as a professional dancer/singer traveling the world. I then shifted gears as I got older, teaching ballet, tap, jazz and musical theatre to children and adults until I had my first child.

I have been part of the Sandfield family for 12 years now as both of my children have attended Sandfield; my oldest son started in Reception and is now maneuvering through sixth form, while my youngest son is currently in year 5. Over the years I have been a parent volunteer, Class Rep and part of the PTA, I honestly couldn't imagine working anywhere else!

Linda Parker

Hello parents of wonderful Sandfield pupils. My previous profession was a journalist, but after a break to retrain as a counsellor whilst I cared for my father, I discovered an aptitude for caring, and started respite foster care. Although born and raised in Chester, I have lived "down South" for many years. Initially I brought my daughter up in Hove, and although we loved living by the seaside, we moved to Guildford when she was 6 to be nearer extended family (she is now at university)

I love Guildford and progressed from volunteering as a reading helper to working as a TA/LSA in local schools, including special schools. I have substantial experience and training and really enjoy working with children who need some additional encouragement and support. It is important to me that children thrive in education, as with Mrs Grant, having worked in more than 30 different schools (via an agency), I can truthfully say that the atmosphere, the child-centred attitude and the unique nature of the school lured me to stay at Sandfield! I particularly love literature and etymology. I can barely believe I have already been here for more than 6 years, and have worked across all key stages. Although I miss last year's year 2, I am absolutely loving

working in year 5 – working with Mrs Grant and the great KS2 team is wonderful and the children are fantastic!

Outside school I enjoy walking my little rescue dog, working PT at G Live theatre as stage door manager and open water swimming!

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Children in Celebration Assembly this week were:

Reception Class: Ben and Alisha-Ruby

Year 1: Tom and Arthur

Year 2: Chisom and Paul

Year 3: Mia and Nicolas

Year 4: Krrieya and Kyron

Year 5: Aaron and Elodie

Year 6: Theo and Jess



REMINDERS & MESSAGES

Medicines in School

If your child needs any form of medication in school, including throat sweets, these must be handed into the school office and should not be held by your child in their bags.

For all medicines that need to be administered during the school day a 'Request for Medicine to be administered during School Hours' form should be completed using the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScemdolP7Q-MFOYML68HfL15MHnOHdqSVQy2S57dDOP_E1KDw/viewform?usp=pp_url

Staff will then supervise the administration of medicine for your child and this ensures that the medicines do not fall into the wrong hands.



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. **Please remember to cancel hot meals for this day and either choose packed lunch from home or baguette option (for a school packed lunch).**

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

Christmas Card Orders

The deadline for placing orders is 20th November.

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!

Santa's Grotto - Booking for Santa's Grotto is now live and spaces are filling up fast.

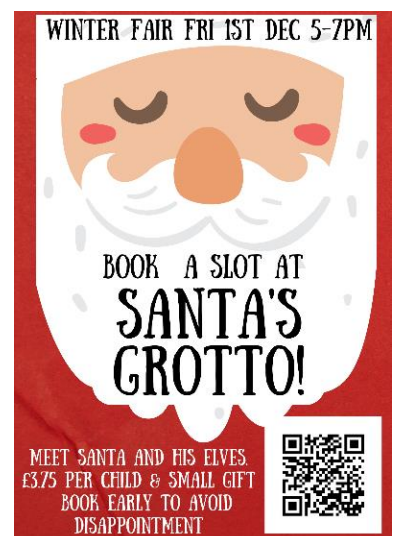
Slots are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

£3.75 per child.

You can book slots using the QR code on posters around the school or by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sandfieldprimary/index.cfm?event=shop&loggedOut=true>

- Start making your Jolly Jingles (use small recyclable boxes, packaging, paper bags, tubes etc). Instructions will be shared again via WhatsApp - (ask Mel yr2 / yr5 for more info)



• Estate agent board sign up extended until end of day on Sunday 19th November. We have 24 sign ups and would love to see 30+. Remember the PTA will receive £10 per sign up. Let's get some more easy money together!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPF9rBH4ABXb25D-uEpblS3emYF3cEvvIAjx5hgGJTWMBIOA/viewform>

• Last Call for the decorations making workshop for Santa's Grotto in the learning lab. This Saturday 18th November 9.30-1pm. Projects include a big Gingerbread House & ginger bread men & Xmas Tree decorations.

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• Winter Fair Volunteer slots available now! Do you love crafting? We still have spaces on the craft table! Do you like getting into character? Enjoy being an Elf at Santa's Grotto for an hour.

<https://volunteersignup.org/PMRJY>

• Please pass any raffle prizes you have sourced to Charlotte yr2 .

• International Food and Cake. Not a whizz in the kitchen or short of time? Fear not! - you can still contribute to our International food stall by donating money via PayPal and still get to enjoy a selection of favourite dishes/ flavours from around the world.

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

Shimaa YrR / Yr2 has very kindly offered to provide some of her much loved halal and vegetarian based dishes for the Winter fair including:

- Chicken Curry & rice
- Vegetable Curry & rice
- Chicken Kebabs
- Mosqaa (Aubergine dish)

Any contributions towards the ingredients are greatly appreciated!

Alternatively, can you provide a cake / bake or savoury easy to eat dish for our fair?

Then please sign up to on the form below!

<https://forms.gle/r542618S71cunLgQ8>

Many thanks!

Your 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.