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MESSAGE FROM MRS COLLINS

Playground Update

As part of our ongoing improvement program at Sandfield, our goal this academic year is to improve our outside space and playground area. Ever since I arrived at the school, this has been a project that I wanted to do. The vision is to create a larger flat space, which can fit two netball courts side by side, which will be resurfaced with wet pour. This is large scale building work and will involve a retaining wall being built in front of the trim trail and then the playground being levelled. The slope will be gone!

This larger, flat surface will improve our outside PE provision as well as ensuring a safer, larger space for all our children to play. The Junior Leadership Team will lead the project in terms of finding out what playground markings, games and furniture the children want.

This is an exciting project for our school community, and we thank the PTA for getting involved in helping raise funds for this.

Enjoy your weekend

Best wishes

Mrs Collins and the Sandfield Staff

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Children in Celebration Assembly this week were:

Reception: Lilly and Alisha

Year 1: Leenah and Petek

Year 2: Manson, Mattyas and Lockhart

Year 3: Alyssa and Owen

Year 4: Teddy and Lottie

Year 5: Krisha and Isaiah

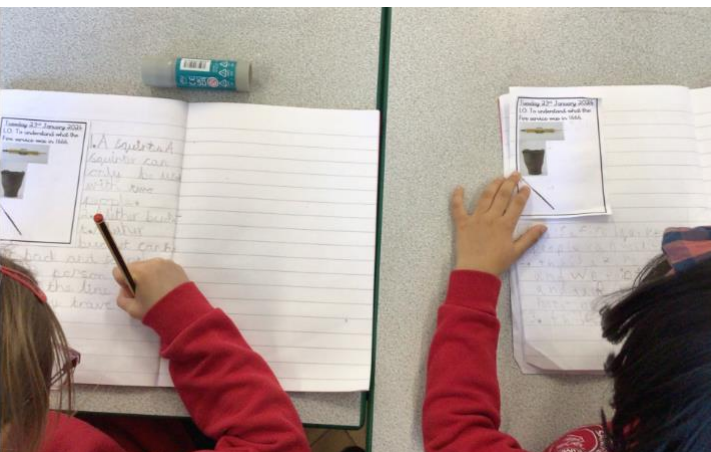
Year 6: Zak and Arda



NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Reception Class

This week, Reception discussed seasons, weather, climate and introduced the big idea of climate change. The children were able to see the effects of global warming on animal habitats in the classroom as they experienced the melting ice ('icebergs') our Antarctic water world. We also discussed and considered ways we can help change the future for our world.

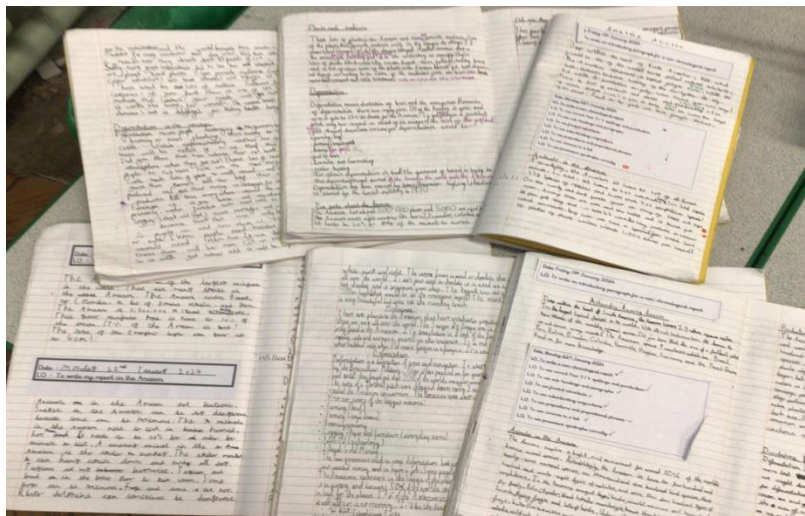


Years 1 and 2

This week in History Year 1 and Year 2 have been learning how they fought the fire during The Great Fire of London in 1666 and what types of very basic equipment they used. They were also fascinated that in 1667 only the houses that had a fire mark above the front door would be saved if a fire broke out.

Years 3 and 4

We have been very busy writing a non-chronological report about the Amazon rainforest this week. We have researched information about different elements for the report eg animals that live in the Amazon, medicinal plants and deforestation. We have discussed what the main causes of deforestation are in the Amazon as well as the impacts of it on living things and climate change. We have also tried hard to use scientific and technical language to describe what is happening. Well done everyone!



Years 5 and 6

We have started a new art unit all about Street Art. We begun by researching the differences between street art and graffiti and looked at many examples from around the UK. We are focusing on climate change and how art murals can get important messages across to the public. In a few weeks, we will paint our own 'street art' murals onto small pieces of wood.



STATUTORY ATTENDANCE TERMLY REMINDER

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.

- 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 8.35 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.
- If children are taken out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not need to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

MESSAGES & REMINDERS

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Medicines in School: Please can we remind everyone that children should not have any medication in their school bags. Inhalers and epipens must be kept in the classroom and any other medication, including cough sweets etc. must be given to the school office. You will need to complete a medicine in school form for any type of medication that your child needs to take in school hours. There is a link to this form is on the newsletter page of the website that is sent out every week.

Reminders

Trips and Events: Please note that school trips are only possible if we receive parental contributions. Late contributions or missing contributions mean that we may not be able to run trips in the future and we would like to remind you to please always try and make contributions on time. If you have any questions about contributions, please contact Lucy Lidstrom, HSLW via Studybugs before any deadlines are due.

Year 6 Residential 2024: (3rd-5th July 2024) – 1st instalment due on or before **31/01/2024**

Year 6 Residential 2025 (current Year 5): (19th-21st May 2025)– deposit due on or before **01/02/2024**

Year 4 String Scheme: contributions of £20 to be paid on or before **22/03/2024**

School Clubs: Please make a note of all times and dates when booking each club, to ensure you collect your child on time.

New Letting at Sandfield: There is a new letting at Sandfield School in the hall on a Wednesday evening, 'Let's do ZUMBA'. Please see the flyer for further details.

Join me every
Wednesday at 6.15pm
for the ultimate dance
fitness workout!

LET'S DO
ZUMBA

At Sandfield School

No need to book! 😊
Hope to Zumba with you soon 🕺

 Zumba with Gemma

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