



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

## MESSAGE FROM MRS COLLINS

### New Playground Update

We have received two quotes so far on replacing and levelling our playground, which we have shared with the Trust. We are in the process of liaising with companies to find the best price for this job. The PTA have kindly completed a grant application to support funding for the new playground and as a school we are in the process of finalising our project on the crowd funding platform, Space Hive. As soon as this is live, we will share the link with you.

Mrs Howard has been working with our JLT to think of ideas for the new playground – a zip wire between the two buildings has been suggested, as well as playground games painted on the new surface. The JLT will be working with their classes to think of a sponsored activity that the whole school can do using the Paris Olympics as inspiration.

As soon as I have the final target figure for the construction work, we will set up a fundraising thermometer, which will measure our progress to reach our target. The new playground will be such a positive for our school, enabling all children to have high quality PE teaching on site, as well as a larger, safer place to play.

### Future Rugby Stars

Barnaby, Tom and Cyrus competed in a rugby match representing Guildfordians against a very strong Cranmore Team. The boys were magnificent with Barnaby scoring 3 tries. In PE this half term, Year 5 and 6 are learning to improve their rugby skills. It's great that we have some experts in the phase to demonstrate how to play the game! Thank you to Tom's dad for sharing the photo.



### Best wishes

**Mrs Collins and the Sandfield Staff**

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Children in Celebration Assembly this week were:

Reception: Evelyn and Mila

Year 1: Sander and Florence

Year 2: Maya and Max

Year 3: Sashant, Amelia and Freddie

Year 4: Yusuf and Mila

Year 5: Adrian and Alveena

Year 6: Olivia W and Zoe



## NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS



### Reception Class

Reception loved being reunited after half term! They have enjoyed getting back into routine and have settled in very well! The classroom has transformed into a gigantic castle, complete with a new reading garden and indoor sand pit, which has been buzzing all week. After we introduced this new topic, the children collaboratively created a variety of sand, wooden and paper castles inspired by castles from around the world.

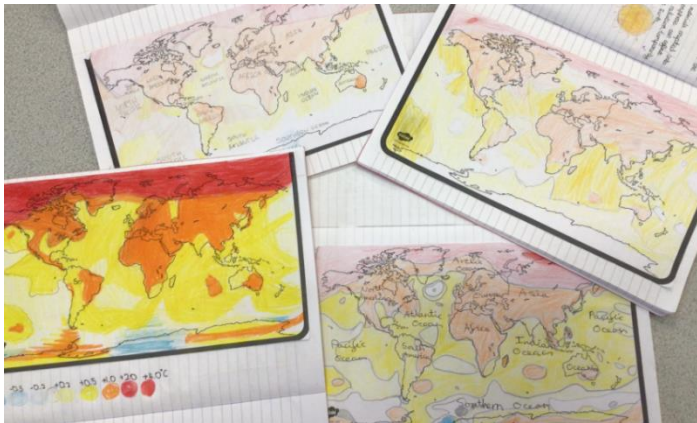
## Years 1 and 2

Year 1 and 2 had a great start back and are excited to continue learning all about material in science. We have been looking at the properties of different materials and used our knowledge to sort them into different groups. Year 1 chose the best material for their rocket, and Year 2 planned an investigation to explore the suitability of different materials.



## Years 3 and 4

What a great PE session we have had today! It is fitness Thursday in Y3/4 this half term. We have decided to do a joint circuit session with all 60 children and as many adults as possible involved. Mrs Collins even joined us for a bit! We have done our initial baseline scores and had a check of our heartbeat at the end this week. Next week will be more sweat and calorie burn!



## Year 5 and 6

It has been lovely seeing the children return to school full of enthusiasm – another busy week in Year 5 & 6! In geography, we have been shocked at the temperature increases across the world due to global warming and the children used their map skills to show these changes. They worked carefully to locate the regions and used a colour key to show their findings – they were so proud of the end results.

## MESSAGES & REMINDERS

### Messages

#### Parent Governor at Sandfield

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the Governor events yesterday. We hope you found them useful.

We are now in a position to send out nominations for a new Parent Governor to you. The closing date for all nominations is Monday 11th March 2024 and the nomination form can be accessed [here>>](#).

In the event of more than one nomination received, a secret ballot will be held. Please ensure that the person you are nominating is aware.

Many thanks

Mrs Kate Collins, Headteacher, Returning Officer



## School Meals

New menus were sent out to parents earlier this week via Studybugs. Please can we remind you to book meals in advance or at the latest by 9am on the day a meal is required.

Please be aware, that a packed lunch from home will need to be brought into school for your child if they have not had a lunch ordered.

## Uniform

Please can we bring everyone's attention to uniform expectations at Sandfield. If your child wears school trousers, these must be regulation school trousers, not leggings or combat trousers etc. Please see the website for a comprehensive list for each phase group.

## Holiday Camps at Sandfield – an Explanation

As a school we have worked closely with Planet Soccer to offer both wrap around care and holiday camps. We appreciate that good quality childcare is very important for working families and we try our best to offer this. Planet Soccer is a business that can only function if there is a specific level of income generated. They have staff to pay, resources to buy, cleaning and rent costs to cover.

Planet Soccer are only able to run a holiday camp at Sandfield in the main holidays due to access of HAF funding to support it. HAF funding stands for Holiday Activities and Food Programme. This money comes directly from the government and is paid to county councils across the country. In Surrey, this funding is known as Club4. Click the link for further details:

<https://www.activesurrey.com/community/club4>

Planet Soccer successfully applied and gained this HAF funding for the Guildford area. This gives Planet Soccer guaranteed funding for each main holiday. It is only this funding that allows Planet Soccer to operate holiday camps at Sandfield. This Easter holiday, Planet Soccer was offered only 1 week of funding and hence the holiday club matches this funding.

To book a place at the Easter Camp please click on the link:

<mailto:http://planet-soccer.info/book-a-holiday-course/>

## 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: (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July 2024) – 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment due on or before **29/02/2024**

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

### Ramadan Celebrations

Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of March at 8.00 am in the school hall. Please note that children need to be accompanied by parents to approve their food choices. Children who are not accompanied by parents will proceed to their classroom as normal

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



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**Sporting Fixtures:** The following fixtures are all confirmed, weather permitting. If your child is selected to represent Sandfield, you will be notified 2 weeks prior to the event to complete any consent and lifts forms.

**Sandfield Sporting Fixtures 2024**

| Date                 | Event                | Year Group | Venue                               | Leaving School | End Time |
|----------------------|----------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Monday 11/03/2024    | Netball Tournament   | 5          | George Abbot School                 | 15.15          | 18.00    |
| Thursday 14/03/2024  | Football             | 6          | Weyfield Primary School             | 15.15          | 18.00    |
| Thursday 21/03/2024  | X-Country            | 5 & 6      | Holy Trinity Pewley Down            | 15:15          | 16:30    |
| Friday 22/03/2024    | Netball-Surrey Storm | 6          | Surrey Sports Park                  | 15.15          | 18.00    |
| Tuesday 23/04/2024   | Football             | 5          | Holy Trinity Pewley Down            |                |          |
| Thursday 25/04/2024  | X-Country            | 3+4        | Boxgrove Primary School             | 15.15          | 16.30    |
| Thursday 02/05/2024  | X-Country            | 1 & 2      | Boxgrove Primary School             | 15.15          | 16.30    |
| Tuesday 18/06/2024   | District Sports      | 3, 4, 5, 6 | Spectrum Leisure Centre             | 11.45          | 16.30    |
| Wednesday 19/06/2024 | Girls Rugby Festival | 4, 5 & 6   | Stoke Park-Guildfordians Rugby Club | 12.15          | 16.30    |

New or changed events in red

**Community News**

**REMINDER: Child Online Safety Parent Workshop**

The Matrix Trust is hosting a series of four parent workshops on child online safety.

[Social Jess](#) will be based at our [Hideaway Café](#) each Tuesday evening in March, from 6:30-7:30pm. The workshops will equip parents to navigate control settings, as well as how to have digital conversations with their children. They will cover online safety; gaming; social media and pornography. Details and booking information can be found [here](#)

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