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# Newsletter

27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS COLLINS

### Mobile Phones Policy at Sandfield

By the age of 12, 97% of children own a mobile phone, but the use of mobile phones in school can lead to distractions, disruption and can increase the risk of online bullying. Teaching primary school children about online safety is important because it helps them develop the skills to use technology responsibly and safely. It also helps them understand the risks of the internet and how to protect themselves.

At Sandfield we follow a clear program of online safety, which is taught from Year 1 to Year 6 and is constantly reinforced throughout our curriculum. This is especially key as every child in KS2 has their own iPad in school. This presents us with the opportunity to teach children how to use the internet safely in school. Also, in Year 5 + 6 this year, we are launching an additional project which focuses on online safety based on work led by the community police. We want every child at Sandfield to be safe online and have this key knowledge as they move forward into adulthood.

Following government guidance issued earlier this year, we wanted to state clearly Sandfield's approach to mobile phones in school.

No child should bring in a mobile phone to school. Our only exception is if they are in Year 5 + 6 and their parents make the decision that their child needs access to their phone walking to and from school by themselves. In these cases, the mobile phone will be handed in on arrival at the school office. Children will sign them in and they will be stored securely throughout the school day. The pupil can then collect them at the end of the school day and sign their phone out from the office.

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In our staff safeguarding training at the start of term we shared and discussed a slide which shows the Apps and ages restrictions for their use. We ask that all parents work in partnership with us to help all children stay safe online.

The diagram below shows the minimum age for some popular apps and services. To create an account for these you will often be entering a legal agreement saying you are at least this age.

### Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?



Wishing you an enjoyable weekend  
Mrs Collins and the Sandfield Staff

## KEY DATES

### Autumn Term 2024

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October** – Individual School Photos (and sibling groups)

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October** – 3:40pm – 7:00pm – Pupil Progress Meetings with the Class Teacher

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – 3:40pm – 6:00pm – Pupil Progress Meetings with the Class Teacher

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** – 9:30am Sandfield Open Day - Tours for prospective parents

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – 9:30am Sandfield Open Day - Tours for prospective parents

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – INSET day

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October** – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November, Half term

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – INSET day

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Whole School Christmas Lunch

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – 1:30pm – End of Term

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

### Children in Celebration Assembly today were:

Year 1: Alisha-Ruby and Manar

Year 2: Archie and Leo

Year 3: Crizanne and Harrison

Year 4: Henry and Zach

Year 5: Tallulah and Eva

Year 6: Ernie and Suzanna

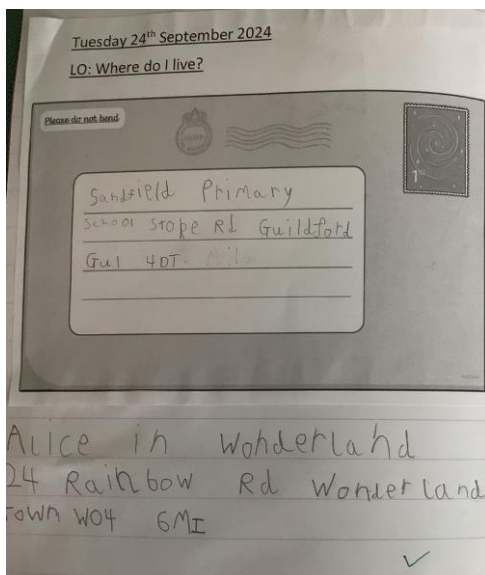


## THIS WEEK IN CLASS!

### Reception Class

This week, the children are feeling more confident in their class. We spoke about families and how they help us grow and make us unique. We spoke about who lives with us at home and some children shared they had family abroad! In small groups, we did our first piece of drawing together to show who was in our families and shared these with the class!

**PE day for Reception Class is Monday**



### Year 1 and Year 2

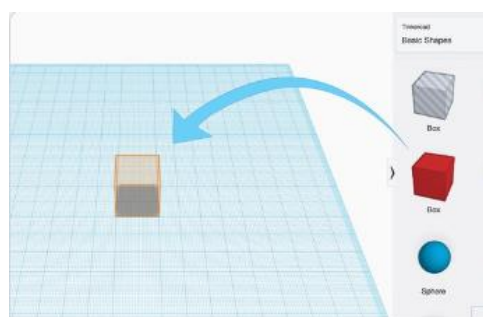
Year 1 and 2 have started their Glorious Guildford topic. In Geography, we learnt how to write an address down on an envelope. Some even created an address for Alice in Wonderland! The children were very eager to share this with the rest of the class. We were amazed at how many children know what their address is!

**PE days for Year 1 & Year 2 are Mondays and Wednesdays**

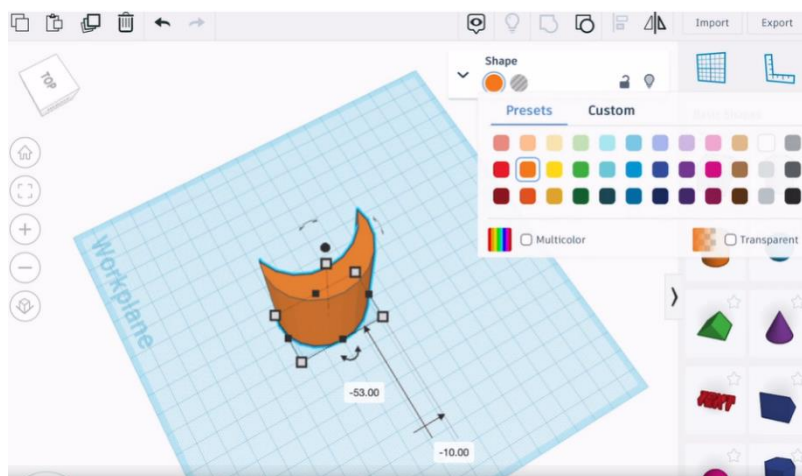
## Year 3 & Year 4

We have begun our computing project with Tinkercad over the last 2 weeks. Our brief was to design a new 3D playground using the Tinkercad software. So far, we have experimented with the different planes of reality and how to merge shapes with opacity to create new shapes. All very confusing for me!

**PE days for Year 3 & Year 4 are Tuesdays & Thursdays**



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## Year 5 & Year 6

Our current Science unit is all about changing materials and in Monday's lesson, the focus was on dissolving. We learnt that the solute (such as salt) doesn't disappear when it is mixed in the solvent (such as water), but it dissolves to make a solution. We predicted which common materials would dissolve and observed what happened when they were mixed with hot water.

**PE days for Year 5 & Year 6 are Thursdays and Fridays**



## NEWS from the PTA

### PTA Annual General Meeting

The PTA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on October 15th, following drop-off at 8:45 AM. All parents are automatically a member of the PTA when your child starts at Sandfield and you are all warmly invited and encouraged to attend!

During the meeting, we will provide updates on funds raised, discuss how the PTA has utilized its resources, celebrate our successes, and outline our plans for the coming year. This is also a great opportunity for anyone interested in joining the PTA Committee to learn more. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Katie (Year 2 & R), Mel (Year 3 & 6) or Charlotte (Year 3 & R).

Thanks a lot!

Charlotte