BREAKING NEWS:

Grandparents' Gardening Sessions on next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Let's hope for good weather!

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Diary dates:

Mon 19th Mar Nursery and Y6 photos

20th - 22nd Mar Grandparents' Gardening Sessions Thurs 22nd Mar Y1/2 Mrs Stillwell's class assembly

Thurs 22nd Mar Governors' Meeting

26th to 29th Mar Lenten Week - Start bringing in Penny Pots, etc

Mon 26th Mar Easter Eggs & Bonnets - judging Thursday

Mon 26th Mar Y6 Open Evening
Tues 27th Mar Y5/6 Bake off - sale to Nursery, Recⁿ, Y5, Y6

Wed 28th Mar Y3/4 Bake off - sale to Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4

Wed 28th Mar Y6 Open Evening

Fri 30th Mar to Sun 15th April **Easter Holidays**

Mon 16th Mar Summer Term starts

Thurs 19th Mar Y5 Trip to Potteries Museum

14th - 18th May SATS Week

11th - 15th June Phonics Screening Week

Lenten Week Activities

Our Lenten activities this year will take place in the last week of term beginning Monday 26th March. This is a time when we think of and raise money for others in need. This year we will be raising money for a local charity to be decided by the children. Our Lenten activities will be:

♦ An Easter Bake-Off for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Key Stage 2 children are invited to design and make an Easter cake(s) for entry into our Easter Bake-Off, but all entries will receive a certificate. A winner from each year group will receive a small prize. These will then be sold.

- -Y5 and Y6 cakes should be brought in for judging on Tuesday 27th March and for Nursery, Reception and Y5/6 to buy.
- -Y3 and Y4 cakes should be brought in for judging on Wednesday 28th March for Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 to buy.

♦ Non-uniform

On Thursday 29th March children are invited to wear non-uniform for a small donation. No theme, just wear what they want.

♦ Small Change Collection

Have you started collecting your 1p, 2p and 5p pieces yet? How about using an old yoghurt pot, a toilet roll tube and anything with fingers to sort your coins.

There will be two small class prizes:

- The class with the most number of coins; and
- The class with the highest total value of coins.

Pots, tubes and fingers can be brought into class from Monday 26th March. Thank you for all your support with our fundraising.



Penny Pot





















Headteacher's Star Awards:

Congratulations to these children who won the Head Teacher's Star Award last week for their hard work, attitude and/or progress:

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Khloe Alcock	Y3/1	Kinga Iwanska
FS1/2	Hunter Hamilton	Y3/2	Ruby Landon
FS2/1	Sebastian Harbron	Y4/1	Salata Lekutu
FS2/2	Florence Burgess	Y4/2	Evie Elliott
Y1/1	Georgia Brownsword	Y5/1	Tyler Thompson
Y1/2	Sophie McGraw-Pointon	Y5/2	Dante Grocock
Y2/1	Lily Hunt	Y6/1	Isobell Martin
Y2/2	Aston Murray	Y6/2	Louise Eaton

News in Brief

• Junior Chef of the Year

Well done to Abbi and Ruby in Year 6 who took part in this year's 'Junior Chef of the Year' competition. Both girls had a lovely day cooking and planting their own herb gardens at Whittaker's farm near Nantwich.

• Y3 to Stone Age and Y4 to Anglo Saxon Museums

We had a double year group visit to Hanley Museum this week with Y4 learning about the Anglo Saxons and Y3 the Stone Age. The children gained a great deal from the visit and we received two wonderful comments from the museum staff on our blog posts:

"I had a great time with Y4 looking at The Staffordshire Hoard. I'm glad you all enjoyed it. Thank you to my Sandford Hill Army for their hard work, excellent behaviour and charming manners. You are welcome back any time! From Lisa at The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery " A huge thank you to our two Governors, Mr Brown and Mr Madden, for all their minibus shuttling too!

• Y3 Dance Delight

On Thursday night I had a wonderful treat watching a group of our Y3 children performing their 'Votes for Women' dance to a packed audience at Victoria Staff and parents were all immensely proud. Well done all for your brilliant performance.

Y5/2 St. Patrick's Day Assembly

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Well done and thank you to Mr Alcock's class for leading our St. Patrick's Day assembly on Thursday morning. Thank you also to all the parents/carers that joined us.

Parent/Carer Phonics sessions 3:30 & 6:00 p.m.

Thank you to all the parents/carers that attended the Y1 Phonics sessions on Tuesday. We do hope you found them useful.

So why is reading important?

Many apologies to our second word millionaire Grace

Wright (not Hunt as published in last week's newsletter!) Still a fantastic achievement Grace!



Reading Champions

The Tony Hughes Award for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'

This medallion, in memory of our former Chairman of the PTFA, is presented each week to a worthy child from each class.

N1	Lily-Grace Steele		
N2	Kaitlin Britchfield		
F2/1	Frankie Moore		
F2/2	Noah Billington		
Y1/1	Seren Churchill		
Y1/2	Vinnie Lockett		
Y2/1	Declan Barnes		
Y2/2	Gracie-Mae Coleman		
Y3/1	Marcus Wong		
Y3/2	Caitlin Harrison		
Y4/1	Kayleigh Wootton		
Y4/1 Y4/2	Kayleigh Wootton Autumn Powis		
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Y4/2	Autumn Powis		
Y4/2 Y5/1	Autumn Powis Oliver Buckley		

Maths Challenge 1

Jo is standing in a queue.



There are 15 people in front of

There are 17 people behind her.

How many people are in the aueue?

NOTICES

• Grandparent Gardening Week

Thank you so much to those that have agreed to take part in our 'Grandparent Gardening Week'. We are very much looking forward to having your help with our gardening projects. You will be sent a reminder of when you said you could help out next week, but please note the following few instructions:

- ⇒ On arrival, please sign in at the front office;
- ⇒ Please wear suitable footwear, preferably wellies;
- ⇒ Please bring some gardening gloves with you;
- ⇒ If you have a large spade you can bring with you, that would be much appreciated;
- ⇒ Make sure you have fun and finally, remember to sign out when you leave!

• Y2 Parent/Carer Maths and English Workshops

Thank you to our Y2 parents/carers have responded to the ParentMail form inviting you to come along to a Maths Workshop on Tuesday 20th March from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. If you haven't yet responded then it is not too late to let us know whether you can come or not. Our Y2 teachers are also planning to do an English workshop at the same time the following Tuesday, 27th March, so watch out for a ParentMail invite to that too. Thank you.

Y6 Open Evenings

Thank you to those Y6 parents who have booked a slot on the ParentMail Parents Evening Manager. If you have not yet booked a slot and have any issues or require help, then please ask at the office. Thank you.

Congratulations

- Congratulations to our trampoliners Lola and Madison Street on achieving their Level 7 and Level 8 awards respectively.
- Well done to Martha Jackson who achieved her Stanley 1 swimming award.

Sporting News

• This week our cross country runners braved the elements at the Discovery Academy. Well done to: Isobell Martin, Rosa Aziz, Macy Latham, Lucy Bloor, Charlie Bradbury, Ubaid Khan, Jesse Addai, Daniel Lamptey, Lewis Leese-Spencer, Ruby Johnson, Libbie Gorton and Libby Barwise for their super efforts.

Blog Of The Week this week goes to our Y3 and Y4 visits to Hanley Museum as shared earlier. Here's a second comment left on the blog: "I'm certainly pleased to hear that you all enjoyed your visit this week. We were all very impressed how well behaved and polite you are at Sandford Hill. I had a fab two days with Year 3 and Year 4 — doing a bit of time-travelling! Your Stone Age Pots are amazing – keep up the good work!"

Tweets of the Week this week goes to some of our Y6 children who attended a 'Cool Science' event at the Kings Hall. They had lots of hands on experimenting along with children from other schools across the city!



week is **97.0%** which is below our

School Attendance Our school attendance for this

school attendance target of 96.5%						
F1/1	91.3%	Y2/2	99.0%			
F1/2	88.0%	Y3/1	98.7%			
F1/3	97.3%	Y3/2	99.0%			
F1/4	96.0%	Y4/1	98.3%			
F2/1	91.3%	Y4/2	100%			
F2/2	100%	Y5/1	96.3%			
Y1/1	96.7%	Y5/2	96.1%			
Y1/2	99.3%	Y6/1	95.7%			
Y2/1	100%	Y6/2	95.3%			

And Finally ...

I have been immensely proud of our children yet again this week for a number of reasons. We feel that the way the children conduct themselves around school, in lessons and at breaktimes is generally very good, but it is especially pleasing to receive lovely, positive responses, such as those from Hanley Museum this week. With our Nursery library visitors, chef finalists, scientists, Y3 dancers and sporting teams all being such excellent representatives of Sandford Hill, the children, staff and parents/carers should all feel very proud of themselves. Well done to all.

Have an enjoyable weekend!

Mr Wardle

Maths Challenge 2

Mina buys 3 pizzas and a bottle of cola.





A pizza costs £3.20 more than a bottle of cola.

The total cost of the meal is f19.40.

How much does each pizza cost?

(You might find it helpful to draw a bar model.)

