



Thoughtfulness and Respect



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Words of Welcome..... Yesterday afternoon we welcomed a gentleman into school who was visiting to carry out a curriculum assessment. Mrs Smith, who has responsibility for RE across the school, had applied to see if we had reached the Bronze standard for the Religious Education (RE) Quality Mark. Several of our children took the assessor around the school, showing him how RE learning happens across the curriculum. They talked about how the children are engaged and in charge of elements of their own RE learning. The children did really well and were praised by the assessor, so very well done to: **Declan Brookes, Joe Woolliscroft, Deanna Buckley, Andraya Knight, Jessica Booth, Chloe Stratford and Bethany Bridgwood**. The above children, along with **Lauren Dugdale, Evie-Mae Chetwynd and Macy Buckley** were also interviewed by the assessor. They were asked a number of questions, including: 'Even though RE is so good, how could it be made even better?' and 'What range of activities do you do in RE, such as art, drama, music?' This has been a fantastic effort by all the children, the staff and particularly Mrs Smith for pulling it all together. But did we achieve the Bronze award? NO – we were granted the Silver Award and will receive a Silver plaque and logo for our website! The first school in Stoke-on-Trent to be awarded it – very well done Mrs Smith!

Diary dates:

NO YOUTH CLUB TONIGHT

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| HALF TERM | Sat 28 th May to Mon 6 th June Inclusive |
| Mon 6 th June | Staff Training Day – school closed to children |
| Wed 8 th June | PALS for new Nursery children – 9:40 – 10:10 a.m. |
| Thurs 9 th June | KS1 watch performance of 'Alice in Wonderland' – dressing up day for KS1 |
| w/b Mon 13th June | Year 1 Phonics Screening |
| Mon 13 th June | Y5/2 River Study |
| Tues 14 th June | Y5/1 River Study |
| Thurs 23 rd June | 'EU REFERENDUM' POLLING STATION - school closed to children |
| w/b Mon 20 th June | Sports Week |
| Sat 16th July | Summer Fayre |

See more diary dates on the School Events Calendar on the website.
www.sandfordhill.org.uk/event-created

Sports Days

EYFS – Tuesday 14th June – 9:20 a.m. with family picnic after [EYFS RESERVE - Friday 17th June – timings as above]

KS1 – Tues 28th June - 10:00 a.m. with family picnic after [KS1 RESERVE – Friday 1st July - timings as above]

Y5/6 – Tues 5th July – 9:30 a.m. to midday [RESERVE Y5/6 – Thurs 7th July – timings as above]

Y3/4 – Tues 5th July – 1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. [RESERVE Y3/4 – Thurs 7th July – timings as above]

Father's Day Sale

Our Enterprise Club are busy again, this time preparing for a Father's Day Sale. Sale items will cost between £1.00 and £3.00 (subject to availability).

Sale dates will be on:

- Friday 27th May;
- Friday 10th June;
- Friday 17th June.

If your child would like to purchase an item, they will need to go to the community room between 12:15 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. on the dates above with their money.

'Blog of the week'! is awarded to Year 5 who shared with us, how they are working hard in Science to brighten up our school grounds: "We've been learning all about plants and their life-cycles this half term. As it was such a lovely day, we decided that we should do our learning outside. We removed the weeds (How do they get there?); removed lots of stones and planted some flowering plants and bulbs. Other children were also watering the veggies in our other raised beds and also topping up the soil on our potatoes. Let's hope that the weather is kind and we have lots of healthy flowers and vegetables. "

There are some lovely photographs of their efforts on the blog- why not have a look?

'Tweet of the Week'

Our Tweet of the week award is dedicated to all of those children who have shared awards, trophies, certificates and home-grown beanstalks with us. It's great to be able to tweet about the successes of our children.



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| School Attendance | | | | | |
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| Our weekly school attendance for last week was 98.7% which is below our school attendance target of 96.5%. | | | | | |
| F1/1 | 96.0% | Y1/1 | 96.0% | Y4/1 | 98.0% |
| F1/2 | 97.3% | Y1/2 | 96.0% | Y4/2 | 99.0% |
| F1/3 | 97.3% | Y2/1 | 98.1% | Y5/1 | 99.3% |
| F1/4 | 100% | Y2/2 | 99.3% | Y5/2 | 100% |
| F2/1 | 100% | Y3/1 | 99.3% | Y6/1 | 100% |
| F2/2 | 98.3% | Y3/2 | 100% | Y6/2 | 100% |
| | | | | Y6/3 | 100% |

The Tony Hughes Award:
This medallion is presented each week, in memory of our former Chairman of the PTFA, to a child from each class who has shown 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'.

| Class | Award Winner | Class | Award Winner |
|-------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|
| FS1/1 | Marium Ashiq | Y3/1 | Corey Regan-Moore |
| FS1/2 | Seren Churchill | Y3/2 | Macy Buckley |
| FS2/1 | Patryk Wozniak | Y4/1 | Harry Hawley |
| FS2/2 | Gracie-Mae Coleman | Y4/2 | Lucy Kelsey |
| Y1/1 | Amine Khan | Y5/1 | Ruby Palmer |
| Y1/2 | Ashton Palmer | Y5/2 | Ethan Bowen |
| Y2/1 | Manni Reynolds | Y6/1 | Renats Reinholds |
| Y2/2 | Mohammed Azzan | Y6/2 | Ryan Marshall |
| | | Y6/3 | Ben Shaw |

News in Brief

• Ahoy me shipmates!

Pirates overran the school on Wednesday, but luckily no one was forced to walk the plank! Instead KS2 children enjoyed a jolly performance of the literary classic 'Treasure Island'. Following this the children created their own pirate adventures. Ho Ho Ho!

Sporting News

• Tri Golf

Congratulations to our fantastic Tri Golf team who this Monday won a Tri Golf tournament at Trentham High School. They managed to beat eleven other teams with a grand total of 1,447 points! Well done to: **Connor Wild, Joshua Bickerton, Taylor Coulson, Jack Sutton, Cody Reece, Tilly Atherton, Deanna Buckley, Tegan Day, Isabelle Knight and Riyaz Rahman** and a special thanks to Mr Brown for his super adding up.

• Swimming Gala

Last Monday morning a number of children represented the school in the swimming gala. All the children swam of their very best and we await next Monday's Y5 swimming gala, to see how we have done overall. Well done to: **Nia Speirs, ben Shaw, Taylor Coulson, Mitchell Leese Spence, Tilly Atherton, Cody Beech, Ethan Vernon, Layla Edwards, Emma Masterson, Deanna Buckley, Lucas Booth, Declan Brookes and Sharni Eaton.**

• High Fives Tournament

A first High Fives Tournament for many of the players proved to be an enjoyable experience and all the girls did themselves and the school proud. Well done to: **Sheila Lomas, Emma Masterson, Isabelle Knight, Chloe Stratford, Deanna Buckley, Bethany Bridgwood, Keira Barker, Tino Nyamayaro, Eliza Goodwin, Amelia Bates, Andraya Knight, Sharni Eaton and Nia Speirs.** Thank you to Mrs Barwise for her support in coaching the team and Mr Brown for getting them there!



Headteacher's Star Awards:

Congratulations are sent to the following 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 | Lexi-Jean Braithwaite | Y3/1 | Daniel Lamptey |
| FS1/2 | Jayden Lawton | Y3/2 | Zack Dunn |
| FS2/1 | Caleb Johal | Y4/1 | Gray Bradbeer |
| FS2/2 | Layla Cope | Y4/2 | Brooklyn Cartwright |
| Y1/1 | Kyan James Pervaz | Y5/1 | Carla Cooper |
| Y1/2 | Skyla Playford | Y5/2 | Tegan Day |
| Y2/1 | Harley-Jay Monks-Neil | Y6/1 | Lewis Sutton |
| Y2/2 | Joshua Lythgoe | Y6/2 | Layla Edwards |
| | | Y6/3 | Chelsie Davies |

Notices:

• Summer Fayre

On the back page of this newsletter is a letter from our Staff, Parents, Family and Friends Association (SPFFA) inviting volunteers to help with the preparations for this year's Summer Carnival Fayre. Please do see if you can spare a bit of time or other help to support their wonderful efforts in raising much needed additional funds for our children. Thank you.

• Thank You

This week we received a thank you letter from Lucas' family for the donation made as a result of our Lenten and Sports Relief fundraising. Lucas, who attended Willows Primary, one of our collaborative schools, sadly died from a brain tumour and in memory of their son, his parents have now raised £45,000 for research into this condition. We wish them well with their continued fundraising and were pleased to be able to support this worthy cause.

Congratulations

- Good luck to **Isabella Jones** who is taking part in a dance performance 'Hold Tight' at the Regent Theatre this weekend.
- Congratulations to **Madison Street** who has achieved her Level 3 in trampolining. Well done Madison.

And Finally

Our school motto of 'Thoughtfulness and Respect' is one which we all try to demonstrate every day at school. There are two school staff who demonstrate it as much as anyone and yesterday they were even acknowledged by the Queen! Mrs Browne, our cook and Mr Browne, our janitor, attended the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace for their services to the community. We do not know the full extent of the work that they do, but we do know they have cooked Christmas dinners, supported church activities and helped with the Boys Brigade for a good number of years. The Governors, staff and children of Sandford Hill would like to offer our own congratulations for this recognition for all that you do. We hope you had a fabulous time and look forward to seeing the pictures. We are lucky to have you here!

Best wishes for the weekend

Mr Wardle





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Staff, Parents, Family and Friends Association (SPFFA) of Sandford Hill Primary

Dear Parent/Carer

After the incredible success of last year's Summer Fayre, we are currently planning this year's 'Carnival' themed event on Saturday 16th July.

There is much to organise and prepare for the Fayre and so we are looking to recruit new members to our SPFFA, to help us out.

We currently meet on a Friday afternoon from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., so if you are able to come along and help out you would be most warmly welcomed.

The sorts of things that we will need help with are:

- ✓ Initial ideas and contacts of anyone that could offer a raffle or auction prize;
- ✓ Support with planning the lists of items needed for the various stalls, food, activities, etc;
- ✓ Preparing signage, costings and ticketing up all the tombola prizes;
- ✓ And most importantly helping out for an hour or so on the stalls on the day!

Please indicate on the slip below if you are able to help out at all and we look forward to welcoming you to our friendly band of helpers. Please return the slip to the school office.

Remember, this is for the benefit of our children, so any time you can spare will be gratefully received.

Thank you so much for any time you are able to offer and please do come along to the Summer Fayre on the 16th July even if you are unable to help out.

Yours faithfully

Sarah Clunn and Wendy Powell

Co-ordinators of Sandford Hill Primary SPFFA
(Staff, Parent, Family and Friends Association)

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- I would like to join the SPFFA and can come on a Friday afternoon
- I would like to join the SPFFA but cannot make it in the day. I might make an evening session.
- I would be willing to help out for an hour on a stall on the day.

Your name: _____ PLEASE PRINT

Contact Number: _____