

# Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter



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## Celebrating our Amazing Children

This week's newsletter there is barely enough room to include all the brilliant accomplishments of our amazing children. We've included as much as we can, but we are really proud of the hard work and fantastic achievements of ALL our children.

Firstly, our two winners of the Bin Wagon Design Competition, **Ruby F** and **Grace W**, had a special afternoon seeing their winning designs displayed on the side of the bin wagons. They also met the Lord Mayor, Councillor Jackie Barnes, who

presented them with their winner's certificates.



### Congratulations

- Well done to **Callum H** who has passed his Angelfish 3 swimming award.
- Congratulations to **Harry E** who has passed his Octopus 2 Swimming Stage. Well done Harry.
- Well done to **Mconnel B** who was awarded his Little Puma Yellow Belt. Fantastic work!
- Congratulations too to **Evie-Rose M** and **Kelsie W** who have both completed their reward charts. Excellent effort girls.
- Well done to Chloe who has passed her Stanley 6 stage in swimming. Fantastic work Chloe!

Super well done to our amazing band of Chief Scout Award winners who were also presented with their awards by the Lord Mayor:

- Beavers, **Oscar S** and **Daniel I**, achieved the Bronze Chief Scout Award, the highest award that can be gained by a Beaver.
- Cubs, **Jimmy R**, **Ben T**, **Lucy T**, **Thomas S** and **Callum W** have all achieved their Silver Chief Scouts Award.

Well done to all of you. We are immensely proud of all your achievements.



**School Attendance Target - 96.5%**  
This week's attendance is 97.4%.

F1/1	97.8%	Y2/2	95.9%
F1/2	97.0%	Y3/1	95.7%
F1/3	96.3%	Y3/2	98.9%
F1/4	91.2%	Y4/1	100%
F2/1	98.8%	Y4/2	95.8%
F2/2	94.4%	Y5/1	98.3%
Y1/1	96.4%	Y5/2	96.3%
Y1/2	93.3%	Y6/1	100%
Y2/1	96.6%	Y6/2	94.8%

## Spring Term

### Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

Y6 to 'Safe & Sound' Hanley Fire Station  
EYFS visitor Holding Hands - Road Safety

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

Interim Governors Meeting

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

**School closed to children - Staff training**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

Y1/Y2 Green Cross Code Workshops

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

Last swim for Y5

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21st February**

Half Term

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Y4 & Y6 swimming start

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Y2 Tudor Day

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Dance 20 performance by Y3 children

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Nursery and Y6 group photos

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Open Evening 1

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Open Evening 2

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Y1 visit to Tanglewood

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Full Governors' Meeting

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Last swim for Y4

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March to Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Lenten Activities

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Last day of term, Headteacher Awards

## Parent/Carer Notices

- Diary Dates** - As there is so much to share in this week's newsletter, if you didn't write down all the diary dates from last week's newsletter, do please go back to it and put them all in your calendar/diary, etc.

### Cricket Crazy

We do love our cricket at Sandford Hill and so it was great to see 16 of our Y1 and Y2 children having an introduction to cricket at the Discovery Academy Cricket Festival on Wednesday. The children all had a great time and were ably supported by some of our very own ex-pupils! Well done children.



### Y5 visit Space!

On Wednesday our Y5 children travelled to the National Space Centre in Leicester, as part of their topic on Space. While there, they enjoyed seeing the giant space rocket and tower, a space experience in the planetarium and having a go on some interactive space activities. A great day was had by all.



### Recent blog posts to check out .....

- ⇒ Nursery [Humpty Dumpty](#)
- ⇒ Y1 [Mysterious Visit!](#)
- ⇒ [KS1 Cricketers](#)

### Mysterious Visit!

Something very mysterious happened on the key stage 1 playground this week! The Y1 children arrived to find a disaster and used their imagination and detective skills to try and figure out what had happened. They came to the conclusion that something extraordinary had crash landed! They couldn't wait to find more information and hopefully have managed to solve the mystery. Do ask a Y1 child what had happened.



### Bin Wagon Visit

Thanks to Ruby and Grace winning the Bin Wagon Design Competition, on Monday afternoon, we were visited by Dennis, the City Council's latest waste collection fleet member, who came to the rescue as our Y6 children learned a little more about recycling as a means to care for our planet. The children had a session in the converted bin wagon and collected waste from around our school grounds.



### Young Voices Sing Loud and Proud

Last Friday, 42 of our KS2 Choir children travelled to The Resort World at Birmingham for a truly memorable experience at the Young Voices concert. Along with 5,500 other



children they rehearsed in the afternoon and then took part in a joyous combination of song, dance and audience participation. Highlights, as always were the dancers, 'Urban Strides' for the children, and for the adults, Tony Hadley, formerly of Spandau Ballet!

Many thanks to Mrs Martin for organising the trip and to the other adult helpers that make this very long, but amazing day possible.



### The Tony Hughes Award for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'

This medallion, in memory of our former Chairman of the PTFA.

F1/1	William A
F1/2	Frances G
F2/1	Grayson-Isaac C
F2/2	Mia M
Y1/1	Kayden C
Y1/2	Samuel T
Y2/1	Liam C
Y2/2	Ruban S
Y3/1	Skyler T
Y3/2	Riley W
Y4/1	Lily H
Y4/2	Maisy-Lee B
Y5/1	Shaun B
Y5/2	Ryan C
Y6/1	Autumn P
Y6/2	Charlotte B

### A tragic loss

We are all incredibly sad to hear about the tragic passing of one of our former much-loved pupils Rhys Lloyd. Although Rhys was only with us for a couple of years, joining our school as a Year 5 pupil, he settled quickly and was a delight to teach. Rhys was a friendly, kind and polite boy who loved to entertain his peers. I recall how he would put a smile on the face of others as he performed his circus diablo toy skills on the playground. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and all of his friends at the Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy. Rhys will be greatly missed.



**Thoughtfulness and Respect**

### Headteacher's Star Awards:

Congratulations to these children who won the Head Teacher's Star Award.

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Frankie C	Y3/1	Alfie G
FS1/2	Reggie J	Y3/2	Sienna-Mae H-J
FS2/1	Sofia P	Y4/1	Kian H
FS2/2	Robyn P	Y4/2	Mustafa K
Y1/1	Parker F	Y5/1	Thomas K
Y1/2	Jenson W	Y5/2	Kyan P
Y2/1	Abby-Jaye T	Y6/1	Ben T
Y2/2	Isla R	Y6/2	Jimmy R