

Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter



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The end of another term

Looking back over this term, there have been so many exciting activities that have happened and so many achievements made by the children. These have included the Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime; our choir participating in Young Voices; Year 3 children performing in Dance '20 at the Victoria Hall and curriculum visits to Birmingham Museum and the National Space Centre. We've also held exciting days in school such as the Early Years traditional stories day, Year 2's Great Fire of London Day and Year 4's Samba Workshop. As well as all of this, we were also joined by local artist, Tom Edwards who has been working in school with the children since January.

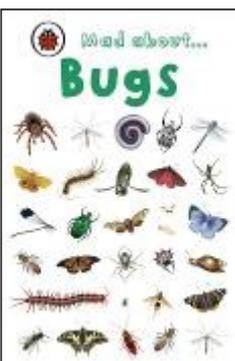
Our school value in the first-half of the Spring Term was 'aspiration'. Tom Edwards spoke to Key Stage 2 about his academic journey and how he became an artist. The work he has since been doing in school is most definitely inspiring our children to further develop their creativity. Prior to school closing, in assemblies, I had also begun to talk about the word 'resilience'. I talked about the incredible feat of Mollie Hughes, mountaineer and adventurer. Little did I know, just a few weeks ago, how important the word 'resilient' was about to become in all of our daily lives. Almost overnight, we are from day-to-day having to look at things in a different way to help us see the positives which might be there. We have all had to take another view of our situation, but you have all been fantastic. All of the teachers are greatly appreciative of the determination and resilience the children have shown to access the daily Purple Mash activities and I would like to extend a very personal **thank-you** to all of our families who have supported our children along the way. Sandford Hill Primary School really has got an amazing team; thoughtful, aspirational and resilient!



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Headteacher's Star Awards			
Well done to the following children who will this week be receiving a card through the post having been chosen by their teacher for their excellent work at home.			
Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	William A	Y3/1	Lucas C Tilly H
FS1/2	Adam R Reggie J	Y3/2	Oscar S Jessica W
FS2/1	Suleiman J Ingrid S	Y4/1	Tyler C Amelia M
FS2/2	Nina B Bellamy M	Y4/2	Thomas H Isabelle Y
Y1/1	Daniel C Theo C	Y5/1	Skye Z Jack T
Y1/2	Jenson W Ellie T	Y5/2	Elliot H Ryan C
Y2/1	Callum C Ellie-Mae G	Y6/1	Imogen E Sean M
Y2/2	Max B Evelyn T	Y6/2	Mya F Connor S



Alternative things 'to do' this Easter

This year, the Easter holiday might be a bit different, but that doesn't mean it can't be just as fun!

- With a sunny day forecast for Sunday, why not go on a bug hunt in your garden and enter the Great Big Hunt 2020 competition. Due to the closure of schools, this competition is now open to all primary school children (and their parents!) Check out the following website for further information: [The Great Bug Hunt 2020](#)
- Enter the [Blue Cross](#) Animal Welfare Charity poster competition. 2020 marks the 80th Anniversary of the Blue Cross Medal first being awarded to incredible pets. The Blue Cross Medal celebrates everyday pets who are changing or saving lives across the UK – with one extra special pet being awarded the winning medal each year.

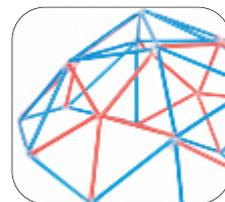
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A couple of the activities above are taken from the excellent [First News](#). This is a weekly newspaper for children aged 7 – 11. For a short period they are offering a free digital download of each week's paper. Definitely worth a read.

Purple Mash holiday

Once again a huge well done to all the children who have been working hard, each day at home, to complete their activities using Purple Mash. Many thanks also to parents for your support. Please note that, for the next two weeks, teachers are not being asked to set any work. Daily 'to do' Purple Mash activities will start again on **Monday 20th April**.



Home School Support

Whilst our school has been closed our Home School Link Worker, Mrs Brennan, has continued to support our families. She may not always have the solution, but she can help to point you in the right direction to a service that can help, offering you confidential support whilst you manage the situation affecting your family. If you require her help, Mrs Brennan can be contacted on 07947 104540. However, I would ask that, during the next two weeks, you only use this number in an emergency. Thank you.

Online safety

Over the last two weeks it has been greatly reassuring to see our children readily adapt to learning at home. The internet has once again proven itself to be an incredible resource for us all and we can only think that in future years, it will play an ever-increasing role in our children's education. With this in mind, we would once again like to encourage all of our families to regularly consider what implications this different means of learning might have on our children's safety. Please can we ask you to once again spare a few moments to talk about e safety with your child/children. As part of this, it would be helpful to mind your child/children of our SMART rules:



Secret, Meeting, Accepting, Reliable, Tell

Encourage the children to take regular breaks during the day from their devices and ensure they take lots of exercise. We'd also encourage everyone to remember the importance of a good night's sleep and suggest the children do not go on devices after an agreed time. It is often a good idea to leave devices in a family room rather than in a bedroom. We also like to remind our families of the Whisper button, which sits on the front of our school website. (www.sandfordhill.org.uk). The Whisper button is available to the children to report any concerns or worries which they might have. There are many useful sites offering further advice to ensure all of our children stay safe on the internet:

[Digital Safety Pack](#)

[Sandford Hill e Safety](#)

[UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

[N.S.P.C.C.](#)

[National Online Safety Guides](#)

I started my Monday with breakfast with mum before we go to my aunties for school hours. Mum dropped me off and gave me a kiss and hug before leaving for work. She is a carer so even though we must stay home and stay safe, mum still must go to work to look after people.

Me and my auntie start the day with, my purple mash work then we take a break to have a snack, I love chocolate brioche for my snacks. My auntie sits with me and helps me with things I don't understand, she tells me the how and why we do things is very important. We also did some TT Rockstar exercises, I needed to work on my maths and get better. This was our daily routine and afternoons were random.

After all the schoolwork was done, my auntie said that life skills such as cleaning, washing and other household duties were important to learn, she also let me help with the cooking which was fun.

On Tuesday it was my uncle's birthday, so I made him a big banner. My banner was all colours and the letters were done with glitter and glue, I was very proud of my work. We then baked a marble cake for him too, that was delicious! I had so much fun making the cake as we had two different batter mixes, that we had had to add to the baking tin one vanilla and, one chocolate to show the marble pattern.

On Wednesday after doing our normal routine we went to marks and spencer's, where we got mini seed to plant, they were free by the tills and the man said that I could have as many as I wanted, I took about 9. When I got home, I opened 3 different ones the parsley, peppers and forget me not flowers. I followed the instructions on the box, and I am now waiting for them to grow.

On Thursday, I did the PE lesson with Jo Wickes, my auntie did it with me, which was fun it made my legs ache for the rest of the day. We then watched a documentary on the 72 most dangerous animals, I found very interesting.

On Friday we had our normal morning routine then I was allowed to choose an afternoon movie, I chose "The Queens Corgi" I think even my auntie liked it too. My week has been lots of fun and I am learning lots.

Skye Z

Year 5 Help!

Earlier this week I sent out an appeal to Y5 for newsletter articles. Thank you to **Skye Z, Kyla M and Jack T** who responded to my request and kindly sent me the excellent articles that I am delighted to include in this week's newsletter.

So far this week, Friday was my birthday. As it was my birthday I was given presents such as a scooter, games for my Playstation, a headset and a gaming chair which all were great.

On the weekend I did some reading as I couldn't get on my Playstation, which was annoying.

By Sunday I had finished reading Harry Potter and the Philosopher Stone and am now reading the Chamber Of Secrets. I have also been watching the films and then writing a film review about them as well as writing differences between them both.

Up to now I have been doing my school work, fitness with Joe, playing football with Tim, helping mum around the house, reading, playing on my Playstation and getting some fresh air in my garden.

Jack T



This week I have been reasonably busy. I have been having quite a lot of fun. I did baking the best cookies with jam in. Also I have been playing my mum and my auntie's games that they played when they were little, called monopoly. Also an old game Swing Ball in the garden. Me and my aunt did exercise around a big field and down a big hill. I almost fell too. Also we did some tic toc's dances and my homework which I found quite fun.

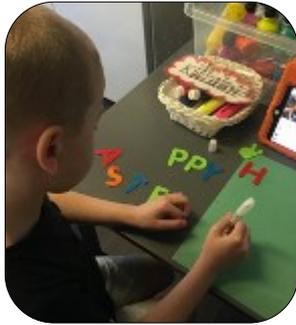
Kyla M

Thoughtfulness

No Tony Hughes "thoughtfulness and respect" medals awarded this week but great to see many fabulous posts on the school twitter account of our children still thinking about others.

These have included:

- **Poppy** who drew a picture for the bin men to say thank you for working during the lockdown.
- **Kaiden** who has been busy today making an Easter card for his uncle to cheer him up
- **Freya**, who decided to make an Easter card to cheer up some elderly neighbours. A lovely gesture.
- **Max** who baked rock cakes for his grandad's 78th birthday. A very special present indeed.
- **Annabelle** who enjoyed making a lovely Easter card for her nan and grandad
- **Oscar** who has been helping with the housework
- **Harrison** who made 36 cakes and then gave them to the NHS.



Times Tables Rockstars		
Class	Award Winner	Miss Harrison (Maths Leader) has been our looking through the Times Tables Rockstars information and would like to celebrate the children below.....
Y1/1	Mollie-Mae E	For practising her two and ten times tables. Well done Mollie-Mae!
Y1/2	Bobbi M	For practising her times tables carefully and earning 3690 coins.
Y2/1	Harrison D	For showing commitment to learning his times tables and earning 8755 coins.
Y2/2	Reggie L	For continuing to practise his times tables and earning 59401 coins. Well done Reggie!
Y3/1	James M	For practising his times tables daily and showing resilience; resulting in him becoming a Rock Star!
Y3/2	Jamie O	For continuing to practise his times tables, improving his speed from 20.69 seconds to 4.72 seconds.
Y4/1	Kai B	For showing resilience when learning his times tables making him the second quickest in the whole school!
Y4/2	Oliver C	For continuing to practise his times tables, improving his speed from 13.95 seconds to 4.92 seconds.
Y5/1	Evie B	For never giving up when learning her times tables, earning herself 17,360 coins!
Y5/2	Kyan P	For practising his times tables most days and improving his time from 7.59 seconds to 4.41 seconds.
Y6/1	Grace W	For continuing to practise her times tables, earning an incredible 43,069 coins!
Y6/2	Amethyst G	For practising her times tables, improving her speed from 6.38 seconds to 3.49 seconds.

Government and Public Health England Information

The Government have created a list of frequently asked questions on what you can and can't do under the coronavirus outbreak. Questions include when am I allowed to leave my house, can I walk my dog, can I move house. You can view the FAQ [here](#).

A campaign has been launched by Public Health England (PHE) to stress the importance of staying at home. The 'Act Like You've Got It, Anyone Can Spread It' campaign promotes the following key messages:

- If you go out, you can spread it. People will die.
- Act like you've got it, anyone can spread it.
- Anyone can get it, anyone can spread it.

