



# Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter

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Only John  
Muir, Art &  
Science  
clubs next  
week

Week 27 - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Get cycling!** Next week sees the next stage of our cycling project. Our scooters are in regular use and being enjoyed across the school and next week and into the summer term we will be starting our cycling sessions. We are taking delivery of a number of bikes and helmets from Ayudante in Longton who provide refurbished bikes and we are even having some adult bikes to enable staff to cycle with the children and for parents to learn or cycle with the children too!

Sessions planned in the coming weeks include:

- 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> April - Learn to Ride for Y4, Y5 and Y6 non-confident riders preparing for Bikeability and cycling in school;
- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> June - Balanceability for Reception classes;
- 7<sup>th</sup> May - Learn to ride for Y3;
- 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> July - Balanceability for Y1 classes;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Learn to Ride for Y2
- 20<sup>th</sup> May - Bikeability Level 1 for all Y4 children
- 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> May - Bikeability Level 2 for all Y5 children
- 1<sup>st</sup> July - Bikeability Level 3 for those Y6 children with Level 2 from Y5
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July Y6 Cycle Ride



## Dates for your Diary

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> and Wed 10<sup>th</sup> April**

Y4/5/6 Learn To Ride

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> to Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April**

Lenten Week Activities

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

Y1 Hero Dress Up Day

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

Last Day of Spring Term

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

Summer Term starts

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

Y2 Learn to Ride

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Y3 Learn to Ride

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May PLEASE NOTE**

**School Closed to Children - Polling Day**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May PLEASE NOTE**

**School Closed - Bank Holiday**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

KS2 SATs Week

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

HALF TERM

## PLEASE NOTE:

To give you as much notice as possible, we have just been informed that, **IF** we do not leave the EU next Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April, then EU member elections will be required and our school **will be closed to children on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** as it will be used as a polling station.

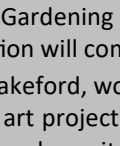
## Congratulations

- A big well done to Molly B in Y1 who sold cakes and helped to braid hair at charity football match last Sunday and it was her 6th birthday too!!! - Brilliant effort Molly.



Lots of super swimming awards this week:

- Congratulations to **Isabella J** who has passed her Shark 3;
- Well done to **Jessica B** who has passed her Goldfish 2 Badge.
- Well done **Isla J** who completed her STAnley3 swimming award;
- Congratulations to **Jack E** who has achieved his STAnley3;
- Well done to **Bradley B** who has passed his STAnley 2 Award;
- Well done to 3 more school swimming certificates for Length - **Leo W, Ryan C** and for Proficiency - **Seth H;**
- Congratulations to **Lucas C** on passing his Goldfish 3.



## School Attendance Target - 96.5%

N1	95.4%	Y2/2	95.3%
N2	98.0%	Y3/1	95.7%
N3	98.3%	Y3/2	97.2%
N4	91.5%	Y4/1	98.0%
F2/1	98.7%	Y4/2	96.8%
F2/2	97.7%	Y5/1	98.0%
Y1/1	99.3%	Y5/2	98.7%
Y1/2	98.7%	Y6/1	98.6%
Y2/1	97.1%	Y6/2	97.1%

## Batteries abound!

Our Eco Team are really proud to announce that one of our giant battery recycling box is full and being collected - which is amazing! Please do keep sending in the batteries though to fill it again! Thank you.



## Info for Parents

- **Clubs** - The John Muir, Science, Art and Gardening clubs will be **the only clubs running** next week. New summer clubs information will come out at the start of next term
- **Frames please!** - Our Art Leader, Mrs Drakeford, would like to request any old wooden picture frames, about A4 size-ish for an art project some of the children will be doing next term. If you have one to spare, please leave it with the office. Many thanks.
- **Last chance for lost property** - During the Easter break we will be taking all the lost property to the clothes bank, so please come in next week to check for lost items.

## Ford Green Hall

Year 2 have had fantastic visits to Ford Green Hall. They have had great fun exploring the Tudor building and all of the different rooms and pieces of furniture inside. They have learned all about the great fire from an actor dressed as Samuel Pepys! The children absolutely loved re-enacting the scene where the Londoners made a human chain and passed the leather buckets along to extinguish the pretend fire. What a super time!



## Lenten and Easter Week Activities

Raising money for NSPCC, Dougie Mac, Alzheimer's and RSPCA:

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April

- Money Pot Collection - start bringing in your 1p, 2p and 5p.
- Easter Bonnet and Eggs - start bringing in.

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April

- Y5 and Y6 Easter Bake-Off - Cakes to the hall at 9:00 a.m. for judging. All cakes entered to be sold to EYFS, Y5 and Y6.

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April

- Y3 and Y4 Easter Bake-Off - Cakes to the hall at 9:00 a.m. for judging. All cakes entered to be sold to Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4.
- Money Pot Collection Counting

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April

- Judging of Bonnets and Eggs

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

- Non-uniform for a small donation. No theme, just wear what they want.

Thank you for all your support with our fundraising.

## Sandford Hill Primary News

Read more and watch videos on the blog - [sandfordhill.schoolblogs.org](http://sandfordhill.schoolblogs.org)

### Litter Picker Champs

At the end of last week we were delighted receive the letter below from one of our parents:

*"I would like to share with you how fantastic some of your children are. I am a local childminder and parent. I teach the children who attend my setting about looking after our environment and each other.*

*On our way in to school this morning the children took it upon themselves to pick up litter and put it in the bin at school. They are fantastic in my opinion and deserve a little recognition.*

*Our team of litter pickers were Romannie J, Kai B, Evie L, Rowan J and Shaye K.*

*I have attached a picture of 2 of them."*



Well done and thank you children. We face a constant battle with litter around the school, so it is brilliant to see you taking the initiative

### This week's blog posts to check out

[Nursery Superhero's](#)

Reception [Walking Water Experiment](#)

[Y2/1 Visit Ford Green Hall](#)

Y2 [Tudor Houses](#)

Y5 [Lovely Lemonade](#)

Y5 [CO2 Balloons](#)

John Muir [Down in The Woods.](#)

Art Club [Adding Embellishments](#)

## 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	Kavaya B
N2	Eliza P
F2/1	Imogen W
F2/2	Jenson W
Y1/1	Ravyn M
Y1/2	Jude K
Y2/1	Harry B
Y2/2	Isabella J
Y3/1	Kai B
Y3/2	Noah F-J
Y4/1	Caitlin H
Y4/2	Lewis D
Y5/1	Ruhi J
Y5/2	Lacie M
Y6/1	Romannie J
Y6/2	Keira M

### 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
N1	Kaiden A	Y3/1	Jayden W
N2	Nina B	Y3/2	Lily-Mae G
FS2/1	Mollie-Mae E	Y4/1	David S
FS2/2	George C	Y4/2	Thomas K
Y1/1	Isla B	Y5/1	Lily C
Y1/2	Michelle M	Y5/2	Oliver M
Y2/1	Olivia M	Y6/1	Ashton B
Y2/2	Jamie O	Y6/2	Eddie L

**WAAW** - Our assemblies this week have been raising the children's awareness of autism as part of national Autism Awareness Week. We explained to the children that some people (and children) can find day-to-day life very challenging because they experience the world differently. These differences are sometimes hidden so people can't see them. Class teachers have also been talking about autism talking about some of the challenges which autistic children may have to face each day. These may include struggles with communication, repetitive behaviour, intense interests, difficulty with change, sensory issues and intense anxiety. **Within school we all recognise that even though we are all the same, we are all different and we should all be kind to everyone.** As always, children's words themselves are often the best way to share a message such as this. As such we'd like to share the words which one of our children have written:



<http://sandfordhill.schoolblogs.org/2019/04/05/world-autism-awareness-week/>

**We are all the same, we are all different and we should all be kind to everyone.**