

Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter



Week 3 - Fri 20th Sept

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STOP PRESS: Come and join our Macmillan Coffee Morning at 9:00 am next Friday

Respect As you will know our school motto is Thoughtfulness and Respect and since starting back this term, respect has been a focus of the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 assemblies. We have discussed why we should show respect as well as how we can give and get respect.



In yesterday's assembly all of the teachers, including myself, and the teaching assistants, nominated a pupil who has been observed showing the value of respect. I noticed that the reason shared for the nomination of each child, who received a certificate, was linked to



our Golden Rules. An incredibly difficult decision to choose the nominees, but on this occasion they are:

In KS1 - Harrison D, Lily-Grace S, Anna T, Sam T, Elizabeth D, Maab H, Ellie-Mae G, Bentley D, Zeen A, Reggie L, Olivia M and Leighton B.

In KS2 - Oliver D, James M, Skyla R, Archie M, Marley C, Tyler C, James W, Tristan D, Ashton S, Lottie C, Alfie-John G, Aaron S, Kai A, Jack S, Lillie-Mae T, Gabrielle M, Autumn P and Grace W.



Please keep showing respectful behaviour children and remember the motto that I have in my office 'Give respect, Get respect'.

Golden Rules

We are gentle



We are kind and helpful



We listen



We are honest



We work hard



We look after property



School Attendance Target - 96.5%

F1/1	98.8%	Y2/2	99.3%
F1/2	93.3%	Y3/1	98.4%
F1/3	100%	Y3/2	98.7%
F1/4	98.6%	Y4/1	92.9%
F2/1	96.7%	Y4/2	94.4%
F2/2	99.6%	Y5/1	91.6%
Y1/1	91.0%	Y5/2	98.7%
Y1/2	95.3%	Y6/1	93.3%
Y2/1	98.3%	Y6/2	97.3%

Congratulations

- ◆ Well done to Daniel D who has achieved his Tadpole 1 swimming award. Super swimming Daniel!
- ◆ Congratulations to Abby-Jaye T who has passed Stage 4 in swimming. Fantastic swimming Abby-Jaye!
- ◆ Super Well Done to all our Nursery children who have moved on from half days, to adding lunch and from today, staying all day. Welcome into our Sandford Hill family!



Dates for your Diary

Monday 23rd September

- Y4/2 Roman visit to Wroxeter

Tuesday 24th September

- Y6/2 visit to the Arboretum

Thursday 26th September

- ECO Day across the school

- Parental Transition - 9:10 - 10:10 a.m. for Y1 to Y6 classes

Friday 27th September

- Macmillan Coffee Morning 9:00 a.m.

- 'Clean Start' BBC Radio litter pick

Monday 30th September

- Y6 to Stanley Head for the week

- Y4/1 Roman visit to Wroxeter

Tuesday 1st October

Y2 visit 'Down the Rabbit Hole'

Wednesday 9th October

Sept '20 Prospective Nursery and Rec'n Parents Open Evening - 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday 10th October

Individual and Family Photos

Thursday 17th October

Governors' Interim Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Mon 21st - Fri 25th October

- Science Week

Mon 28th Oct to Fri 1st Nov

HALF TERM

Tuesday 12th November

Parent's Evening 1

Thursday 14th November

Parent's Evening 2

Monday 18th November

School closed to pupils - Staff Training

Thursday 21st November

Full Governors' Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Friday 21st December

Last Day of Term

Mon 11th to Thurs 14th May

KS2 SATs week

Thoughtfulness and Respect

Y5 River Study

On Monday and Tuesday, our Y5 classes experienced fantastic days following the River Dane from its source high in the peaty moorlands, through thousand year old valleys and down to beautiful open river beds. Thanks to the guides from Stanley Head the children learned about the development of the river, about erosion, deposition, tributaries, confluences and more!



Y6/1 WW2 History Visit

Yesterday, Y6/1, Mrs Hassall's class, enjoyed a memorable day at the National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas. The children learned about the Armed Forces Memorial, the Royal Mail Memorial, The Shot At Dawn Memorial and many more. A beautiful sunny day to learn about brave people who helped in keeping our country free for future generations.



Gardening Club

Last night our wonderful gardeners came away with a veritable feast of food grown in our poly tunnel. They included courgettes, tomatoes and potatoes - All things bright and beautiful!



Believe!

On Wednesday, our KS2 children were joined in assembly by Charlie Fogarty. The children listened carefully to his incredible life story. As a young man, Charlie was signed as a professional footballer for Birmingham City, but his footballing career was brought to a very sudden halt when he was knocked down by a car. After spending over 16 months in hospital, learning to talk and to walk again, Charlie learned to play football once more and has since taken part in major tournaments around the world, representing Northern Ireland in their cerebral palsy team. Along the way he has met countless celebrities and even royalty, who bestowed him with an MBE. Charlie was an utterly inspirational speaker and so we'd very much like to share with you all his final message:



"The main reason I am here though is because I want you to realise that no matter how hard or difficult the challenges you may face are, you must always have self-belief, hope and determination. Believe in yourself that you can achieve your goals and dream, hope that things will get better and determination to fight against the odds. In whatever career you chose, there will be days when you struggle, and you don't feel like working hard. But if you keep persevering and believing in yourself you will be surprised at what you can achieve! I know I am."

My journey though doesn't stop here, I want to play for Great Britain in the Paralympics, I want to win as many caps as I can and hopefully one day captain Northern Ireland and lift that World Cup!

Thank you all so much for listening, I wish you all the very best in your futures, please take care make the most of every opportunity you are given and of course BELIEVE IN YOURSELF and NEVER GIVE UP because ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!"

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

F2/1	Scarlett W
F2/2	Ralphie S
Y1/1	Macie L
Y1/2	Lowry B
Y2/1	Caden H
Y2/2	Molly B
Y3/1	Harry B
Y3/2	Daniel I
Y4/1	Amelia M
Y4/2	Jordell A
Y5/1	Kane K
Y5/2	Annabelle S
Y6/1	Ruby F
Y6/2	Lucy T

This week's blog posts to check out

[Nursery Duck Hats](#)

[Group One First Lunchtime](#)

[Group Two First Lunch](#)

[Y1/2 Nature Club](#)

[Y4 Early Morning Scooting](#)

[Gardening Club](#)

[Welcome Back John Muir Group](#)

Notices

- **CHOIR and Young Voices Concert 2020** - If your child has a place in the school Choir, then you will have received an important ParentMail about the Young Voices 2020 concert in Birmingham next January. Thank you to those that have already responded. If you haven't responded, then the deadline for signing your child up to attend is 11:00 a.m. on Monday 23rd September. Should you wish to watch the concert in the evening, we have purchased a number of audience seats. They are available in the ParentMail shop, (along with T-shirts), but they are selling out very fast.
- **KS1 Nature Club day change** - Due to an unspotted double booking of the woodland on a Tuesday night, our KS1 Nature Club will be moving from Tuesday to Thursday after school, as of next Thursday. A new club form with new dates is going out to those children that are affected tonight.
- **Can you help - Our FoodBank container is empty!** - In the past we have made numerous donations to the FoodBank, but our food bank bin is currently empty! If you do have any non-perishable foods you can spare, then we would be very grateful. Thank you.



Invitation

September 2020 Prospective Nursery and Reception parents Open Evening

On **Wednesday 9th October 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.** we would like to warmly invite any prospective Nursery or Reception parents/carers, whose children will be 3 or 4 years old respectively by next September 2020, to come and visit our Early Years setting. This will be an opportunity to for you and your child(ren) to meet the teachers and Early Years Practitioners, to ask any questions you might have, to come and explore and play in our Nursery and Reception classrooms and to find out what makes Sandford Hill such a special family and a great place to send your child to school.



Have you Googled yourself recently? - What's your online reputation?

Within school we regularly talk to the children about keeping safe on the Internet and we remind them of the SMART rules:

Safe Meeting Accepting Reliable Tell

We would also encourage parents/carers to talk to your children about their home use of the Internet. Ask the children about the sites which they visit and the apps they use. This half term, many of our classes have also been thinking about our online reputation. We are encouraging the children to keep their online posts positive, make sure that they are always themselves online and do not pretend to be someone different. We have highlighted the importance of always being respectful in the online world. It might be helpful if you have a few minutes to talk with your child/children about online reputations – maybe even carry out a Google search on a family name. We also think it would be valuable to your child/children if you could chat to them to see if they know how to use the blocking and reporting settings on the sites and the apps which they use. There are lots of useful guides and information on the [eSafety pages of our school website](#). Many thanks for your continued support. Finally, we would also like to ask for you to remind your child/children of the 'THINK Before You Post' message



Finally good luck to the England rugby team who begin their quest for World Cup glory when they take on Tonga at the Sapporo Dome, Japan on Sunday morning. No doubt it will be a hard fought fixture, but one in which both teams give and get respect at the end of the game.

Come along to our Coffee Morning

Every penny we raise means Macmillan can help more people with cancer live life as fully as they can.

Where: Sandford Hill Primary School

When: 27th September 2019 Time: 9:00a.m.

Cakes, cuppas and cash at the ready!

