



Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter

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May we
wish you all
an enjoyable
and safe
Summer

Week 39 - Friday 19th July 2019

And so it ends....

We have finally reached the end of another academic year and can't help but look back and wonder where the time has gone - but, we have collectively achieved so much. This week I have been privileged and proud to watch and celebrate the assemblies and achievements from across KS2. Our Y3-5 classes provided amusing and entertaining songs and information from their recent topics and then, in front of proud parents, our **KS2 Book Awards** were presented. A huge well done to:

Y3 - **Isla S, Owen W, Jessica M, Tyler C, Adena P, Blake W, Jasmine E, Marley C, Skye S and Maisy-Lee B**

Y4 - **Alfie H, Finley J, Callum H, Elliot H, Ryan C, Eli H, Lola S, Kane K, Julia D and Leo M;**

Y5 - **Charlotte B, Samuela T, Harley-Jay M-N, Ruhi J, Malwina J, Jasmine C, Leya E, Manni R, Saimone S and George H.**

Our Y6 Leaver's Assembly and Book Awards then took place on Tuesday morning. We enjoyed a fabulous version of Cinderella, with two outstanding Ugly Sisters and the traditional Leaver's Song, adapted as usual by Mrs Hassall. As always, this brought many a tear to many eyes. Very well done to our Y6 Award winners:

Ashton B, Amie-Mae C, Ryan Hib, Isabel S, Alex S, Tyler T, Ryan Hig, Byron C, Rosa A, Zack D, Jacob C and Tyler H.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 3rd September

Term starts for children

Monday 16th September

Y5/1 Stanley Head River Study

Tuesday 17th September

Y5/2 Stanley Head River Study

Monday 23rd September

Y4 Roman visit to Wroxeter

Thursday 26th September

Transition session Parents/Carers invited

BUILD information

Following a meeting this week, we have been notified that the contractors for the building works will be starting on site from the 4th week of the holidays earliest. Please take note of points below for your child's safety:



In the school holidays:

- If your child attends Kidzone during the holidays please ensure you walk them to and from the mobile as there could be heavy vehicles on site;
- There will be no access to the car park to parents for dropping off children;
- For any families living close to the school, heavy lorries will be accessing both entrances to the school, so please be mindful of your children playing out on the roads.

From September

- Due to the potential dangers that any building site creates, we would kindly ask that parents/carers supervise their children closely while waiting before and after school.
- Keep an eye on ParentMail for any new information as we get it.

Further meetings will be taking place during the Summer Holidays, when we should have more details of the schedule and any implications that we might need to make you aware of.

City Athletics Finals

On Tuesday, the children selected to represent Longton Town journeyed to Northwood Stadium for the City Athletics Finals. A brilliant performance by our athletes resulted in: **Elliot H, Leo W and Alfie D** winning Gold in the Year 4 boys relay; **Niamh B** winning Gold in the Y4 javelin; **Josh L** winning Gold in the Y5 sprint, the hurdles and the Y5 boys relay with Eaton Park runners, setting a new city record! Also **Lucy G** won Silver in the Y5 sack race; **Daniel L** won Silver on the Y6 long jump; **Harley-Jay M-N** won Silver in the Y5 boys skipping. Finally **Patryk W** did very well in the Y3 skipping; **Lacey C** did well stepping in to help out in sack race; **Ryan B** performed well in the Y6 800m and javelin and sadly **Libbie G** couldn't make it in time from the Leaver's Assembly for the Y6 girls hurdles.

The final totalled results were:

- Longton Boys were 1st Overall;
- Longton Girls were 2nd Overall; and
- Longton Town were the overall winners.



Congratulations

- Well done to **James M** for being an amazing swimmer! James has now passed Stage 6. He had to complete swimming 10 metres wearing clothes and performing a surface dive – a future Olympic swimmer in the making!
- Congratulations to **Daniel D** who has achieved his Starfish Award at swimming. Well done Daniel!
- A super well done to **Isabelle Y** another terrific supporter of the Little Princess organisation that provides wigs for poorly children. Isabelle has had about 15cm of hair cut to donate, but she now has a beautiful sleek new hairstyle. Well done Isabelle!



School Attendance Target - 96.5%

N1	84.6%	Y2/2	94.0%
N2	84.0%	Y3/1	91.0%
N3	69.1%	Y3/2	90.0%
N4	92.9%	Y4/1	95.3%
F2/1	93.1%	Y4/2	88.4%
F2/2	97.3%	Y5/1	97.7%
Y1/1	97.9%	Y5/2	89.7%
Y1/2	99.7%	Y6/1	98.6%
Y2/1	98.4%	Y6/2	97.5%

Ceramic Challenge

On Monday afternoon/evening 43 of our Y6 children took part in the Stoke-on-Trent Ceramic Challenge. Over the last few weeks they have been working on group marketing campaigns for the British Ceramic Confederation Challenge. Having been entertained by Ben Hanlin, magician, each group then had to pitch their campaign to a panel of judges (a la Dragon's Den!). All did really well, but the 'Stoke Potters' group who had written a rap as part of their presentation, got through to the finals and then actually won.

A huge well done to the winning group - **Lucy-May H, Keira M, Ryan Br, Rebecca H** and **Ryan Hig**, Project Manager. They were presented with this Ceramic Challenge plate (below) for the school and each of them received their own certificate and mug.



This week's blog posts

- [Nursery Pirate Day](#)
- [Reception Pirate Day](#)
- [Y1/1 Reaseheath Farm](#)
- [Y6 Fossils](#)
- [John Muir Tree](#)

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Y1/1 trip to Reaseheath Farm and Zoo

On Monday, our Y1/1 class had their visit to see the animals. They enjoyed the otters, meerkats, the insects and more. They petted and fed some farm animals which was fun, but they weren't so keen on the smell from the farm yard!

An enjoyable visit and lots of information learned by the children.



KS1 Spelling Bee

On Tuesday our Y1 and Y2 children took part in their Spelling Bee competition. After much excitement and intense concentration Team Sunshine were pronounced the winner. Well done to all the children and to the winning team: **Woodrow T, Freddie W, Henri D** and **Noah B**.



'Shiver me timbers'

On Wednesday, our Early Years had a huge amount of fun dressing up for their Pirate Day. The children made pirate hooks and eye patches, designed their own treasure maps, played pirate games and had a pirate picnic. They even walked the plank!

A massive thank you to the parents/carers for providing the children with their brilliant costumes. All the children and staff looked fantastic!



Y6 Trip to West Midlands Safari Park

On Wednesday, our Y6 children had an amazing time at West Midlands Safari Park. The weather was perfect and the animals were much appreciated, especially when accompanied by Mr Walford's tweeted comments!. After lunch, Y6 then ventured onto the range of rides. A brilliant day had by all, despite the delays on the return journey.



Sporting Greats!

As a school we are passionate about sport - the physical, health aspects, the social and discipline elements and the sheer joy and fun of it! This year we have been incredibly pleased to have been able to become a real cycling school and look forward to further developments with a cycle track in the not too distant future following your support to raise £4389.09 from our cycle challenge.

We have had wonderful successes and various teams and individuals and we have just been re-awarded our GOLD School Games Mark status. This is no mean feat and is one of which we are immensely proud. Thanks to Mr Alcock and Miss Heath for leading the school through this award.



To celebrate our children's various achievements throughout the year, they are blogged and included in the newsletter, but we also provide sports awards to those children that have represented the school in various sporting activities. A huge well done to:

Bronze medal winners - Macy B, Caitlin C, Ryan Hig, Leah I, Romy S, Samuel V, Lorna W, Evie W-P, Ryan H, Kasey L, Lucy M-N, Grace S, Bradley W, Jasmine C, Evie E, Leya E, Yvie J, Troy M, Finnley P, Olly R, Brooke B, Jessica B, Charlotte Bi, Mya F, Gabrielle M, Amelia O, Jimmy R, Lillie-Mae W, Kayleigh W, Lacey-J A, Shaun B, Ethan B, Lotti C, Mason L, Jack T, Alfie W, Charlotte Be, Jessica B, Callum D, Lily Mae D, Elouise H, Kyla M, Isabella N, Kyan P, David S, Aaron S, Leo W, Jordell-Leroy A, Maisy-Lee B, Isabel S, Malachi F, Ellie H, Isla S, Ava T, Patryk W, Skye B, Lilly C, Lewis M, Alisha T, James C, Francesca C, H, Tyler H, Romannic J, Emily L, Corey R-M, Lucas S, George H, Paige J, Archie F, Harley-Jay M-N, Lucy T, Niamh B, Alfie D, Ryan C, Keira C, Elliot H, Alfie H, Mason L, Callum W, Modou K and Alex S.

Silver medal winners - Jamie G, Amie-Mae C, Isabel S, Delilah-Rose W, Imogen E, Lucy G, Joshua La, Takudzwa N, Kyle B, Ava C, River P, Amina K, Joshua Ly, Amethyst G and James H-B,

Gold medal winners - Rio C, Ethan P, Lacey C, Ruby J, Daniel L, Samuela T, Lauchlan L, Ashton B, Joel F, Libbie G, Saimone S, Rosa A, Eddie L and Ryan B.

Medals are also presented to teams which qualified for finals. This year we had four teams:

Northwood Finals - Niamh B, Ryan B, Lacey C, Alfie D, Libbie G, Lucy G, Elliott H, Daniel La, Joshua La, Harley-Jay M-N, Leo W, Patryk W,

Y3/4 Football - Alfie D, Alfie H, Alfie W, Elliott H, Ethan B, Jack T, James H-B and Mason L

X-Country - Paige J, Amethyst G, Lillie-Mae W, Lucy G

Swimming - Delilah-Rose W, Mackenzie H, Joshua Ly

Special Awards - For their 'Contribution To School Sport' we presented the final two special trophies to **Libbie G** and **Ryan B**. A magnificent achievement which provides a wonderful sporting example for others to aspire to. We'll be following your sporting careers with great interest in years to come!



Performance data

It is always with a sense of nervousness that we await our school performance data, as it is still a key factor in how our school might be judged. However, we are once again delighted with our results and comparison to Local and National, across Early Years, Phonics, KS1 and KS2 data. This is clearly as a result of tremendous amount of hard work from all the staff, the children and with the ongoing support of all the parents/carers. So a huge thank you to everyone for all your commitment and efforts - we really appreciate it!

KS2 Year 6 Results	Standard	Sandford Hill Pupils	Stoke-on-Trent	National
Reading	Expected +	76.3% (45)	67.4%	73.1%
	Greater Depth	33.9% (20)	20.4%	26.9%
Writing	Expected +	81.4% (48)	73.6%	78.5%
	Greater Depth	28.8% (17)	16.3%	20.1%
Maths	Expected +	81.4% (48)	74%	78.6%
	Greater Depth	22.0% (13)	19.4%	26.6%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	Expected +	86.4% (51)	74.2%	78%
	Greater Depth	47.5% (28)	33.3	35.7%

Governor Thanks

This morning we said a big thank you in assembly to Mr Madden who has served as a Governor here for over 13 years, as well as helping out in so many ways. We hope he knows how grateful we are for all that he has done for the school. We do so appreciate all your support and the time you have given.



100% Attendance

This year, all the children that have attended every school day had the opportunity to go on one of the 2 attendance trips. Well done to those children with 1 year's 100% attendance: Vinny W, Rowan J, San A, Adrian P, Zeen A, Sebastian H, Poppy T, Tayla D, James M, Skyler T, Oliver D, Isabella J, Dominic M, Jamie O, Emori S, Riley W, Tyler C, Jamie T, Jordell-Leroy A, Isabelle Y, Ryan C, Ruby L, Aaron S, Alana M, Samuela T, Lillie-Mae W, Lilli F, George H, Sean M, Dante G, Mackenzie H, Emily L, Corey R, Alexander S, Lilly C, Ruben E and Tyler T.

Then, during various assemblies, those children who have more than one years 100% attendance have received special shields for their consistently excellent attendance record:

2 Years 100% Attendance: Rosa A, Jenna B, Kindra C, Byron C, Evie E, Leya E, Ellie-Mae G, Taku N, Ethan P, Jack S, Joshua V;

3 Years 100% Attendance: Mohammed A, Ruby F, Elliot H, Daniel L, Lucy T

4 Years 100% Attendance: Joshua La, Gabrielle M

5 Years 100% Attendance: Mason L

6 Years 100% Attendance: Eddie L

8 Years 100% Attendance: Libbie G - Not a single day off in her whole time at Sandford Hill!

A huge well done to all our shield winners, but a massive congratulations to Libbie for 8 years of 100% attendance. Yesterday the Sentinel came and interviewed her, so do look out for that.



Y6 fund raising

Following the sale of the braided wristbands, the car wash and the raffles the Y6 children have raised £291.50 Which is a massive support in covering all the end of term treats that they been given. Well done Y6 and thank you for all your efforts. We do hope you have had a good send off!

Headteacher's Termly Star Awards:

Congratulations to these children who won this term's Head Teacher's Star Award for their hard work, attitude and/or progress:

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Ralphie S	Y3/1	Amelia M
FS1/2	Bellamy M	Y3/2	Erin D
FS2/1	Hunter H	Y4/1	Freya M
FS2/2	Ellie T	Y4/2	Eli H
Y1/1	Ellie-Mae G	Y5/1	Lucy G
Y1/2	Olivia M	Y5/2	William B
Y2/1	Archie M	Y6/1	Thomas K
Y2/2	Henri D	Y6/2	Rebecca H

This year an extra Headteacher's Special Award was presented to those children who have worked so hard to develop our woodland area as part of The John Muir Group. Thank you so much for everything boys and girls. You've done a fantastic job!



Notices

- **September School Dinners** - Despite the kitchen refurbishment in September, hot dinners will be provided, but brought in from another venue. A reminder: Reception to Y2 school dinners are free under the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) system. Dinners for Y3 children will need to be paid for again. The price will be remaining at £2.30 per day. £11.50 per week payable via ParentMail.
- **September uniform** - A reminder that uniform with our school logo can be bought from either of our two suppliers: Timberland in Longton or online at <https://myclothing.com/>.

To close the year with this last newsletter I would like to pay thanks to the whole of the magnificent Sandford Hill team who offer so much support to the children and school throughout the year. To all parents, carers, friends, family members, Governors, staff and anyone else associated with the school, I send a heartfelt 'thank you' for your continued support. Our school continues to flourish and grow as a consequence, and the help and support which you provide really does make a huge difference.

Thank you also to all the parents/carers, on behalf of the staff, for the very kind cards and gifts that have been so generously brought in.

I would like to send a final farewell and thank you to Mr Hunt, Mrs Dale, Mrs Collier, Mrs Hallam and Mrs Sawyer-Conlon. They will all be much missed. We send them off with every good wish for the future, but do hope to see them on occasions back in school, when they will always be most welcome.

And of course we would like to say a final farewell to our fantastic Y6 children. We wish you every success at High School and in the future.

Best wishes for a happy, safe and enjoyable summer break.

Mr Wardle



Our Y6 Leavers - Good Luck, Be Safe and Make Your Dreams Your Goals!

