

Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter



Week 4 - Fri 27th Sept

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STOP PRESS: Good luck to Y6 who go to Stanley Head next week. X-Country or Tag Rugby Clubs cancelled as a result

ECO Activities

In school we are regularly thinking about our environment, the impact that we are having on the planet and doing what we can to support this critical cause. Yesterday, we welcomed into school many parents/carers to join the Key Stages 1 and 2 children while they undertook eco-activities



as part of our Eco Day. We really appreciate your support with this special day and hope you found it interesting and informative. Some of the activities the children did were:

- Tree artwork in Y6, inspired by Charlotte Bright, to highlight the devastating impact which deforestation is having on our planet. Trees are the lungs of the earth. They absorb carbon. Carbon is one of the greenhouse gases which cause climate change. Planting more trees is a way to care for our fragile planet;
- Eco promises were made in Y5. Our earth is really precious and quite fragile. We all need to commit to caring for it. Everyone can do their bit to care for the planet;
- Y4 were re-using plastic sweet, crisp and other wrappers and waste materials to create their own artwork;
- Y3 were re-using and recycling to create their environmentally friendly artwork, as well as making their own eco promises, aiming to reduce, re-use and recycle;
- Y2 were also creating their own eco promises. Something as small as switching of the lights can really help to care for our planet;



- Y1 were reusing milk bottles to create amazing bird feeders to help our garden birds make it through the winter. Our climate is changing and so many of the animals, who share it with us, need our help.



Thank you to our team of Eco-Warriors and Miss Gerrard, who rounded off the morning with a fabulous assembly explaining why we all have the responsibility to look after our beautiful world.



Dates for your Diary

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

Friday 11th October

KS1 Class Harvest Assembly at 9:05 a.m.

Tuesday 15th October

KS2 Harvest Festival, St. Chad's, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday 24th October - date change

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

Mon 11th to Thurs 14th May

KS2 SATs week

School Attendance Target - 96.5%

This week s96.2% - Well done ALL

F1/1	95.3%	Y2/2	94.0%
F1/2	86.0%	Y3/1	86.8%
F1/3	95.7%	Y3/2	98.7%
F1/4	82.5%	Y4/1	98.2%
F2/1	98.2%	Y4/2	95.6%
F2/2	100%	Y5/1	94.5%
Y1/1	95.3%	Y5/2	99.3%
Y1/2	94.3%	Y6/1	96.0%
Y2/1	95.9%	Y6/2	96.7%

Congratulations

- ◆ Well done to Ella W who received a Green Blue Peter badge, after writing a letter to Blue Peter about the damaging effects of harvesting Palm Oil. Well done Ella!



- ◆ Congratulations to Daniel D who has achieved his 3rd stripe on his white belt for Mixed Martial Arts. One more stripe to go and he can aim for his yellow belt.



Headteacher's Star Awards:

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

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS2/1	Layla M	Y3/2	Riley W
FS2/2	Nathan B	Y4/1	Lily H
Y1/1	Shaye K	Y4/2	Sian S
Y1/2	Maisie C	Y5/1	Leo M
Y2/1	Liam C	Y5/2	Caitlin H
Y2/2	Naomi D-S-D	Y6/1	Olivia O
Y3/1	Lucas C	Y6/2	Jacob W

Y4/2 Roman visit to Wroxeter

On Monday Year 4/2 enjoyed exploring the ancient ruins of the Roman City of Wroxeter. They learned to march like soldiers, bathe like Romans and they even learnt what jobs Roman children had to do.



BBC Radio 'Clean Start' litter pick

This afternoon should have been an active afternoon with children clearing rubbish from our school grounds and local streets in the BBC Radio 'Clean Start' litter pick up. As you might of guessed, due to the weather this couldn't happen today, but we will arrange it for another time.



This half term Class Assemblies

- ◆ Y2/2, Miss Gregory's Class Harvest Assembly on **Fri 11th Oct** at 9:05 a.m.
- ◆ Y4/1, Mrs Bullock's class - Harvest festival in St. Chad's on **Tues 15th Oct** at 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ Y6/2, Mr Alcock's class on **Thurs 17th Oct** at 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ Y5/1 Mrs Carney's class on **Thurs 24th Oct** at 9:00 a.m.

Parents/carers of children in these classes are invited to come along.

Y6/2 WW2 History Visit

On Tuesday, Y6/2, Mr Alcock's class, experienced a rather wet, but nevertheless rewarding day at the National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas. The children learned so much about the lives and losses shared through the memorials. Many thanks to Mr Booth and Mr Brown who accompanied the trips.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you so much to all our Sandford Hill family and friends who attended our coffee morning this morning raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. I know from personal experience the amazing support that this worthy charity provides and we are proud as a school to do what we can to support it. An extra special thank you to those that made the most delicious cakes that were enjoyed by all and to Mrs Brennan and helpers for such an enjoyable and worthwhile event. Thanks to your generosity we raised a brilliant **£325.51** to donate to this worthy cause.



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CANCER SUPPORT**



Harvest Items

You will note the Harvest Assembly dates on the diary list and as in previous years we would be most grateful for donations of non-perishable food items to the school office. The food items are made into gift boxes and distributed to the local elderly residents.



International Walk to School Month

Here's a challenge for you - next **Wednesday 2nd October** is a Walk to School Day and we would like to see if we can get as many children walking to school (or cycling or scooting), just not coming in the car. The weather forecast as I write this is good, so could you get up a few minutes earlier to allow time to walk, even part of your journey to school?



Notices

- **CHOIR and Young Voices Concert 2020** - If your child has a place in the school Choir and you have consented for them to go to the Young Voices concert in Jan '20, then please note we have extended the order window on ParentMail for YV event T-shirts to **Monday 30th Sept at 12:00 p.m.**
- **Family photos** - When the children have their individual photo taken by the school photographer on **Thurs 10th Oct**, they will also be taken with any brothers/sisters in school. If you would like a family group taken with children not at Sandford Hill, then please respond on the ParentMail form sent today, to let us know you are interested.
- **CANCELLED CLUBS** - Due to Y6 being at Stanley Head all next week, the following clubs are cancelled next week:
 - Mrs Hassall's Y5/6 Cross Country Mon after school
 - Mr Alcock's Y5/6 Tag Rugby Tuesday before school



The Tony Hughes Award for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'

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

F1/1	Bella B
F1/2	Elliot L
F2/1	Jack H
F2/2	Robyn P
Y1/1	Lily-Grace S
Y1/2	Leo B
Y2/1	Coby D
Y2/2	Chloe S
Y3/1	Kaytee L
Y3/2	Sereana V
Y4/1	Ashton S
Y4/2	Tristan D
Y5/1	Evie B
Y5/2	Callum W
Y6/1	Saimone S
Y6/2	Jailyn H

This week's blog posts to check out

[Nursery First Full Day](#)
[Nursery Meet Scaredy squirrel](#)
[Nursery's Busy Bees](#)
[Nursery's Scaredy Squirrel Hats](#)
 Reception [Eco Day](#)
 Y1 [Evil Pea Commits Crimes!](#)
 Y1 [The Lady With The Lamp](#)
 Y1 [Superhero Art](#)
 Year 1/1 [Eco Day](#)
 Y2 [Year 2 Woodland Orienteering](#)
 Y5 [River Models](#)
 John Muir [Down in the Woods](#)

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.



Thoughtfulness and Respect