



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness and Respect



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TOGETHER READING

Reading transports us to worlds we would never see, introduces us to people we would never meet, and instils emotions we might never otherwise feel. It also provides an array of health benefits. Here are six scientific reasons you should be picking up more books:

1. Reading reduces stress.
2. Reading, especially books, may add years to your life.
3. Reading improves your language skills and knowledge of the world.
4. Reading enhances empathy.
5. Reading boosts creativity and flexibility.
6. Reading can help you transform as a person.



Health and Wellbeing

National Storytelling Week

As you might have noticed by now, this week marks National Storytelling Week, when we encourage everyone to take some time to read with their children. We know from what we see each day that children love the opportunity to share a story with adults and that there is a book out there for everyone. It can be useful to create a routine around reading at home, but even when it may not be possible to sit and read together, small changes such as having subtitles on when watching a video are a really effective way of encouraging reading.



Word Multi-Millionaires!



We are delighted to share that we have another 5 million word reader. We have previously missed the opportunity to share that **Sebbie G**, **Eli H** and **Brooke M**, had reached this staggering, mammoth, awe-inspiring milestone and now, as of this Wednesday, **Finley J** has joined this illustrious group. This is a fantastic example of what can be achieved when we set our mind on a goal and we're all incredibly proud of all four of their achievements.



Headteacher's Star Awards

Congratulations to these children who were given this week's Head Teacher's Star Award.

| Class | Award Winner | Class | Award Winner |
|-----------|--|-------|------------------------------------|
| Nursery | Briar B Cadi R Isaac J Eeligh R | Y3 | Sophie L Teddy L Reggie L |
| Reception | Ava P Brooklyn B Cassandra E | Y4 | Oliver D Emilia B-S Daniel D |
| Y1 | Eliza P Jake M Nathan-Lee B | Y5 | Kindra C Marley C Erin D |
| Y2 | Kaiden F Mollie-Mae E Harper B | Y6 | Kane K Amina K Seth H |

Birthdays

Wishing all these children a very **Happy Birthday** this weekend and next week:

- Bethan B
- Nina B
- Jessica W
- Lyla-Rai D
- Gracie-Mae D
- Atunaisa S
- Kaitlin B
- Alana M
- David S
- Jacob M



Latest Update - Year 6 Maths Rockstars Competition

We are in the midst of the Y6 TT Rockstars competition and thanks to the fantastic commitment and skill of our Y6 children, as of midday today Sandford Hill is registering as a brilliant 2nd place for schools across Stoke-on-Trent. Keep it up children, as we have until 3:00 p.m. next Tuesday to maintain or even improve on our position.

Well done to all the children, but particularly to **Jack T** who is currently 3rd in the pupil results. Just watch him in action [here!](#)

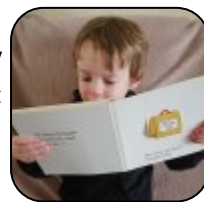


| YEAR 6 TIMES TABLES ROCKSTAR COMPETITION | | | |
|--|---|----------------|---------------|
| Stoke Year 6 Timetables Competition | | | |
| Info | Class Enrolment | School Results | Class Results |
| School average / user | | School score | |
| Position | | | |
| 1 | St Teresa's Catholic Primary School, Stoke-on-trent | | |
| 2 | Sandford Hill Primary School | | |
| | St Maria Goretti Catholic Academy, Stoke-on-Trent | | |

Learning Superstars - Here are a selection of just some of the blog posts of the fantastic work that the children have been doing this week. Thank you parents/carers for your continued support.

Nursery celebrate National Storytelling Week

The children in Nursery have loved reading different stories this week including 'A Home for Ted' and 'Elmer'. They have made their own houses for their teddies as well as making their own bookmarks. Click on the picture link right to see some of our photographs. More blogs to follow this evening.



Reception love to read.

It has been so lovely this week to see all the children in Reception celebrating National Storytelling Week by engaging in lots of reading. They have shared their favourite stories, made book marks and storytelling wands and even read their favourite books to their teddies at a Teddy Bear's tea party. Have a look at some photographs of this week's reading activities on the blog.

Year 1 Share their favourite stories.

Y1 have fully enjoyed National Story Telling Week this week. Wednesday morning in their live morning session the children brought along their favourite story to share with the class. Here is a picture of some of the stories that were chosen. What super star readers we have!



Wonderful Work from Year 2

Y2 have been busy once again over the past few days. The teachers have received lots of fantastic photographs, videos and documents showing just how hard everyone is working in their lessons! They absolutely love receiving the children's work and seeing the brilliant progress they are all making in Maths and Phonics, the enjoyment and creativity being shown in this week's English storytelling activities and the tremendous investigation work in the Science lessons! Well done to you all.

Year 3 Perfect Persuasion

Y3 have been building up to write a persuasive leaflet for 'George's Marvellous Medicine' next week. They have been learning to exaggerate by writing statements about 'Blockaboots'. Have a read and see if the children have persuaded you to want to buy a pair.



Remote Learning in Year 4

There has been some amazing work from Y4 this week. They have looked at: the importance of healthy, balanced lifestyles, number lines and reading scales in maths; 'The Jabberwocky' poem in English; 'The Lion King' in music; sound and pitch in science and they've started to learn about the Easter story in RE. The teachers are so impressed with some fantastic examples of work that the children have done and should be really proud of. Keep it up Year 4!

Year 5 Home Learning!

Y5 have also been doing a full range of activities this week, including Science - floating & sinking; RE - What makes me me?; PSHE - mindfulness drawing and connecting with others; Geography - what happens when a river floods?; Computing - creating record cards for their own databases. As well as this, Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating National Story Telling week where they have shared stories together, designed a new front cover for 'Kensuke's Kingdom' and listened to the accompanying music to 'The Bear and the Piano'.



Smashing Storytelling in Year 6

This week the Y6 children have enjoyed undertaking various tasks linked to stories, books and traditional tales! They began each day with a story related activity including guessing the book from the first line, identifying a book from a small section of the front cover, solving 3 clues to find the name of a book and decoding emojis to find the name of a well-known book. They designed bookmarks, changed elements of a traditional tale or fairy story and made videos using Flipgrid showing our storytelling skills. They also read a daily instalment of a new Tom Palmer short story 'The Character Strikes Back'. Each day, they were left on the edge of their seats desperately wanting to know what was going to happen next. A wonderful week immersed in a wide range of stories and books with something for every one – could there be anything better!