



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



Thoughtfulness and Respect

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Random Acts of Kindness

Did you know that Stoke-on-Trent was voted as the UK's kindest city for carrying out acts of kindness in 2020? One of the many special things about our school are its thoughtful and respectful pupils (and parents), so it came as no surprise to me that our city achieved this accolade.

With Random Acts of Kindness day taking place on 17th February, 'Stoke Reads' (an organisation who endeavour to inspire families across the city to read together, and help parents to support their children's literacy skills) are running a host of activities for families and schools to get involved with. These include:

- **Random Acts of Kindness trail:** pop up Random Acts of Kindness trails in Hanley Park, Burslem Park, Tunstall Park and Westport Lake
- **Find a book:** alongside our kindness trail we will be hiding **16 Choose Kind Wonder journals** for children to find and take home
- **Make your own Random Acts of Kindness trail:** get creative and build your own trail at home or in the garden
- **Stoke Random Acts of Kindness Challenge:** complete our kindness challenge to win 'Choose Kind' journals for your class
- **Facebook live storytelling session:** local author of *Nana Duck*, Kathy Tallentire will be reading her brand new story *Rescue Me* live on our Stoke Reads Facebook page – **Wednesday 17 February at 10:30**
- **Stoke Reads Facebook page:** throughout half-term we'll be sharing all these activities and want to hear what kindness means to you
- **Connecting Stories competition:** this is for 7-11 year olds to write about what kindness means to them. The winning entries will be part of an anthology and displayed in Stoke. This is an ongoing competition which individuals can enter. For more information visit: <https://literacytrust.org.uk/> You can find all this activity online at www.literacytrust.org.uk/

Final results - Year 6 Maths Rockstars Competition

Well done to the children in Y6 who have been competing in the Stoke-on-Trent Top of the Rocks competition, finishing in an amazing 4th place! The children worked incredibly hard as there were nearly 50 schools competing across the city. Mrs Hassall's class finished in tenth place



and Mr Jones' class finished in twenty sixth place. Not only did Y6 do really well, but Jack T finished in third place out of all the pupils who entered in Stoke-on-Trent! A big well done to you Jack!

Next competition is for Year 3 across Stoke -on-Trent, so get practising now ready for 23rd March Y3.



Birthdays

Wishing all these children a very **Happy Birthday** this weekend and the following two weeks until the next newsletter:

- Caitlin H
- Henri D
- Hollie-Anne D
- Skye S
- Nevaeh S
- Lucy B
- Harvey P
- Roxanna W
- Mason T
- Bella B
- Rebecca B
- Elizabeth R
- Yaswanth N
- Amelia T
- Ingrid S
- Bradley B
- Ava H-N



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 |
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| Nursery | Grace M Jenson H Henry R Darcy-Grace W | Y3 | Ellie-Mae G Evelyn T Isla R |
| Reception | Roxanna W Alice G Mathieu R | Y4 | James M Georgia B Joshua V |
| Y1 | Jensen F Millie H Suleiman J | Y5 | Oliver H-N Jessica M Emily S, Isobel S |
| Y2 | Vinnie B Daniel C Isla J | Y6 | Julia D Lily-Mae D Ryan H |

Health and Wellbeing

Safer Internet Day

This Tuesday marked Safer Internet Day and a fantastic opportunity to explore how children can make the most of everything that the internet has to offer, but in a safe and responsible way. The theme for the day this year was Reliability Online and how we can separate fact from fiction when we see different things on the internet. The children were encouraged to look for key signals that a website might be showing false information and we shared a range of websites and search engines that can be used safely. As always, it is the conversation around staying safe online that is the most powerful and we encourage you to continue this conversation at home. Thank you.





Stay Well Support over February Half Term



MONDAY (15th):

Speak Up Space: Open 9:30am-2:30pm & 5-8pm. Instant messenger for young people to get support.

TUESDAY (16th):

Peer Support: For 8-11 year olds 4-5pm. Young people can come together to share how they have been feeling & get mutual support.

Peer Support: For 11-14 year olds at 4:30-5:30pm.

Wellbeing Workshop: For 11-16 year olds at 4-5pm. Young people can learn about mental health & coping techniques for their wellbeing. 3 week programme.

Speak Up Space: Open 9:30am-2:30pm & 8-11pm. Instant messenger for young people to get support.

WEDNESDAY (17th):

Peer Support: For 8-12 year olds at 4-5pm. Young people can come together to share how they have been feeling & get mutual support.

Peer Support: For 15-18 year olds at 5-6pm.

Peer Support: For 12-15 year olds at 5-6pm.

Games Night: For 8-11's at 4pm, 11-18's at 6pm.

Speak Up Space: Open 9:30am-2:30pm & 5-8pm. Instant messenger for young people to get support.

THURSDAY (18th):

Decider Workshop: For ages 8-12 at 4-5pm. To teach young people skills to manage their distress. 4 week programme.

Speak Up Space: Open 9:30am-2:30pm & 4pm-9pm. Instant messenger for young people to get support.

FRIDAY (19th):

Peer Support: For 11-15 year olds 4:30-5:30pm. Young people can come together to share how they have been feeling & get mutual support.

Speak Up Space: Open 9:30am-12:30pm. & 8-11pm. Instant messenger for young people to get support.

ALL OF THESE SESSIONS STILL HAVE SPACES AVAILABLE CURRENTLY. Contact us if you/your child is interested in joining any of our sessions.

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