



# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness and Respect

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## End of Year Activities

Reflecting on events of the past year, it seems that schools themselves are often the last to know of the government's intentions. The Covid guidance, under which schools to are charged to operate, has not changed radically since it was introduced in July 2020. Although there may very well be a relaxing of the current restrictions in June (dependent on the rise of the latest Covid variant), schools themselves have not yet received any further guidance which would really help long-term planning. Accordingly, trying to plan our end of year events is extremely challenging. Restrictions may or may not be in place. Activities may or may not be allowed. Large social gatherings may or may not be permitted. Despite all of this, I would still like to reassure parents that as the academic year draws to a close, we are committed to providing safe and memorable activities for all of the children, to end what has been a very strange and difficult school year for us all.

### Whole School End of Year Activities

- ⇒ All year groups will have an end of year 'Party Day' including games and sporting activities, a picnic and fun on an inflatable. More details to follow.
- ⇒ Whilst we will be unable to hold our normal 'Sports day' this year, we are currently working hard behind the scenes to arrange a Sports Week for early September. A wide range of sporting experiences are being arranged for the children to enjoy.

### Year 6 End of Year Activities

In addition to this, the Year 6 children are busy finalising further arrangements before they leave us for High School. We will not be holding an 'End of Year Leavers Disco' this year (Covid and the building works make this too much of a challenge to safely commit too), but instead we are very excited to inform you that we are arranging:

- a party day as above;
- a local bike ride;
- subsidised trip to West Midlands Safari Park, with leavers' T-shirt (payment information to follow via ParentMail);
- End of year production (recorded for parents);
- Countryside hike with a picnic;
- a Harry Potter day; and
- A 'Festival in the Field' followed by a sleepover in school with Dominoes pizza;

### Year 6 Fundraising

In order to help offset some of the costs of these exciting events, the Year 6 children will also be involved in the following fundraising activities:

1. An optional pyjamas/non uniform day for Year 6 (donations welcomed) on Friday 11th June
2. Y6 will be making and taking orders from across the school for the ever popular 'Friendship Bracelets'.
3. The children have written letters to be sent out to local business for donations which will then be raffled;

### The Tony Hughes Award for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'

The medal, in memory of our former Chairman of the PTFA, is presented to a child

N1	Isaac P
N/2	Oluwateniayo K
R/1	Ivy-Jane F
R/2	Gracie W
Y1/1	Niamh J
Y1/2	Mia C
Y2/1	Olivia W
Y2/2	Stanley R
Y3/1	Noah B
Y3/2	Grace H
Y4/1	Leyton H
Y4/2	Asinate L
Y5/1	Ava T
Y5/2	Jordell-Leroy A
Y6/1	Marcus W
Y6/2	Callum W

## Y2 enact 'The Great Fire of London'

To provide a memorable end of topic experience, today our Y2 children have been down to the woodland to re-enact the awful events of the great fire of London. The children had already learned about how quickly the fire had spread because the houses were made of wood and were so close together. So today, led by leaders from Peak District Survival School, the children

actually saw it happen with a model they had helped to create. What a great way to help the children to remember their history and also to end the half term!



## Health and Wellbeing

### Walk to School Week

Over the course of the year, we've all appreciated the freedom of going for a walk and getting some fresh air. This is something that we see the children doing during playtimes every day and something that should be regularly encouraged. Walk to School week is a child-led initiative where the children are encouraged to make positive choices around how they travel to and from school with them then receiving badges based on these positive choices. On average, schools that participate in Walk to School week see a 30% reduction in car usage as a means of getting to school, meaning that we can also help to reduce our impact on the environment. We can't wait to see how many children are out walking and forming a positive relationship with getting outdoors.



### Calling all Year 5 Pupils

It's time for the next School Council Elections! If you would like to try out to become a school Council member, then you will need to write a short election speech over half term and bring it in on the first Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June. You need to say why you would like to be a councillor and what skills you think you have to offer. As you won't be able to give your speech in assembly to all the children, we will record you reading your speech, but just on your own or in a small group, so you may want to have a little practice at home. The rest of the school will then be able to vote after watching the videos. We would love you all to try out and know that next year's council will be wonderful.



### Birthdays

Wishing all these children a very **Happy Birthday** for the next two weeks:

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|---------------------------|------------|-------------|
| • Rowanjay J              | • Emily L  | • Skyla P   |
| • Sonny Landon-P          | • Lily H   | • Declan B  |
| • Alexis L                | • Evie B   | • Daniel C  |
| • Lily-Grace Dos-Santos-D | • Tilly H  | • Stanley R |
| • Marshall H              | • Coby D   | • Theo C    |
| • Emily-Rose F            | • Josiah D | • Leo B     |



**Headteacher's Star Awards:**  
Congratulations to these children who were given this week's Head Teacher's Star Award for Hard Work.

Class	Award Winner
N1	Quinn-Rose B
N/2	Jensen B
R/1	Reggie J
R/2	Gracjan P
Y1/1	Leo P
Y1/2	Mia M
Y2/1	Jenson W
Y2/2	Hollie-Anne D
Y3/1	Harrison D
Y3/2	Lilly M-N
Y4/1	Bobby M
Y4/2	Neve B
Y5/1	Alex S
Y5/2	Atunaisa S
Y6/1	Ashton P
Y6/2	Jack S

### End of Half Term Merit Certificates

Congratulations to our all the children below who have been awarded a certificate for progress and attainment through this half term:

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
N1	Jacob C, Cadi R, Grace M, Xander H, Archie H, Elliot D	Y3/1	Leah B, Isla B, Noah B, Lexi W, Martha J, Harrison D
N/2	Henry R, Edie C, Amelia T, Rosie E, Evie F, Toni K	Y3/2	Reggie L, Naomi D-S-D, Molly B, Sebastian H, Olivia M, Bentley D
R/1	Reggie J, Spencer H, Keira M, Isabella K, Gracie-Mae D, Ivy-Jane F	Y4/1	Tilly H, Woodrow T, Tayla D, Archie M, Alfie G, Khadijat F
R/2	Brooklyn B, Benjamin B, Frankie C, Noah D, Adrian D-K, Lottie S	Y4/2	Seren C, Emori S, Evelyn L, Oliver D, Skyla R, Lola F
Y1/1	Layla M, Niamh J, Millie H, Abdullah Y, Grayson C, Jensen F	Y5/1	Lucy D, Ava T, Oliver J, Tamzin P, Kindra C, Tyler C
Y1/2	Mya G, Vinny E, Ingrid S, Freya L, Kaiden A, Lewis J	Y5/2	Charlie S, Sian S, James W, Oliver C, Lily-Mae G, Maisy-Lee B
Y2/1	George C, Bobbi M, Olly W, Thomas H, Kaiden F, Lowry B	Y6/1	Alfie W, Alfie D, Lola S, Mason L, Ethan B, Shaun B.
Y2/2	Lennon B, Lacey-Mae C, Mollie-Mae E, Daniel C, Theo C, Stanley R	Y6/2	Alfie H, David S, Jessica B, Keira C, Caitlin H, Finley J

### Congratulations and Well Done

Well done to **Shaye K**, who we missed in last week's edition. He was awarded a trophy for scoring a super goal at football - how brilliant. Congratulations Shaye!



Congratulations to **Oliver H-N** who very proudly shared with us his medal, awarded for his involvement with Longton Rugby Club. A fabulous achievement. Well done Oliver everyone is very proud of you!





Brilliant Balanceability Bikers

This week our Early Years and Y1 classes have had a brilliant time outside on our balance bikes led by the ASM Sports Team. The children learned lots of bike safety tips, demonstrated great skill riding around the track, stopping at crossings and going in and out of the cones. Well done to all our super cyclists in the making. After half term Y2 and Y3 and any older non-riders will have an opportunity to develop their cycling skills. Such a brilliant skill to learn which should set them up for life.



Headteacher's Half Termly Medals:	
Congratulations to these children who awarded this medal for their school values.	
Class	Award Winner
N1	Briar B
N/2	Akuila T
R/1	Travis M
R/2	Simi K
Y1/1	Amelia C
Y1/2	Elliot H-T
Y2/1	Martha-Rose L-C
Y2/2	Lily-Grace S
Y3/1	Alecia O
Y3/2	Isla R
Y4/1	Billy D
Y4/2	Sereana V
Y5/1	Tyler C
Y5/2	Evie-Rose M
Y6/1	Kai A
Y6/2	Callum D

School Attendance Target - 96.5%			
This week is 94.7% - below our school target.			
F1/1	86.7%	Y2/2	96.7%
F1/2	72.1%	Y3/1	97.7%
F1/3	97.3%	Y3/2	92.9%
F1/4	88.8%	Y4/1	99.2%
F2/1	99.0%	Y4/2	97.1%
F2/2	98.0%	Y5/1	95.4%
Y1/1	90.7%	Y5/2	93.5%
Y1/2	94.7%	Y6/1	93.6%
Y2/1	96.6%	Y6/2	98.0%