



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness,
Respect and
Hard Work

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Marvellous MUGA!

At Sandford Hill we are always encouraging the children to develop a healthy and active lifestyle. As sport is one fantastic way to do this, we love all things sporty and provide as many varied physical opportunities for our children as we can. We also celebrate our children's sporting successes out of school and were recently informed about an new opportunity for girls to take part in local football training. The team is 'The Wildcats' based at Blurton Reds FC and it was through the Wildcats that some of our girls were introduced to football. Not only that but since joining the football team great friendships have developed, as well as the enjoyment of playing.

Another really exciting sporting development that our Governors approved at our recent meeting, is the installation of a new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) surrounded by a cycle/scooter/running track. (See below for artist's impression) We have been saving hard and subject to relevant permissions are very hopeful that by our return this September the installation will be completed on our Red Ash area. We can't wait!



Y2 visit the Spitfire

On Monday our Y2 children visited the new Spitfire Gallery at the Potteries Museum. It was lovely to be able to take the children out on a trip again after so long and they were all really excited and beautifully behaved.



Dates for the Diary

Fri 8th April
Last day of Spring Term
Mon 25th April
First day of Summer Term
Mon 2nd May
Bank Holiday - no school
Thurs 5th & Fri 6th May
Swimming restarts
Mon 9th - Thurs 12th May
Y6 SATs

Knife Angel

Our Y5 and Y6 children will be learning about the Knife Angel - a national monument against all forms of violence, which will be displayed in Smithfield in the City Centre for the whole of April.

The Knife Angel is an eye-catching 27-foot tall statue made up of 100,000 knives and blades that have been confiscated by police forces up and down the country.

The sculpture comes as part of a national tour, alongside an education and awareness activities on knife crime, and a knife amnesty.



The Tony Hughes medal for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect' awarded each week to a child in every class.

N1	Skyla-Grace T
N2	Arthur R
R1	Lyla F
R2	Empress D
Y1/G3	Faith A
Y1/G4	Oakley-James J
Y2/G1	Alfie H
Y2/G2	Woody E
Y3/F4	Kayden C
Y3/F3	Seraphina S
Y4/F2	Kian D
Y4/F1	Noah K
Y5/RBL	Sienna-Mae H
Y5/RBR	Alfie G
Y6/FBR	Maisy-Lee B
Y6/FBL	Asthon S

Next Week's School Meals—all served with a dessert and drink (vegetarian option available)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main meal	Sausage, Mash and Seasonal Veg	All Day Breakfast (Sausage, Hash Brown, Oatcake and Beans)	Cheese Whirl, Diced Roasties and Beans	*Easter Special* (see page 4)	Fish Fingers, Chips and Peas
Alternative Option (Reception to Y6 only)	Jacket Potato or a Filled Sandwich/Roll	Jacket Potato or a Filled Sandwich/Roll	Jacket Potato or a Filled Sandwich/Roll	Jacket Potato or a Filled Sandwich/Roll	Jacket Potato or a Filled Sandwich/Roll

Parent/Carer Notices

Y6 and Nursery photos - If Y6 and Nursery parents/carers would like to order the year group school photos, a polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Sunday 3rd April 2022. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Covid Isolation Update - From today, April 1st, children and young people aged 18 and under, with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days, which is when they are most infectious. For adults the advice will be 5 days. Children who are generally unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home. They can come back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Dinner Money Price Increase - A reminder that school meals will be increasing to £2.60 per day after the Easter holidays. Pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 will continue to receive free meals. Means tested free school meals are also unaffected.

Art Competition

If your child still wishes to take part in the School Council's Easter competition to draw a design for a brand new Easter Egg, please be aware that completed designs must be returned for judging by **Tuesday 5th April**. For more details please see last week's newsletter.



Autism Awareness Week

This week we have been sharing with the children about Autism Awareness Week. We have been speaking to the children about this in our assemblies and had a special visitor, Mrs Goodwin, from Abbey Hill school, who shared more information about autism and what it means.

Did you know that 1 in every 100 people are autistic? We are very proud to have some wonderful children in our school who have autism. They manage really brilliantly and we are so proud of them as they are a real credit to our school.

Birthdays

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

- Archie P
- Kayden C
- Ava-Rae M
- Ellie-Mae G
- Harry C
- Jacob C
- Joseph C
- Stephen S
- Abdullah S



Parents Evening and Survey

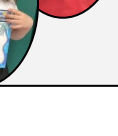
It has been really wonderful, over the last two evenings, to welcome parents/carers into school for our open evenings. We realise for some it is the first time you may have been inside the school, so we hope you enjoyed your visit and found the meeting useful.

Following our open evenings we have previously sent out a parent/carers survey. This provides you with an opportunity to share with us how you feel your child is getting on at school through a few questions to answer.

We would be really grateful if you could please respond to the survey sent out via ParentMail - a great opportunity for you to tell us how you think we're doing!

Congratulations and Well Done

- Very well done to **Stanley R** who has been improving his reading skills so his word count is now more than half a million words! A brilliant effort, Stanley.
- Congratulations to **Chavindu B** who has read 25,000 words since September.
- A huge well done to **Lucas C** who has read 2 million words since September! A brilliant effort Lucas.
- Many congratulations to **Isla J** who through has achieved her Goldfish 3 swimming certificate.
- Well done to **Stanley R** and **Ollie E** on their weekend footballing success. Super skills boys!
- Many congratulations to **Daniel I** on achieving his Chief Scout Silver Award, the highest award a Cub can earn. Amazing Daniel!
- Well done to **Ally-Rae H** who has achieved her Jellyfish swimming award Well done Ally-Rae!



School Attendance Target -96%

This week attendance is 91.7% which is below our school target.

N1	79.1%	Y2/G2	91.5%
N2	84.0%	Y3/F3	97.0%
N3	90.2%	Y3/F4	90.0%
N4	85.0%	Y4/F1	95.9%
R1	94.1%	Y4/F2	98.4%
R2	95.8%	Y5/RBL	92.5%
Y1/G3	92.6%	Y5/RBR	94.4%
Y1/G4	88.1%	Y6/FBL	94.8%
Y2/G1	92.6%	Y6/FBR	86.1%

Headteacher's Star Award
Congratulations to these children who received this week's Head Teacher's Star Award for Hard Work.

N1	Macie W
N2	Ellena P
R1	Grace M
R2	Lettie-Rose B
Y1/G3	Caleb M
Y1/G4	Frankie C
Y2/G1	Niamh J
Y2/G2	Lila L
Y3/F4	Isabella W
Y3/F3	Harper-Lee C
Y4/F2	Caden H
Y4/F1	Molly B
Y5/RBL	Skyla-Beau R
Y5/RBR	Bethan B
Y6/FBR	Isabel S
Y6/FBL	Oliver H-N

Easter Bake Off

We were blown away at the amazing cake creations that were sent into school this week. It's clear to see that we have so many talented bakers amongst us and we are incredibly thankful for your generous cake donations. Thank you to Miss Cotton and Mrs Birks from the school catering team who had the difficult task of judging our 'Cake Off' competition. All pupils who sent in cakes will receive a certificate for their entry into the competition. Please do look on our school website to see all of the cakes from Y3-6 that were sent into school.

Congratulation to all of our talented bakers:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Tansey M	Caden H	Josh V	Ava T
Daniel C	Liam B	Jess W	Harry D
Vinny B	Leah B	Lucas C	Isla S
Eva R	Kian D	Skylar H	Lucy D
Ava H-N	Summer W	Tilly H	Isabelle Y
Briley S	Grace H	Lucy M	Hayat H
Olivia W	Max W	Kaytee L	Adena P
Theo C	Ellie-Mae G	Woodrow T	Aston M
Stanley R	Martha J	Skyla-Beau R	Oliver H-N
Kaiden F	Lucy B	Georgia B	Lenny M
Kaitlin B	Lexi W	Sienna-Mae H	Owen W
Lily S	Luke H	Neve B	Kindra C
Ollie E	Mollie B	Lexi B	Isla S
Evie G	Bentley D	Sophie P	James W
Isla J	Callum C	Isabella L	
Thomas H	Lyla-Rai D	Billy D	
Ollie W	Molly B	Alfie G	
Seraphina S			
Jack E			
Katie B			
Sienna D			
Rowan J			

The 4 winners of our 'Cake Off' competition are:

Year 3—Kaiden F



Year 4—Mollie B



Year 5—Tilly H



Year 6—Aston M



Easter Celebrations - Charity Collection Updates

Easter Bonnet & Decorated Egg Competition

We are looking forward the Easter Bonnets and Decorated Eggs created by the children for the end of term. Bonnets and Eggs can be brought into school and handed to your child's class teacher ready for judging on **Tuesday 5th April**.

Coin Columns gone Crazy!

Coins are now pouring into classes for our coin stacking competition. The winner of each key stage will be the class that has stacked the most 15cm columns by Thursday 7th April. All coins should be handed in to your child's class teacher and the winning classes will be announced on **Friday 8th April**. So keep sending in your 1's, 2's and 5p's!



Easter Special

Spring Lamb Pie

served with

Roasties, Mashed Potatoes

and Spring Vegetables

Bunny Pizza

served with

French Fries and Carrot Sticks

Easter Nest

topped with a
Chocolate Egg

Shortbread Bunny

Choice of Drink

Thursday 7th April