



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness

Respect

Hard Work

Issue 23 - Friday 10th March 2023

Snowfall

The weather has certainly taken a chilly turn this week. Whilst we were able to safely remain open yesterday, today we have had no option but to close the school for the safety of all pupils and staff. This is never an easy decision to make but the road and path conditions around school were too dangerous and the majority of staff were unable to make it into school. We always try to notify parents as soon as possible via ParentMail and through our social media channels (Twitter/Facebook). If you did not receive a ParentMail notification this morning, please let the school office know on Monday.

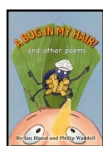


World Book Day Celebrations



This year, we wanted to provide a different experience for our children as part of our World Book Day celebrations. We are delighted that Ian Bland, published poet, will be joining us on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th March to deliver assemblies and workshops to our children throughout school. He has been a professional poet and performer for over 20 years and we look forward to watching him inspire our pupils here at Sandford Hill.

On Monday 13th March, Ian will also have a small selection of his published books available should parents/carers wish to purchase them, as well as poetry writing kits. Prices range from £6.99 to £7.99 and he will be in Miss Gregory's classroom from 3:20 p.m. on Monday only.



Thank you

Today, Mr Simcox our Site Supervisor will be ending his post to begin his retirement. We would like to say a huge thank you for all of his help over the last few years he's been with us here at Sandford Hill. Whilst he will be doing some casual hours, we will miss seeing him everyday in school greatly. Thank you Mr Simcox—enjoy your retirement!



Be our Guest!

On Monday, our Dance Club performed at the Dance 23 event at The Victoria Hall. This year's theme was 'Stoke— Our City' and the children danced to 'Be our Guest' wearing t-shirts representing Emma Bridgwater, Clarice Cliff and Wedgwood. They were all brilliant and we are extremely proud of them all! Thank you also to the staff, particularly Mrs Ford, who gave up their time to provide this opportunity for our children.



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

N	Lily M
R1	Rayaan A
R2	Blake M
Y1/G3	Jenson B
Y1/G4	Michaela L
Y2/G1	Noah M
Y2/G2	Stanley W-L
Y3/F3	Jaxon H
Y3/F4	Jake M
Y4/RBL	Martha-Rose LC
Y4/RBR	Jack E
Y5/1	Ravyn M
Y5/2	Poppy T
Y6/FBL	Logan T
Y6/FBR	Oliver D

Weekly Maths Challenge 1

When visiting the Brampton Museum on Wednesday, 21 out of 30 children in Miss Humphries class brought their own packed lunch from home. What percentage of the class had a school packed lunch?

Weekly Maths Challenge 2

Our site staff have used 42 bags of rock salt during the snow days. Each bag weighs 25g. How many kg of rock salt have they used?

Phonics in School

Below are the phonemes (sounds) the children have been learning about this week.

Year Group	Phonemes (Sounds)	Example words
Nursery	The children have been learning to sort objects by their initial sound	
Reception	igh	fight, light, night, high
Year 1	ou	outside, round, cloud
Year 2	Different spellings 'm'	some, comb, hammer

Parent Notices

- **NEU Industrial Action**—A reminder that there will be 2 strike days next week on **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March**. The arrangements will remain the same as those during the strike day last week with the majority of children being asked to stay at home.
- **Open Evening**—Bookings are now live for our open evenings on Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd March 2023. Each evening will run from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and there will be a creche available in the school hall. We do hope that you are able to attend but if you are experiencing difficulty making an appointment, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

Headteacher's Star Award

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

N	Isatou J
R1	Evie-Leigh E
R2	Feylin S
Y1/G3	Alicja P
Y1/G4	Lettie-Rose B
Y2/G1	Travis M
Y2/G2	Cassandra E
Y3/F3	Niamh J
Y3/F4	Winnie M
Y4/RBL	Lowry B
Y4/RBR	Stanley R
Y5/1	Amelia A
Y5/2	Emma B
Y6/FBL	Tayla D
Y6/FBR	Erin L

- **Clubs**—A reminder that next week will be the last week of clubs for this term however there will be no clubs on Tuesday after school, Wednesday and Thursday. Clubs for the summer term will be sent out next week and club letter will be sent home on the last week of term. Summer term clubs will start W/C 17th April 2023.

Birthdays

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

- Mia G
- Amelia H
- Poppy J
- Sebastian H
- Sophie G
- Spencer Hu
- Theodore T



Swimming Success!

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved the following swimming awards:

Beginners—Flynn H, Freya L, Poppy T, Ava A, Mia G, Olivia D, Mia K, Jenson W and Callum C

Length—Ava A, Sonny L-P and Kian D

Proficiency—Katie B



Dates for the Diary—Spring Term

Tuesday 14th March

EYFS to National Forest Adventure Farm

Friday 17th March

Red Nose Day—Non-uniform (Donations go to Comic Relief)

Monday 20th March

Y3/4 Easter Bake Off

Open Evening 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday 21st March

Y5/6 Easter Bake Off

Y4/RBR Recorder Festival 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday 22nd March

Y4/RBL Recorder Festival 12:30 p.m.

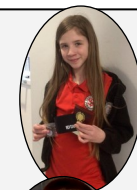
Open Evening 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 29th March

Easter Bonnet and Egg Parade

Congratulations and Well Done

- Congratulations to **Kaytee L** who has earned her Grade 2 Tap and Ballet Dancing Medals. Well done, Kaytee!
- Well done to **Adi D-K** who received this certificate from Polish school for being 'Pupil of the month' with positive behaviour and outstanding work. Fantastic Adi!
- Well done to **Archie M** who performed brilliantly in his boxing skills bout at the weekend and returned with this fabulous trophy. Super skills, Archie!
- Congratulations to **Lily M** who has been awarded her Stanley 2 swimming award. Well done Lily!
- Well done to **Grace B** who won the player of the match award, last weekend, playing for Stone Old Allynians u10s. Fantastic Grace!
- Congratulations to **Tommy C** who has achieved his Stanley 7 swimming award. Well done Tommy!



Dinner Menu—Week Commencing 13th March 2023

All meals are served with a dessert and drink (vegetarian options available). An alternative option of jacket potatoes and sandwiches are available.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pasta Bolognese	All Day Breakfast	Beef Grill	Roast Chicken Dinner / Cheese Lattice	Jumbo Fish Fingers

