



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Summer Term
2nd July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well Juniper and Coconut Classes have been real stars this week. They have been swimming every day. I won't bore you all with the story but they have had to walk all the way into Lewisham to the Glassmill Centre and back for a couple of days. They have really been amazing. We have now managed to get the support of Lewisham's Community Transport Service so I can be seen driving the Jimmy Mizen red bus on a circular route 6 times each afternoon. Dragon Fruit and Star Fruit Classes will go the following week but we are hoping they will be able to get the train.

Yr 5 are busy preparing for School Journey and Fun Week next week, so I hope they all have an amazing time.

What have we been learning this week.....

This week the Nursery children have been doing close-observational drawings of red-mullet and red-snapper fish, king prawns and mussels (Photographs are attached). They have also made and decorated paper-plate Rainbow Fish and composed sea-creature music using the percussion musical instruments.

Reception have been planning their journey stories ready for next week. They have been learning to add small coins together and are starting to calculate the change they need.

Year 1 read a story called The Night Pirates. They have planned their very own adventure story. In Maths they have made their own shops and have been learning all about money.

Year 2 have been enjoying the story 'The Bear and the Piano', where they have made predictions and debated for and against in English lessons. For Maths, they have been working some more on time, with a focus on how many minutes are in an hour, half an hour and a quarter of an hour. The children have also had lots fun looking for creatures in micro habitats in the playground!

Year 3 have been writing diary entries in English. Looking at angles and turns in maths, and trying to make paper clips float in a magnetic field in science.

We have had half of Year 4 out at daily swimming lessons, which have been going swimmingly! Dragonfruit Class and Starfruit class have meanwhile been busy learning about shapes and angles in Maths as well as designing and creating World War II posters as part of our topic work.

Year 5 have been learning all about Buddhism. In English, they acted out and retold the story of Prince Siddhartha and the birth of Buddhism. The children also enjoyed sketching statues of the Buddha. In maths, they revised converting between metric measures and used this knowledge to solve problems.

Year 6 have been learning all about time, but very complicated things like 24 hr clocks, minutes and seconds. They carried on with their Year 6 survival guides and created comic strips of Sandhurst memories.

Sandtastic Afterschool Club

I am afraid we will not be running after school club on the last day of term, Friday 23rd July. The local authority is starting a huge re-wire of the whole building, which will start as soon as we break up and run right through until next February. They will be working on all the communal areas over the summer, so we have to hand the building over to them ready to start at 7:30am on the first Monday of the holiday. So all staff will need to ensure everything is tidied away and secure on the last day. I am sorry for any inconvenience this will cause.

Radish Catering

I am delighted to say we are entering into a new catering contract from September. With the support of the governors we have been shopping around to find a catering company that we feel can really suit our school. I am excited to say we have found a company called Radish, when Paul (Governor) and I tasted the food it was really delicious. I have attached a welcome note and a sample menu from them. We are really hoping to encourage more children to take up school meals too. If we are able to proceed with our September Welcome Fayre on September 18th (restrictions allowing) you will be able to sample the food for yourselves.

Yr 6 Leavers Event

Thank you so much to those parents that have offered to help with the Yr 6 Leavers party, I still don't have very many of you. I am going to set up a zoom call next week with those of you that have offered so we can hatch a plan. If you would like to join us, please contact the office.

Please also don't forget the Leavers assembly that will take place outside on Friday 23rd July at 9:45am. Unfortunately, we will be keeping you all outside to stay within the restrictions. The Yr 6 children can then stay outside to get their shirts signed and then you will take them away by 12noon to either go home or to anything you may have planned. We do find this works really well as they do get a little overwrought if they are all saying goodbye for too long.

Old Colfeians Rugby Club

I have attached a flyer advertising some sessions Old Colfeians Rugby Club are running for children. If your child is interested in rugby please do take a look.

Oak Academy

Oak Academy are advertising some useful on line resources to support your children with their learning over the summer. I hope you spend lots of time outside having fun but if you do feel you want some on line learning it is a very useful site.

COVID update

As I am sure you are aware Lewisham is seeing a 40% rise in COVID cases over recent days. The Delta Variant really seems to be taking hold. What we are also seeing is that people testing positive are not showing the three main symptoms, they are more showing colds, sore throats, aching limbs, headaches. So please keep your child at home if they show any of these extra symptoms and book a PCR test. That way we can hopefully avoid whole bubbles closing. Can I also remind you please to wear masks to the gate and continue with social distancing? We are so near to the end of term; we just need to remain vigilant. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend. It looks like a nice weekend for weather. I am sure lots of us will be watching the football on Saturday night.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove