



Thoughtfulness
and Respect

Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

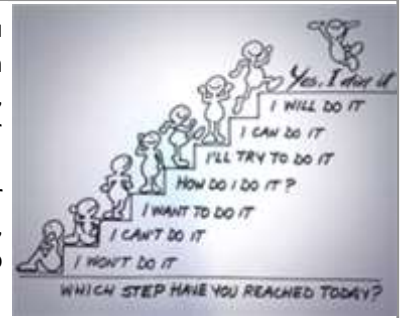


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Words of Welcome..... This time last year I shared this picture with you which I share again as it has a valuable message for us all and especially the children in school. It is often said that you learn through failure, which can be very off putting, but in school, while this might be true, children also learn through conquering their own self-doubt and lack of confidence. How many of us make comments such as 'I'm hopeless at maths' or 'I never write more than a shopping list'? In school part of our responsibility is to instil in the children the belief that they can do it - with practice, support and hard work. So parents/carers can we again please ask you to continue to reinforce these messages by positively supporting any of your child's learning at home.



Diary dates:

- Wed 27th Jan Governor Meeting 5:00 p.m. for 6:00 p.m. start.
- Thurs 28th Jan Y4/1 Mr Frost's class assembly – Parents welcome
- Fri 29th Jan Y6 to Crucial Crew at Hanley Fire Station
- Fri 29th Jan Parents' Cook and Eat session 3
- Wed 10th Feb Parents Evening – 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- Thurs 11th Feb Parents Evening – 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Fri 12th Feb School closed to children – staff training
- w/b 9th May Y6 SATs week

See more diary dates on the School Events Calendar on the website.
www.sandfordhill.org.uk/event-created

Cook off!

Thank you to those children that submitted an entry into the 'City Catering Junior Chef of the Year' competition, producing a recipe for a savoury dish for 4 people. The recipes entered have now been shortlisted and the four finalists will be asked to make their dish on Wednesday. They will be judged on taste, texture, appearance and creativity, as well as the best and most widespread use of local ingredients. Very good luck to our four budding chefs!



Well done 'Bloggers of the week'! – Choir visit to Birmingham

Blog reply from **Tino Nyamayaro Y5** - I really enjoyed this special event in Birmingham. It was a privilege to experience this breath-taking day out with the Sandford Hill Choir. My favourite part was when everybody was singing and dancing – positive feeling spread throughout the whole arena like lightning! I would love to thank Mrs Martin and the other teachers Mrs Drakeford and Mrs Arnott for giving us such a massive opportunity. I loved it!

'Tweet of the Week'

The power of Twitter - Mrs Martin sent photos and this message while at the Young Voices concert. 'So proud of our school choir... We're singing as part of a choir of 6,000 children and they are fabulous!'

Plate Design winner

Back in October the children were invited to 'Design a Plate' for a competition run by the Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy. All the children who created a design across the city were sent to the Academy for judging and we are very proud to announce that Sandford Hill's very own Emily Hughes in Y5/1 was the overall KS2 winner. As the winner, Emily's design will be made up into an actual plate, which we will very much look forward to seeing in a few months. Very well done to Emily and to all the children who entered the competition – you just never know when all your hard work will pay off and be recognised.

Old ties wanted!

We would like to make a request for any old ties, waistcoats, ribbon or wool that you might spare for a good cause. One of our talented kitchen staff uses them to create these beautiful garments for the charity 'Cherished Gowns' for Angel Babies UK. These are donated through the hospitals to parents who sadly suffer the loss of their baby while in hospital. Please pass on any unwanted ties, etc. to the school office for this very worthy cause. Thank you.



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School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 97.1% which is above our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	95.3%	Y1/1	95.3%	Y4/1	96.9%
F1/2	94.7%	Y1/2	95.7%	Y4/2	95.3%
F1/3	100%	Y2/1	99.7%	Y5/1	99.3%
F1/4	100%	Y2/2	100%	Y5/2	96.4%
F2/1	94.7%	Y3/1	99.3%	Y6/1	95.2%
F2/2	97.3%	Y3/2	99.3%	Y6/2	94.3%
				Y6/3	100%

The Tony Hughes Award:
This medallion is presented each week, in memory of our former Chairman of the PTFA, to a child from each class who has shown 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'.

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Lexi-Jean Braithwaite	Y3/1	Grace Simpson
FS1/2	Francesca Callaghan	Y3/2	Eddie Lomax
FS2/1	Kindra Chahal	Y4/1	Joel Walton
FS2/2	Maisy-Lee Barker	Y4/2	Cayne Powis
Y1/1	Alfie Howells	Y5/1	Tinashe Zinyemba
Y1/2	Evie Booth	Y5/2	Tyler Sheldon
Y2/1	Yvie Jones	Y6/1	Bethany Bridgwood
Y2/2	Takudzwa Nyamayaro	Y6/2	Ben Davis
		Y6/3	Naomi Lavery

Congratulations

- Massive congratulation to **Eddie Lomax, Ethan Protaszczak, Ryan Highfield** and **Lewis Myatt** on their Bronze Chief Scout Award and **Ben Davis** on his Silver Chief Scout Award presented by the Lord Mayor at Central Hall in Longton. These are a fabulous achievement and we put this down to hard work and excellent attendance. Very well done to the four of you! In addition, we have been asked to mention that the Beaver group is in need of adult volunteers in order to continue growing the numbers. Please see www.8thstjohnsscouts.btck.co.uk/GetInvolved
- Well done to our Nursery children on their weekly visit to Longton Library. Our supporting Governor/driver reported that the children were impeccably behaved and so responsive to the stories told that it was a real credit to the school. Well done!
- Very well done to Mrs Bennion and the children involved on recently achieving a Bronze Level in the National Travel Awards. See the plaque awarded outside my office. Next step to all keep travelling safely and healthily and go for the Silver Award!

And Finally

We have had some fantastic blog posts recently about work going on in school, please do have a look from our school website:

- Y2 Africa video; Lego Club; Geography across the school;
- Nursery posted some of the results of this week's learning challenge;
- Y6 shared their fantastic jungle art work and fabric painting like Rousseau;
- Y4/2 posted their fabulous homework about replica flags of the individual states of America, and their famous landmarks;
- Y4/1 had a Maths Duel with a partner on the iPads;
- Y2 made a Comic Life poster of how plants grow and germination!;
- Y5 created a video about Christianity and the Ten Commandments.

What an amazing week of learning – well done to all classes and keep up the hard work!

Best wishes

Mr. Wardle

Headteacher's Star Awards:
Congratulations are sent to the following children who won the Head Teacher's Star Award last week for their hard work, attitude and/or progress:

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Ethan Millard	Y3/1	Kirsty Dabbs
FS1/2	Emori Sevakasiga	Y3/2	Lewis Myatt
FS2/1	Jemimah Ali	Y4/1	Olivia Mosedale
FS2/2	Lenny Mitchell	Y4/2	Lewis Leese-Spencer
Y1/1	Thomas Simpson	Y5/1	Joshua Bickerton
Y1/2	Julia Dziuba	Y5/2	Brennyn Lawton
Y2/1	Paige Johnson	Y6/1	Mehek Miah
Y2/2	Harley-Jay Monks-Neil	Y6/2	Kieran Humphreys
		Y6/3	Austin Gratton

Notices:

- **Youth Club Party**
Tickets have now been sent out for the Party on Friday and we look forward to welcoming the children at 6:15 p.m.
- **Local Resident's Bingo Night**
The next Bingo night will be on **Monday 1st February** in the school hall at 6:30 p.m. Many thanks to Mrs Brennan for organising these wonderful evenings.

