

NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

31st May - 4th June 2021
**SUMMER HALF TERM - No
School**

Wednesday, 21st July 2021
**END OF TERM - EARLY
CLOSURE FOR PUPILS**

Thursday, 22nd July 2021
STAFF INSET DAY

Don't forget
The Link Association
are selling raffle
tickets to win a family
ticket to the
Nonsuch Town and
Country Show
30th-31st May
£1 a ticket
Available from the
school offices



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

A Message from Sandy

I am really happy to report that plans for our playground refurbishments are underway and progressing.

The playgrounds on both sites drastically need overhauling and need to be more enticing, appealing and fit for purpose.

It's at times like these, when we value being part of the OHCAT family, drawing on the expertise of our premises division, who have worked on projects like this before and have a wealth of knowledge in respect of contractors etc.

The primary school welcomed Julie Foot from Abour Vale School into the fold this week. Abour Vale School is based in Slough and is also a member of OHCAT. Julie is heading up the primary school's playground project as part of her career progression and has met with staff, observed play-times and liaised with contractors to ensure our pupils get the very best they deserve.

Play-times are a key part of the school day, helping to develop curiosity, activity, reduce stress, give a sense of calm and aid a child's neurological development.

I am pleased our plans are one nearer fruition and will keep you updated.

With Mental Health Awareness Week in mind, you will find attached to this newsletter a 'Nature Guide for Parents'. I hope you find it interesting.

Have a lovely weekend.

Sandy

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

Our child centred curriculum always allows for investigation and discovery, with this week being no different. With a stronger 'nature' theme running throughout the school, it was wonderful to see so many engaged with the environment, be it on site in our gardens or taking in the wonders of nature in our local park.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE SECONDARY SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

This week, to celebrate Mental Health Awareness Week, maths classes moved to the great outdoors. With this year's theme for Mental Health Awareness Week being nature, we felt it was a great time to enjoy the best of the weather.



Students enjoyed undertaking a scavenger hunt, and practising reading the time on both digital and analogue clocks. We also had time to talk about the beauty of nature and how being outside can help us to fill our 'emotional tanks'.



Five people were the lucky recipients of a chocolate treat from Sandy on Hot Chocolate Friday this week.

Our four student winners were:

Ben P - Johnson - we are very pleased at the way he has been pushing himself out of his comfort zone in travel training. He is also a really funny, polite and helpful young man. We are celebrating your **personality** as well as your **achievements**.

Dylan - Tomlin for **Charity and Positivity** - Dylan is always willing to help others, and is very polite and friendly.

Aiden - Wood - for showing **courage, honesty and truthfulness** in a staff discussion led by Charlotte, SaLT. She was very impressed!

Malachy - Yates - for showing **kindness and resilience**. He has been working independently in class,

and participating really well in PE. He shows continuous kindness towards his friends, including helping another student to make a right choice.

Carl was our staff member this week - for success as he was fantastic taking over from Sami at the very last minute. He did some amazing energetic lessons which everyone enjoyed.

A huge well done to all our work experience students. Sandy was very proud of them this week. It has definitely been noticed how hard they have all worked.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

NAS Sutton Branch are holding an online event on Thursday, 20th May 8.00pm-9.00pm when you can join them to hear Max J Green (MaxiAspie) talk about Autism and Puberty. Max is an actor, producer, an NAS ambassador and an autism expert panelist.

You can obtain tickets through [Eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk).

AND FINALLY

This week saw many of our community celebrating Eid.

Maheen and her family celebrated by spending a very special day where they met Elmer!!



We send our good wishes to all of you and thank those of you who shared their celebrations with us in the form of tasty treats!

