

NEWSLETTER

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A Message from Sandy

Dates for your Diary

Monday, 3rd May 2021
**BANK HOLIDAY - NO
SCHOOL**

Tuesday, 4th May 2021
Secondary School Remote
Parents' Evening

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



This week, we have the luxury of a longer weekend, as May Bank Holiday falls on Monday, 3rd May.

The constrictive timetable brought about by Covid has taken its toll on all of us, so how lovely it was this week to see that some of our pupils have ventured out once again on local visits. To see them enjoy this experience and hear them talk about their visit was heartwarming and reinforced the importance these trips have in forming part of our curriculum.

Our regular 'Action for Happiness Calendar' is being attached to this newsletter and 'Meaningful May' is full of actions to help us "build back happier".

Never forget the best investment you can make is in yourself, so make the most of this Bank Holiday, re-charge your batteries, catch up with friends or family and do something that makes you happy.

Sandy

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

Hazel Class enjoyed a visit to Wandle Park this week. A wonderful time was had by all, reflecting on nature and interacting together, sharing equipment and taking turns.



Most of all they enjoyed the beautiful weather and the experience of being outside.



Frances said the trip linked very well to our Link Priority No. 3: Spiritual development.

Pine Class are getting very involved in their 'Around the World' topic. They are studying a number of countries, some of which are very special to them and have enjoyed learning not only about the country,

but also how to say certain phrases and greetings in relevant languages. They have also cooked local recipes and tasted different foods. As our noticeboards can only be appreciated by those allowed on site, we thought it would be nice to share some of the work they have put on display.



After all their academic efforts, it was lovely to see the whole class involved in this week's CPFC Football Session, where they honed their shooting skills and ball mastery.



Ben, the CPFC Coach commented on how enthusiastic all the groups he took today were.

Keep it up Maple, Oak and Pine Classes.



Sometimes things happen that just instantly put a smile on our face. Toby from Willow did just that this week, when he displayed some of the skills he has learnt on the trampoline. The photograph which makes him look as though he is levitating clearly shows the joy in his face as he displays his talents.

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

In assembly this morning Sandy told everyone that some students have been doing their entry level maths exam and did amazingly well. They concentrated really well and did their best and got some really good results. A huge well done to all those involved.

Murray has been running a football competition - a challenge to see how many 'step overs' can be done in 30

seconds. In key stage 3, two students are in third place with 20

- Thomas EP and Zain; Juwon is in second place with 40 and Mackenzie is in first place with 45. In key stage 4, Luke M is in third place with 26, Ravi is in second place with 41 and Khamani is in first place with 42.

There has also been a virtual skipping challenge, not just in our school but others too - how many skips can be done in 30 seconds. Two students are doing really well - Aiden has done 36, and Louise has done 64 - that's going to be a hard amount to beat!

Nominations for Hot Chocolate Friday ensure Sandy's Friday mornings are always full.

This week, there were 3 student winners:

Calum (Wood Class) who is someone who consistently shows **kindness**, particularly to his peers.

Rengin (Fuller Class) is a student who is doing some amazing work in science and Purple Mash work.

And for our **new value of fairness** Mackenzie (Fuller Class) - a student who has been really fair and kind in the way he has been playing football in the playground, helping other

students get involved. This was noticed, particularly this week, when he was helping another student join in and supported them.

What a great week Mackenzie is having!

This week there were two nominations for our agency staff :

Danielle for kindness - she is really keen to get to know all the students and is super-skilled at tidying the science room.

Courtney for being kind, helpful and joyful.

There are also two full-time staff members who have been nominated

for having 'good listening ears' and who go out of their way to listen to students and staff when they are having a tricky day. These staff are Murray and Emily. Well done to you both.

One of our parents, Jeanette, has been talking to **Sutton NAS** about setting up a **weekend support group for ASD teens**, which is great news! However, they have told Jeanette that some of their volunteers left last year due to the pandemic, including the branch Chairperson. They require a Chairperson to be appointed before anything can be run.

We have attached details of the position and wonder if any of our parents/carers would be interested in volunteering for the position of Chairperson, or may know of anyone who might be?

It would be a huge shame for the branch to close with all the support it can offer parents and children.

AND FINALLY

Remember, no school on Monday.



We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend.