



Newsletter

4 October 2019

Forthcoming Events

7th October - Prospective Parent Tour (3:30-4:30pm)

7th - 13th October - Dyslexia Awareness Week

11th October - Individual & Sibling School Photos

14th October - Bedtime stories (more detail to follow)

21st - 25th October - Half term

w/c 28th October - No extra curricular clubs this week

1st November - Prospective Parent Tour (3:30-4:30pm)

15th November - Children in Need

16th November - St Austell Torchlight Carnival

Weekly news

Firstly we would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan bake sale last Friday, whether your baked, donated or made a purchase on the day. We are thrilled to report that we raised a fantastic £215 on the day, we actually sold out of cakes before the event was scheduled to end!

This week our nursery children started their Healthy Movers program, exploring their nursery surroundings both inside and out, noticing the changing season and learning all about Autumn.



Reception have had fun with play dough disco this week in their 'Funky Fingers' session, helping to develop their muscles and motor skills to support their early writing. They have also enjoyed learning about 'Elmer the Elephant' topic, practicing their counting, and making their own colourful patchwork elephants.



On Thursday many of our classes, both infants and juniors, celebrated World Poetry Day, with the children listening to different poems and also creating their own. Several children recorded videos of their poetry readings, which can be viewed on our Facebook page.

Year 4 have certainly been active with their learning this week, making the most of the little sunshine we've seen and enjoyed some netball. They have also enjoyed 'Hit the Button', focussing on their times table skills.



Year 6 have continued their topic learning of WW2, making some fantastic models of spitfires. They also enjoyed some active maths and put into practice some great teamwork skills.



We hope you all enjoy your weekend and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Stars of the Week

Lola	Nursery
Jacob	Reception (KE)
Thomas	Reception (LP)
Meila	Year 1 (PW)
Lerryn	Year 1 (CG)
Alicia	Year 2 (DB)
George	Year 2 (KO)
Ryan	Year 3 (COB)
Caitlyn	Year 4 (SH)
Lucy Tr.	Year 5 (GR)
Evie	Year 6 (JW/DL)

Arbor Communications



We are very pleased to report that our records show 91% of all pupils have at least one parent who has logged in to the Arbor Parent Portal at least once since it was introduced, which is very encouraging. This week we began to use 'In-App' messages, which are free for the school to send, instead of SMS messages.

Having reviewed the message we issued on 1 October, our records show many recipients did not read it. This may be due to not yet having installed the Arbor app on your phone.

We would highly recommend installing the Arbor app on your device together with enabling push notifications, to ensure you do not miss important school communications in future.

Please read the [Arbor User Guide](#) should you require any further information about the Arbor App and contact the school office if you have any queries. Thank you.

Dyslexia Awareness Week - 7th to 11th October 2019

Dyslexia is a learning difficulty that primarily affects the skills involved in accurate and fluent word reading and spelling. Some people with dyslexia may struggle to process and follow instructions or have difficulty holding information in their short term memory, although it can effect everyone differently.

People who are dyslexic have lots of abilities, such as creative ideas, problem solving skills and are often good at coming up with new ideas about how to do things. Did you know lots of famous inventors and entrepreneurs are dyslexic?

Classrooms of children who all think differently do better because they can come up with lots of different ideas, so it is important to find ways to empower all types of learners in school. Thinking differently is really valuable.

If you think that your child might have dyslexic tendencies, please speak to your child's class teacher or our SENDCo, Camilla Carter, who will be able to offer further advice and guidance on meeting your child's needs.

Please also visit the [British Dyslexia Association](http://www.bda-dyslexia.org.uk) website for more information and guidance.

Year 4 Blog

If you have a child in Year 4, we would very much like to draw your attention to our Year 4 class blog. Our blog contains very useful times tables home learning support and resources, which you may find beneficial for your child.

In addition to this, if you have a child in another year group, you may also find the following links useful to support your child with their times table learning also:

- <https://trockstars.com/login>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers>
- <https://www.timestables.co.uk/>
- <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Aspire Attendance Policy

Following the letter sent home on 22 July, we wanted to advise that the [Aspire Academy Trust Attendance Policy](#) is available to view on our school website.

With the introduction of Arbor and it's ability to provide you with an overview of your child's attendance at school, we thought it would be beneficial to give an overview of what is considered authorised or unauthorised absence from school:

Authorised absence:

- An absence for sickness for which the school has granted leave
- Medical or dental appointments which unavoidably fall during school time, for which the school has granted leave
- Religious or cultural observances for which the school has granted leave
- An absence due to a family emergency or unavoidable cause

Unauthorised absence:

- Parents keeping children off school unnecessarily or without reason
- Truancy before or during the school day
- Absences which have never been properly explained
- Late arrival at school, after the register has closed
- Shopping, looking after other children or birthdays
- Day trips and holidays in term-time which have not been agreed
- Leaving school for no reason during the day



Bag 2 School

Thank you to everyone who has already donated items for our [Bag2School](#) scheme, helping to raise funds for school. We have already had a great response, with 35 bags already brought to the school office. The collection continues until 9am on 18th October, at which time the bags will be collected and weighed.

So if space in your wardrobe is limited, and you're needing to make room for your winter clothes, please consider filling one of our Bag2School bags with any unwanted items and bring them to school where we will be more than happy to receive them. Thank you for your support.



Awards

Well Done to the following children who have received awards this week.

Times Table Stars:

Corey - Year 1 (PW)
Max - Year 1 (CG)
Danny - Year 2 (DB)
Tom - Year 2 (KO)
Canish - Year 3 (COB)
Alfie - Year 4 (SH)
Sophie - Year 5 (GR)
Rachael - Year 6 (JW/DL)

Spelling Awards:

Amber - Year 1 (PW)
Charlotte - Year 1 (CG)
Emily - Year 2 (DB)
Ava - Year 2 (KO)
Bentley - Year 3 (COB)
Amara - Year 4 (SH)
Ewan - Year 5 (GR)
Demi - Year 6 (JW/DL)

Attendance

Whole School : 95.95%

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Government satisfactory attendance for a pupil is **96%**.

Mrs Evans - 95.4%
Miss Polmounter - 93.8%
Mr Williams - 96.6%
Ms Green - 96.7%
Miss Bussandri - 95.1%
Mrs Osborne - 95.2%
Miss O'Brien - 97.3%
Miss Heather - 96.3%
Miss Rogers - 96.8%
Mr Walker & Mr Lockett - 96.3%

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We aim to be STARS

- Self motivated
- Thinkers
- Aspirational
- Resilient
- Supportive

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Reading Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who received reading award this week.

EYFS & KS1 Awards:

Olly H - Year 2 - Cosmic Reader

KS2 Awards:

Hollie B - Year 5 - Ready reader
Aden - Year 5 - Ready reader

Summer - Year 4 - Independent reader
Molly - Year 5 - Independent reader
Katelin - Year 6 - Independent reader

Bella - Year 4 - Super reader
Joseph - Year 5 - Super reader
Tommy - Year 6 - Super reader

Ruby - Year 5 - Rising reader

Ethan - Year 5 - Advanced reader

Menu

Week beginning:

Monday 7 October 2019

Menu Choice - Week 3

Price £2.30*

**For children not entitled to free school meals*

Social Media

Find us on:



www.sandyhill.org.uk



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Don't forget to visit the class blogs via our own website for latest news and pictures from each class.