



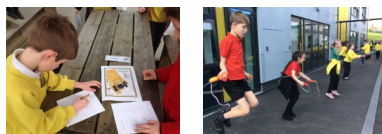
Newsletter

22 March 2019

Weekly News

As another week passes and the Easter holidays approach, there hasn't been any sign of things slowing down or losing momentum at school this week.

The children continue to enjoy their active breaktimes and lunches, as well as participating in sporting activities during lesson time and after school clubs, working towards their recommended one hour of activity each day.



We've seen Year 2 enjoy team games hosted by Plymouth Argyle Football Club and also test their navigation skills with some orienteering. Years 3 and 4 continue their weekly swimming lessons. While others have displayed some fantastic skills during our extra-curricular netball and cycling clubs.



It has been really encouraging to see so many children participate and enjoy themselves, knowing that whilst they are active they are also improving their physical and mental health.

Meanwhile in class the children continue to learn about their various topics. Year 5 have been busy creating artwork inspired on the theme of the Solar System and have also filmed a stop motion animation on the topic of the Mayans. Year 4 have also been studying the Mayan civilization and went on a factfinding hunt around school.



Reception class have been testing their mathematical skills, working together to learn about doubling. Nursery have taken advantage of the occasional sunny spell and been outside, practising writing numbers playing hopscotch. They have also looked at the story of 'Goldilocks & The Three Bears'.



Several of the classes also celebrated World Poetry Day on Thursday, either by reading or creating their own poetry.

On Wednesday we held a celebration assembly and were very proud to present a cheque to the Cornwall Air Ambulance Heli Appeal totalling £2207! In addition to this, donations received for wearing non-uniform have been donated to the Air Ambulance Heli Heroes appeal, enabling us to request that Sandy Hill Academy's name will appear on the livery of the new helicopter when it is launched.



Today we hosted a football match at home against a hardworking Marlborough team. We had a super win 4-0, with Riley scoring a hat trick, including two scorching free kicks. Ben scored a header at the back post following a cross from Oliver. The whole team worked really hard and can be very proud to be in the semi-final of the Miller Shield, where we will meet a strong St Hilary School from Penzance.

Monday 25th March sees the launch of the Sustrans Big Pedal initiative, encouraging pupils, families and staff to travel to school actively. Please see the article on the next page for further details. We hope any many of you as possible will accept the 'Big Pedal' challenge!

Finally we'd like to remind you that next week is the final week of extra curricular clubs.

Forthcoming Events

25th March to 5th April - Sustrans the Big Pedal Challenge. [See next page](#)

28th March - Year 4 Farm & Country Event. [See letter home & ParentPay](#)

29th March - KS2 Cycle/Scooter Sessions with Sustrans. [Please see letter home on ParentPay](#)

w/c 1st April - Plastics Week

4th April - Year 4 & 5 performing at Eden Project 'Invisible Worlds' production (6-8pm). [Please view letter home on our website & ParentPay](#)

5th April - [End of term, 2pm finish](#)

8th April to 22 April - Easter holiday

9th May - Reception class trip to forest school. [More information to follow](#)

23rd July - End of term 2pm finish

24th & 25th July - Inset days. School closed



Ivy	Nursery
Lerryn	Reception
Conran	Reception
William B	Yr 1
Jago	Yr 1/2
Jack	Yr 2
Caden	Yr 3
Theo & Hollie	Yr 4
Charlie	Yr 5
Milly	Yr 6



Get set... we're taking part in Sustrans Big Pedal 2019, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 25 March to 5 April. It's free and we would love everyone to be involved.

The details

On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff **and parents** cycling, walking or scooting to school. It's a great way to get more of our pupils travelling actively to school and is a simple way to boost their physical and mental health.

Cycle, walk, scoot and snap to win family prizes

You and your family can also win prizes during Sustrans Big Pedal. Simply post a photo of you and your child cycling, walking or scooting to school on social media during the challenge using #BigPedalWin. To be in with a chance of winning, you'll need to follow Sustrans on Instagram [instagram.com/sustrans](https://www.instagram.com/sustrans), Twitter twitter.com/sustrans or Facebook facebook.com/Sustrans. Be sure to check the terms and conditions found on the Big Pedal website prior to entering the competition.

What's next?

All you need to do is encourage your children to cycle, walk or scoot to school on as many days as possible during the event, and join them on their way.

To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide packed with advice, games and challenges to help you have hassle-free cycle, walk or scoot to school.

The guide can be downloaded from www.sustrans.org.uk/free-active-family-download

For more information about the event go to www.bigpedal.org.uk.

Enjoy the challenge!

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who supported us on Friday 15th March, raising funds for Comic Relief. We are thrilled to announce that we raised a fantastic £557, which includes the cake sale, sale of hot chocolate to the pupils, loose change collection plus the sale of 120 Red Noses.

Your support continues to amaze us, as we really didn't expect to raise so much, given the recent fundraising effort for the Cornwall Air Ambulance.

We are very fortunate to have such kind and generous families who turn up to support us time and time again for such events.

Thank you!



Awards

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

Times Table Stars:

Kaden	- Year 1
Tom	- Year 1/2
Lily	- Year 2
Sophia	- Year 3
Ewan	- Year 4
Matthew	- Year 5
Bevan	- Year 6

Spelling Awards:

Eleanor	- Reception (Miss Seeley)
Callum	- Reception (Miss Evans)
Matthew	- Year 1
Ava	- Year 1/2
Ellie	- Year 2
Samuel	- Year 3
Morgan	- Year 4
Tia	- Year 5
Ben	- Year 6

Merits:

Bronze:

Eli	- Year 1/2
Summer	- Year 3
Jacob	- Year 3
Lottie	- Year 3
Samuel	- Year 3
Tyler	- Year 3

Silver:

Fyfe	- Year 3
Iyla	- Year 3
Amara	- Year 3
David	- Year 5

Reading Awards

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

Early Years & Key Stage 1:

Rocket Reader:

Seth	- Reception
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Star Reader:

Michael	- Year 1/2
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Attendance

Whole School : 96.2%

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

Miss Seeley – 94.5%

Mrs Evans - 94.5%

Mrs Matthews - 95.5%

Mrs Prior - 96.1%

Mrs Osborne - 97.1%

Miss O'Brien - 96.8%

Mr Lockett - 97.4%

Miss Heather - 97.0%

Mrs Rundle/Mr Walker - 97.3%

Phonics word of the week

This week's word of the week is "**cork**" and the pseudo word is "**morp**".

Menu

Week beginning:

Monday 25 March 2019

Menu Choice - Week 1

Price £2.30*

**For children not entitled to free school meals*

Please make your menu selection ParentPay.

Makaton



Bicycle

Walk

Sandy Hill Academy

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- Self motivated
- Thinkers
- Aspirational
- Resilient
- Supportive

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