



Newsletter

15 March 2019

Weekly News

From red planets to red noses, we've had another fantastic week at school.

This week has been science week with the children celebrating all things science. Our chosen topic has been Space, as this year marks the 50th anniversary of the first humans landing on the Moon. We were very fortunate to have a planetarium brought in to school, where the children received a truly immersive experience learning about our solar system and star constellations.



Each class has studied a variety of science related themes, learning facts about scientists, conducting experiments investigating floatation, material absorbency, forces and rocket travel as well as lunar landings. It has been wonderful to see the children so captivated whilst learning.

Our reception class held a coffee morning on Thursday, inviting parents and carers into school. Thank you to everyone who baked cakes and supported the event, it was lovely to see you all and have the opportunity to meet up. We'll be using the monies raised to purchase further exciting resources for our reception children. We are looking forward to holding similar events and having the opportunity to meet more of you in the future.

On Friday the school was painted red, as we hosted a non uniform day and the pupils wore red to raise funds for Comic Relief's Red Nose Day.

The morning started with the children participating in the BBC Cornwall Move N Groove, which was filmed by the BBC. Sandy Hill were fortunate to be one of the schools included in the BBC Spotlight news that evening and we were thrilled to see some of our children feature in the footage at the end of the show.



Children were able to purchase hot chocolate during morning break, which proved very popular. We also had a bake sale after school, which once again was very well supported. It was lovely to see so many of you attend the event. We have yet to calculate the final amount raised on the day but will announce the total next week.

We would again like thank you all for your amazing support recently, as we are aware that we've held two charity events very close to one another. We are very fortunate to have such great families who contribute to make the events so successful.

Forthcoming Events

21st March - Reception class sharing writing books & workshop. [More detail to follow](#)

25th March to 5th April - Sustrans the Big Pedal Challenge. [More detail to follow](#)

28th March - Year 4 Farm & Country Event. [More detail to follow](#)

29th March - KS2 Cycle/Scooter Sessions with Sustrans. [More detail to follow](#)

w/c 1st April - Plastics Week

8th April to 22 April - Easter holiday

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

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



Jacob	Nursery
Charlotte	Reception
Finley	Reception
Amber	Yr 1
Lucy	Yr 1/2
Elsie E	Yr 2
Alfie	Yr 3
Ruby	Yr 4
Amy	Yr 5
Thomas L	Yr 6

Red Nose Day



Thank you to everyone who supported us on Friday 15th March, raising funds for Comic Relief. Once again your support has been truly amazing! We will be announcing the total amount of monies raised shortly.

In the meantime, if you no longer want your red nose, please be mindful of our environment. Red noses are now able to be recycled. After the event they may be recycled by returning them back to the school office by Friday 22nd March and we will collectively take them to Sainsbury's, who are kindly collecting them. Please don't put noses in your household recycling.

Thank you.



Year 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons

Please may we remind parents and carers you should not enter the changing room area, due to current safeguarding procedures, and must remain in the viewing area in the cafeteria. Cameras and videos are also prohibited.

In addition to safeguarding, allowing the children to change by themselves will give them the opportunity to develop their independence. Thank you for your co-operation.

Big Battery Hunt

We have signed up for the Big Battery Hunt again this year, aiming to recycle as many batteries as possible.

Your child will be coming home with a battery collection box next week. Please help us by collecting any old batteries. More information will be available on the boxes.

Active 30:30

At Sandy Hill, our aim is that children who attend our school are active for 1 hour each day, following the UK's Chief Medical Officer's advice, 30 minutes of which should be during the school day. The Youth Sport Trust call this the 'Active 30:30'.

At playtime and lunchtime, children have the opportunity to take part in playtime games led by staff, team games organised by Mr Allen, dancing, skipping and hula-hooping, in addition to PE. Mr Allen also leads extra sports sessions for children during the school day.

We encourage families and children to be as active as possible outside of school time to achieve their hour per day. The physical and mental health benefits of being active are directly related; the educational impact of being active is also scientifically proven.

Many things that you can do to stay active locally are free and Cornwall is a fantastic outdoors location. For example, a walk to and from school each day could help achieve the extra 30 minutes straight away.

We wanted to share what we as staff do to keep active outside of school. Please see our video on the school website homepage.

As you'll see from the pictures below, rain hasn't stopped play this week with the children really enjoying their active break times!



Awards

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

Times Table Stars:

William B	- Year 1
Zenna	- Year 1/2
Amelia	- Year 2
Kelsey	- Year 3
Austin	- Year 4
Elysia	- Year 5
Sophie	- Year 6

Spelling Awards:

Evie	- Reception (Miss Seeley)
Calvin	- Reception (Miss Evans)
Alicia	- Year 1
Ruben	- Year 1/2
Paige	- Year 2
Aaron D	- Year 3
Isaac	- Year 4
Demi	- Year 5
Theo	- Year 6

Merits:

Silver:

Michael	- Year 1/2
Lucy	- Year 1/2
Beyer	- Year 5

Gold:

Jack J	- Year 2
Bentley	- Year 2
James	- Year 2
Elsie E	- Year 2
Theo	- Year 2
Ellie	- Year 2
Tayla	- Year 2
Amelia S	- Year 2
Lottie	- Year 5

Key Stage 1 & 2 - Reading Awards

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

Key Stage 1:

Rocket Reader:

Alicia	- Year 1
George	- Year 1

Key Stage 2:

Ready Reader:

Olivia	- Year 4
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Super Reader:

Rebecca C	- Year 4
Finlay	- Year 4

Attendance

Whole School : 96.3%

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

Miss Seeley – 94.5%

Mrs Evans - 94.4%

Mrs Matthews - 95.6%

Mrs Prior - 96.0%

Mrs Osborne - 97.1%

Miss O'Brien - 97.0%

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 "**born**" and the pseudo word is "**for**n".

Menu

Week beginning:

Monday 18 March 2019

Menu Choice - Week 3

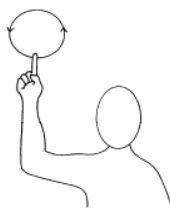
Price £2.30*

**For children not entitled to free school meals*

Please make your menu

selection ParentPay.

Makaton



Sun



Trace crescent shape with index finger and thumb

Moon

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We aim to be STARS

- Self motivated
- Thinkers
- Aspirational
- Resilient
- Supportive

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