



Newsletter

10 January 2020

Weekly news

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all! We hope you all enjoyed the festive break and have returned to school feeling refreshed and ready for the new Spring term ahead.

The children have made a really a very positive start to the term, settling in well and showing great enthusiasm in their new topics, which include China, The Amazon Rainforest and Ancient Greece.

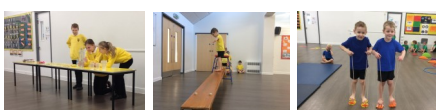


Meanwhile Year 6 finished their WW2 topic, putting their practical skills into use making some authentic wartime chocolate spread and have also been designing, building and evaluating their own WW2 themed vehicles.



Some of our Year 6 children gave a fantastic science demonstration to their peers during assembly at the beginning of the week, which engaged and captured the other children's imaginations.

The children also found time to take part in some physical activity, working towards achieving their active 30:30.



We would like to draw your attention to some communication changes which will shortly be taking place. Our school website will soon be having an upgrade and you will notice a change to the layout. We will notify you all once the updates have been made and would ask you that all take some time to visit our redesigned site to become familiar with where to view essential information and class updates. We are also be moving away from a weekly newsletter to a half termly one, as all events and class updates will be located on the website calendar and class blogs.

Social media will be used more widely. We would ask you to ensure you log in to Arbor on a regular basis and check your emails for letters home, to ensure you do not miss any vital communications.

Uniform Expectations Reminder

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school.

Skirts should be knee length. Black shoes, not boots, should be worn.

In the interests of safety, practicality and hygiene, long hair should be tied back during the day and only plain simple hair bands should be worn.

We would also like to remind parents that your child's hair should not be dyed and hair cuts should not be shorter than a grade 2 (or include tramlines/ patterns) during the school term. Nail varnish and temporary tattoos are also not permitted.

A watch and only one pair of plain, single small stud earrings are the only jewellery to be worn.

Given the changeable weather, we would also ask you to ensure your child has a coat (clearly labelled with their name) in school each day. Thank you.

Forthcoming Events

13 January 2020 - Open Afternoon (3-5pm) for Year 1 to Year 6. Please see letter home.

14 January 2020 - Football & Netball Fixtures at home to St. Stephen (3-4:15pm)

16 January 2020 - National School Census Day. Please see letter home.

16 January 2020 - MCSN Cross Country League Race, Par (12:30-1:30pm)

20 January 2020 - Sleeping Beauty presented by M & M Productions (Year 1 to Year 6). Letter home to follow

21 & 23 January 2020 - Extra curricular clubs begin (3-4pm)

11 February 2020 - Safer Internet Day

13 February - Bag2School collection date

14 February 2020 - Inset day, school closed

17 to 20 February 2020- Half term

5 March 2020 - World Book Day



Stars of the Week



Kieran	Nursery
Kobe	Reception (KE)
Mackenzie	Reception (LP)
Daniel	Year 1 (PW)
Abigail	Year 1 (CG)
Corey	Year 2 (DB)
Robinson	Year 2 (KO)
Paige	Year 3 (COB)
Oliver	Year 4 (SH)
Morgan	Year 5 (GR)
Isabella	Year 6 (JW/DL)

Attendance - Unauthorised Absence Codes

Aspire Academy Trust has high aspirations and expectations for all children. Research has shown that missing school can mean a child is less likely to achieve good grades, which can have a limit on their future life chances.

Here at Sandy Hill Academy, in line with the Aspire Academy Trust Attendance Policy, we monitor your child's attendance on a daily basis and registers are taken twice daily.

We wanted to share with you some further information regarding how unauthorised absence is dealt with and the impact this may have on your child's attendance mark and more importantly their education.

Unauthorised Absence:

Holiday not authorised - Register Code G

If school does not authorise a holiday and the student is still taken out of school or the holiday is longer than initially agreed, then the absence is unauthorised. Approval cannot be sought retrospectively. If a holiday request is not made in advance the absence would again be treated as unauthorised.

No reason provided - Register Code N

When a reason for absence has not yet been established, code N is used. When an absence reason has been established this can then be changed. Where a reason is not given the absence will be treated as unauthorised (Code O).

Absent without authorisation - Register Code O

If school is not satisfied with a reason for absence it will be coded O. Examples of unauthorised absence are: Collecting or taking siblings to school, waiting in for tradesmen, birthday treats or trips.

Late after registers code - Register Code U



If a student arrives late whilst the class register is still open, they will be marked late (code L). If however they arrive after the register has closed, their attendance is coded U. This is categorised as an unauthorised absence for the session.

All of the above unauthorised absence codes will have a negative impact on your child's attendance mark, which may in the long term lead to a penalty notice being issued.

Should you have any concerns regarding attendance, lateness, or feel you require support, please do not hesitate to contact the school office who will be happy to help.

Every school minute counts

Minutes late add up to lost learning.
Don't let your child miss out on their education.
Every school minute counts.

 **COME TO SCHOOL ON TIME**
Just 5 minutes late matters ... 

Just 5 minutes late every day	Means	Makes	WOW
			900 minutes in a school year
		100 minutes lost in a month	
	25 minutes lost in a week	25 x 4 weeks in a month	100 x 9 months in a school year
5 minutes late every day	5 x 5 days in a week		

900 minutes in a school year
= 10 games of football
= 7½ two hour DVDs
= 3 full school days lost

Don't miss any work, don't interrupt the class, show respect for your peers and teachers, develop a good habit for life, have more time with friends and succeed!

Awards

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

Times Table Stars:

Finley	- Year 1 (PW)
Lerryn	- Year 1 (CG)
Michael	- Year 2 (DB)
Lilly	- Year 2 (KO)
Ryan	- Year 3 (COB)
Bella	- Year 4 (SH)
Scarlett	- Year 5 (GR)
Leo	- Year 6 (JW/DL)

Spelling Awards:

James	- Year 1 (PW)
Jake	- Year 1 (CG)
James	- Year 2 (DB)
Lilah	- Year 2 (KO)
Ella	- Year 3 (COB)
Bailey	- Year 4 (SH)
Toby	- Year 5 (GR)
Travis	- Year 6 (JW/DL)

Reading Awards

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

KS2 Awards:

Nevaeh (Year 4) - Independent Reader
Bailey (Year 4) - Independent Reader
Beyer (Year 6) - Independent Reader

Jowan (Year 6) - Rising Reader
Katelin (Year 6) - Rising Reader

Amelia (Year 4) - Super Reader

Amy (Year 6) - Star Reader

Attendance

Whole School : 95.3%

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

Mrs Evans - 95.1%

Miss Polmounter - 93.7%

Mr Williams - 94.9%

Ms Green - 93.1%

Miss Bussandri - 96.2%

Mrs Osborne - 94.0%

Miss O'Brien - 96.7%

Miss Heather - 95.7%

Miss Rogers - 96.0%

Mr Walker & Mr Lockett - 96.8%

Sandy Hill Academy

We aim to be STARS

- Self motivated
- Thinkers
- Aspirational
- Resilient
- Supportive

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Menu

Week beginning:

Monday 13 January 2020

Menu Choice - Week 2

Price £2.30*

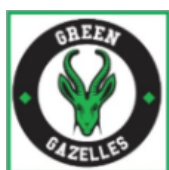
**For children not entitled to free school meals*



House Points

On Tuesday 14th January our house point winners, for the last term, will take part in a specially organised cartoon session with local cartoonist and artist Mr Walker Senior. They will also take part in an exciting orienteering challenge.

The winners will be announced in assembly next Monday.



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.