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NEWSLETTER

December 2021

Whole School Update

Wow! What a term, and thank goodness we are now at the end of it. When I think back to October and our one positive case since March 2020...who would have thought that this term could have been so very different - with a third of all staff and children now having had Covid. That, on top of the usual coughs, colds and tummy bugs, has meant that many things have not gone as planned, but we are still very proud of what we have achieved. As we end this term, at the end of another long and strange year, it seems only fitting to celebrate the hard work and perseverance of our team at Sandhurst.



Staff and children have worked so hard to try and keep our school community safe and learning. Despite Covid and class 'bubbles', our Nativity was wonderful; it was lovely to see all our children have a chance to get up on stage and perform to their parents. Parties and a virtual pantomime have also given some children a chance to have some fun. Since the beginning of November, we have supported and held fund raising days for the Royal British Legion, Children in Need, Save the Children and Demelza House.



Pankhurst and Shakespeare have enjoyed very wet and muddy forest school sessions and other classes have taken advantage of our beautiful surroundings to walk either around the village or across the fields—Potter Class posted letters to Father Christmas, Nightingale Class followed maps around the roads and Churchill Class went for a post Christmas lunch stroll! Going forwards and hopefully to a healthier spring-time, we plan to have some whole school events to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee; this means that children who missed out this term will still get a chance to join in with some whole school events.



Finally, I would like to say thank you to all of our parents, children, staff and governors, who have worked so very hard to support everyone in school. Staff would also like to say thank you to everyone who has sent us their best wishes, cards or gifts in these last few weeks.

Take care everyone, have a lovely Christmas, keep safe and see you in the New Year on Wednesday 5th January 2022.



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Potter Class Update

What an amazing Christmas term we have had in Potter Class! We have spent the term exploring traditional tales and it has been incredible to watch the children progress with their learning. We created posters for the Big Bad Wolf, constructed bridges for the Billy Goats Gruff out of our large construction equipment, and we even tasted porridge just like Goldilocks.



We have thoroughly enjoyed developing our communication and language in our role play areas this term. We became postal workers, doctors, nurses, Father Christmas and his elves. Our green house was also transformed into the Nativity scene.

Potter Class have been working exceptionally hard with their phonics and writing this term. I am blown away by the early reading that has developed in the last few weeks, and it has been so wonderful to watch the class write simple sentences.

In Maths, we have been exploring numbers to 10. We have worked hard to write all our numerals and we are starting to write the numerals 1-9 with increased accuracy.



Finally, Potter Class must be commended for their sensational performance in the whole school Christmas show. It takes a lot of courage to stand on the stage and perform for a huge audience, and Potter Class did it with confidence, style and the best dance moves in town. I certainly 'wish it could be Christmas every day'!

Potter Class wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



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Nightingale Class Update



Wow! What a brilliant term we have had in Nightingale, full of lots of fantastic learning.

I must make a point to say I am overjoyed with the progress we have seen in reading. Thank you for all of the support from home.

The children have really enjoyed our topic this term, learning all about maps of local areas, maps of the classroom and even treasure maps!

Maths this term has been all about addition and subtraction. The children have excelled at jumping up and down the number lines to support their learning and have really got to grips with part, part, whole models.

In English we have been learning about how to use describing words to expand our writing and the children wrote a wonderful version of "The Snowman" as their Christmas story.

To end the term with such a wonderful nativity singing performance was just fantastic. Weren't they just amazing! I hope you all have a fabulous Christmas and we can't wait to get back into the classroom in the New Year.



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Darwin Class Update

Darwin have had a fantastic term. We have really settled into our class and are all working extremely hard in all lessons!

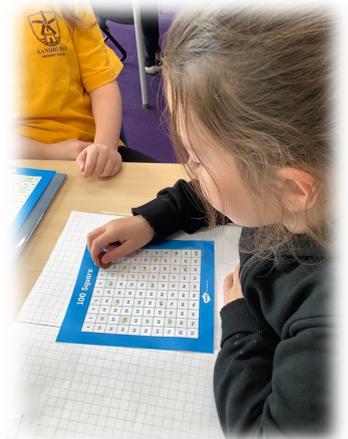
The children have really enjoyed learning about Egypt for their topic over the past few months. Their favourite aspect was the Mummification process! We had a special visitor in to teach us all about Mummification and other areas of Ancient Egyptian life.

Darwin have excelled in art for their Ancient Egyptian topic. Mrs Cackett has worked hard with the children on creating fantastic scarab beetles and beautiful skylines of the Pyramids.

The children have learned new methods for addition and subtraction in maths and have enjoyed their book in English which linked to the Ancient Egyptians!

We finished the term off by taking the lead roles in the Nativity and it was fantastic!

Well done for working super hard this term everyone! I am looking forward to Term 3.



Pankhurst Class Update

Pankhurst have had a busy term 2.

Highlights have included our weekly Forest School sessions in Windmill Woods. The children have shown such amazing resilience and independence with activities such as building swings, making bows and arrows, whittling spears, bug hunting and cooking their own weekly snack on the fire, which of course meant lighting a fire on their own!

Our topic about Ancient Egypt continued this term. We investigated what hieroglyphs are, and looked at hieroglyphs written on a sarcophagus. We made our own sarcophagus and cartouches and wrote our own names in hieroglyphs. We had a fabulous Egyptian day; we dressed up and participated in a storytelling workshop and everyone did so well joining in and learning about mummification.

In English, we enjoyed reading about the adventures of Flat Stanley and the great Egyptian grave robbery. We used the story to inspire our own ideas for an adventure story.

I have been especially proud of the spelling and times tables weekly test results this term. Everyone is working so hard and this is shown in the consistently high scores. Well done Pankhurst, keep up the hard work!



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Shakespeare Class Update

Hurrah – it's Christmas! Well done, Shakespeare Class, on surviving another crazy term. We have had more than our fair share of positive Covid tests, including Mrs Bromfield who joined us on Teams at the start and end of each lesson while she was self-isolating. A huge, huge thanks to Miss Brinsley for looking after the rest of the class while Mrs B was away.

We have, however, managed to do some great learning despite the trials of the term! In maths, we have become masters of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000, learnt how to cube and square numbers and know how to find factors, multiples and prime numbers. We have continued with our book 'Secrets of a Sun King' in English and also written some great Christmas stories and an adventure story about when we got stuck in Animal Town. We have enjoyed this term's Topic lessons on Ancient Egypt, learning all about daily life, jobs, houses and food and we even cooked some delicious Egyptian bread. In science we have made burglar alarms and learnt about different ways to create electricity. As if that wasn't enough, we have also started our Forest School sessions, which are really great fun.



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Churchill Class Update

After a very hard working term and coping amazingly with the turbulence and challenges of Covid19, Churchill Class have certainly enjoyed the festivities in the build up towards Christmas. Churchill Class kicked off their festivities with a special performance of "Churchill has got Christmas Talent" as part of the whole school nativity. This week, Churchill have written recipes and made their very own gingerbread. After our delicious school Christmas dinner, Churchill Class set off on a perfect wintery stroll around the windmill and surrounding area. At our Christmas party, we enjoyed classic games such as "pass the parcel". Churchill Class were an absolutely superb pantomime audience "Oh yes they were!" as they cheered, booed, sung and danced throughout the performance! A wonderful end to the term – well done Churchill Class!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, from the Churchill Class and Team!



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Christmas Fun!



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News from our PTFA

Following a bit of a recruitment drive for the PTFA in Term 1, we hit the ground running with our Halloween dress up day and fun afternoon on the first day back after the October holiday. The event was so well supported and the feedback we got from everyone was very positive. It felt great to be back, supporting the school and we were so glad everyone enjoyed themselves. Straight off the back of Halloween, our thinking caps were on for Christmas and we decided to go ahead with the Fair and Christmas Shopping with contingencies in place to make changes to the way we ran them if necessary. Thank goodness we did, and with huge support from the staff, Mrs Patridge in particular, we managed to hold a very scaled back fair in early December. We were bowled over again by the support from parents, carers, staff and friends of the school, not only by attending the event itself but also with all the lovely raffle donations that came flooding in. The class hampers were a lovely addition to the raffle too. We hope everyone who won a raffle prize was pleased with what they won.



The Christmas shopping was quickly converted to an online event and we hope the children enjoyed choosing their presents for family and friends. Following the shopping came a crazy two hours of wrapping, labelling and bagging presents ready for the end of the day. A HUGE thank you to the Year 6 elves and staff who gave up their time to help – we were a well oiled machine by the end of it and I wouldn't be surprised if Santa headhunted us next year to go and help out at the North Pole!!!

We head towards Christmas having made a profit from the events this term of approximately £1,200 which is absolutely fantastic. Again a huge thank you to everyone who helped and supported us to achieve this. It'll be nice for the school to be able to start thinking about how best this money can be spent to enrich the children's time at Sandhurst.

Happy Christmas to you all – from the PTFA Team.

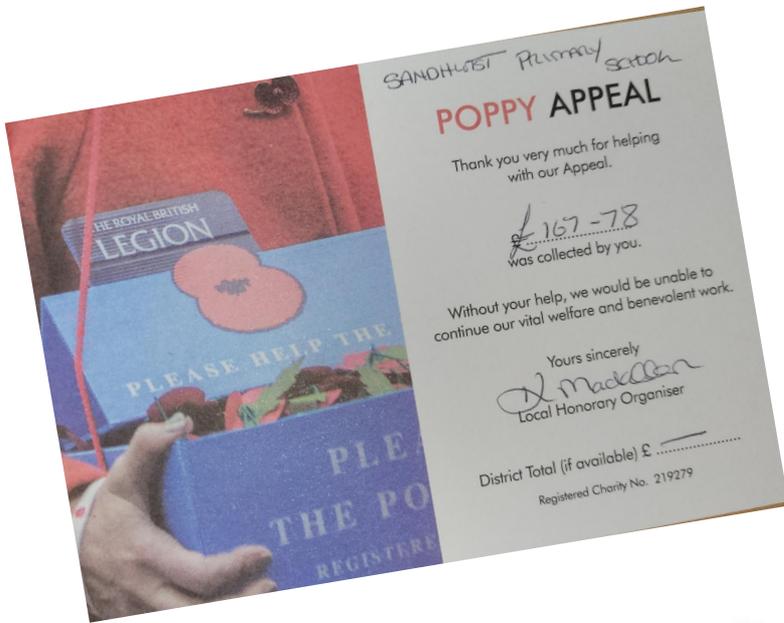
children communication committee
fundraising PTA school
pupils staff parents rewarding events organisation ideas teachers

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Fundraising

Thank you for all your efforts this term. Children staff and parents have been extremely generous and together we have raised lots of money this term.

£167.78 for the Poppy Appeal.



Lest We Forget.

£157.00 for Children in Need



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

£71.00 for Save the Children

Term Dates 2021-22

Term 1

Starts	Thursday 2nd September 2021
INSET	Wednesday 1st September 2021
Ends	Friday 22nd October 2021
Holiday	Monday 25 th October 2021 - Friday 29 th October 2021

Term 2

Starts	Monday 1st November 2021
Ends	Friday 17 th December 2021
Holiday	Monday 20th December 2021 – Monday 3rd January 2022

Term 3

INSET	Tuesday 4th January 2021
Starts	Wednesday 5 th January 2022
Ends	Friday 11 th February 2022
Holiday	Monday 14 th February 2022– Friday 18 th February 2022

Term 4

Starts	Monday 21st February 2022
Ends	Friday 1 st April 2022
Holiday	Friday 4th April 2021– Monday 18th April 2022

Term 5

Starts	Tuesday 19 th April 2022
Bank Holiday	Monday 2nd May 2022
Ends	Friday 27 th May 2022
Holiday	Monday 30 th May 2022 – Monday 6 th June 2022

Term 6

Starts	Tuesday 7 th June 2022
INSET	6th June, 17th June, 21st July
Ends	Wednesday 20 th July 2022

INSET DAYS

1st September 2022

4th January 2022

6th June 2022

17th June 2022

21st July 2022

KCC Schools Additional day off for Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration - Friday 22nd July 2022