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NEWSLETTER

December 2022

Whole School Update



On behalf of all of the governors, staff and children at Sandhurst Primary School I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

For the first time in over two years, we have had a fantastic 'normal' Christmas term with parties, Nativities, Christmas lunch and jumper days, Christmas shopping, a Christmas Fayre, a trip to the pantomime at the White Rock Theatre and even cold and snowy weather to match the season.

It has been so lovely to enjoy time with Team Sandhurst in full flow and I think that, as tired as we all are, it has been wonderful for staff to enjoy spending this special time of year with you and your children.



Thank you so much for all the presents, cards and good wishes we have received – not only those given during the last few days but also a huge thank you for all of your continued support throughout the year. We would also like to say a special thank you to our PTFA team who continue to work so hard to ensure that our school continues to be as fabulous as it is.

Hoping that everyone has a wonderful and relaxing Christmas holiday, we wish you all the very best for the New Year. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back safe and healthy on Wednesday 4th January 2023.



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Potter Class Update

What an amazing Christmas term we have had in Potter Class!

We have spent this term exploring 'Marvellous Machines' and it has been incredible to watch the children progress with their learning. We have used tools to take apart machines and to explore what is inside, we learnt about transport from the past and present,. We even developed our coding skills to programme our class robots. We have thoroughly enjoyed developing our communication and language skills in our role play areas this term and we have enjoyed building Santa's workshop in the large construction area. We transformed ourselves into various Christmas characters to sing on our sleigh creation too.



Potter Class have been working exceptionally hard with their phonics and writing this term. I have been 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 EYFS and KS1 nativity 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.

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!

I am so impressed with how positively the children have applied themselves towards their learning. They are showing such fantastic effort in their work and I am thrilled to see the progress. We have been really focusing on forming our cursive script and some of the handwriting is looking wonderful.

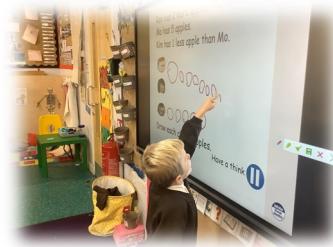
We have been fully immersed in addition and subtraction in our maths lesson and I am pleased to say we have really mastered part, part, whole models and fact families.

The children seem to have loved our Science topic of the human body. We have learnt and located new body parts such as abdomen, calf and thigh—just a few we have learnt! We have also had great fun exploring our senses by carrying out simple test of identifying sounds or taste. Not all the children enjoyed the taste of lemon!

Our Geography topic has been our first introduction to the world. We have looked at globes and identified the continents and oceans. We have also looked at different climates of countries in relation to the equator. I'm sure you have all heard the continents song that we have been listening to a lot!

I hope you all have a super Christmas and enjoy the break. Please keep up the fantastic reading efforts over the holidays and I really will look forward to seeing everyone when we get back.

Merry Christmas from Team Nightingale!



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Darwin Class Update

Wow – what a busy term! Darwin have worked extremely hard and learnt lots of new and exciting things.

In English and topic, we have studied significant people from the past including Neil Armstrong, Rosa Parks and Emmeline Pankhurst. The children have enjoyed getting into character by writing diary entries and letters as well as creating newspaper articles about them. In maths, Darwin have worked on their addition and subtraction skills. We have learnt many new ways to work out any number sentence!

In DT this term, we have enjoyed learning why we cook our food, reading recipes and even having a go at making an Eton Mess – yum! We have been learning all about habitats in our science unit of work this term and we have enjoyed learning all about animals and their homes.

Term 2 is always fun and exciting because of our school nativity and Darwin put on a fantastic show! Well done to everyone for doing an amazing job of re-telling the Christmas Story.



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Pankhurst Class Update

Pankhurst class have had an amazing term. Here are some of our highlights:

Forest school; Maisey told me “I loved cooking our own food on the fire, spam wraps were my favourite! I was also happy when I learnt how to light a fire using a flint and steel.”

Anya said “I really liked having hot chocolate at the woods to warm up my hands.”

Leo explained “I was proud when I used the saw to cut a disc which I decorated with a robin.”

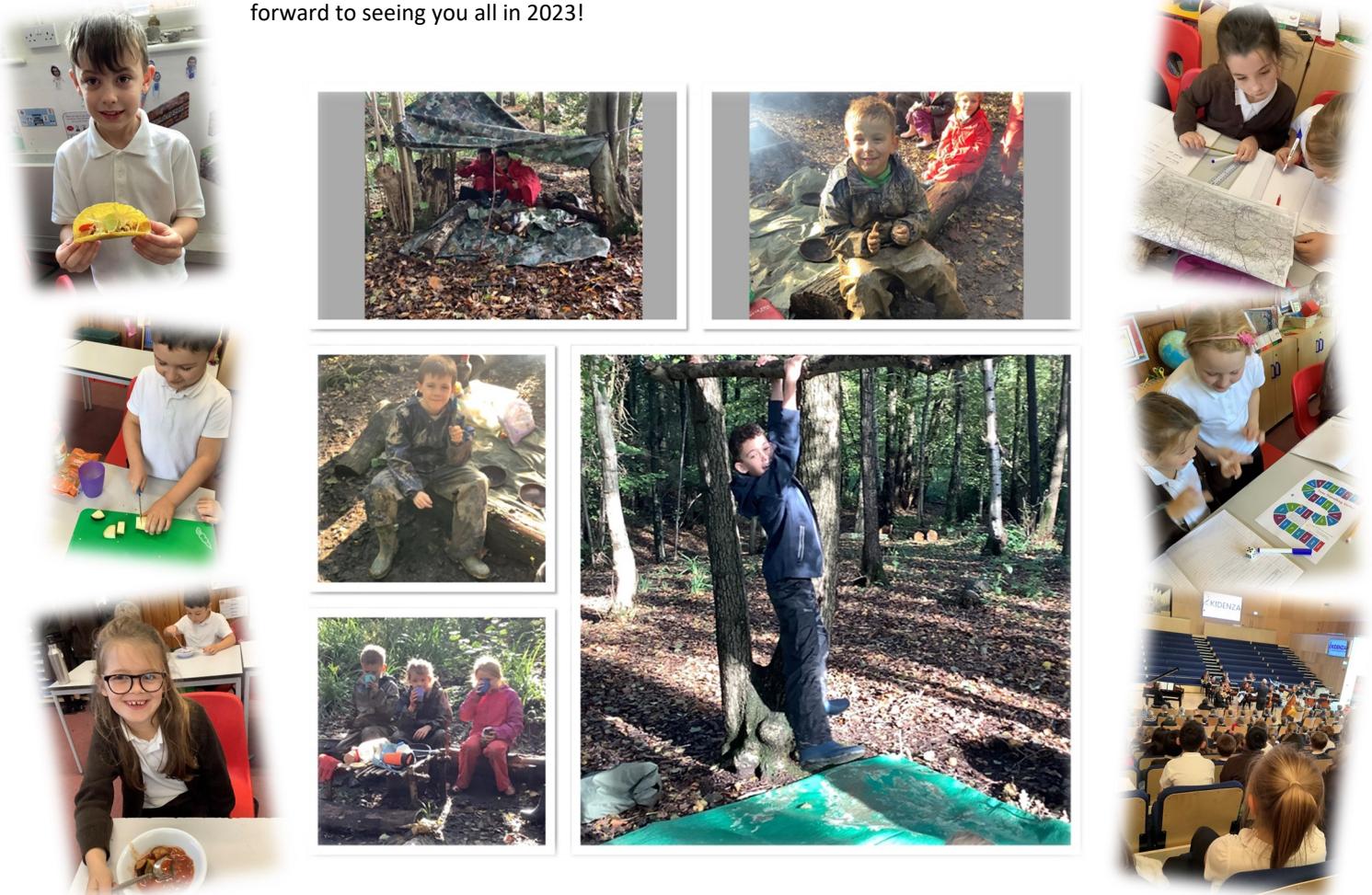
I have been so proud of the children in Pankhurst class during our DT lessons this term. They have shown amazing focus and resilience when preparing vegetables for meals. I could not believe my eyes when so many of them tried the ‘ratatouille’ that we made and actually enjoyed it!

Thank you to Mrs Bromfield for organising a trip to Benenden school to see the ‘Kidenza’ classical concert for kids. Ella said “The music was really loud, I liked seeing the instruments.” Jaren enjoyed the brownies they provided at the end of the concert!

Henry enjoyed using a map of the local area to identify physical and natural landmarks; he was excited to identify the farm where he plays hockey at the weekends.

In our grammar and punctuation lessons each week, we have been using practical resources to support our learning. One of our most popular activities was playing a board game which involved changing verbs from present tense into past tense.

The Pankhurst team would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2023!



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Shakespeare Class Update

Seasons greetings from Shakespeare Class!

As well as all our usual lessons, we have also held our class assembly, been on a trip to Hawkhurst and taken part in our fantastic Key Stage 2 nativity.

We have been writing Christmas Stories, Remembrance Poems and Anglo-Saxon diaries in English. Year 4 children have been mastering multiplication and division facts while the Year 5's focussed on multiples, prime numbers and fractions. We have also made hummus and vegetable crisps in DT and learnt all about sound in science - which we really enjoyed.

Mrs Bromfield was incredibly proud of our class assembly. We took the school on a whistle stop tour back to Ancient Britain, starting with the Romans leaving and taking us up to the Battle of Hastings. The acting and singing was outstanding: what a talented bunch we are!

We attended a 'Rewind to Christmas' event in Hawkhurst where we learnt all about the first Christmas and did some arts and crafts.

We also loved participating in 'The Amazing Advent Calendar', another chance to perform!

Wishing you a very merry Christmas from everyone in Shakespeare Class.



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Churchill Class Update



Another busy but brilliant term for Churchill Class, especially in their role as Year 6 leaders. This term, Churchill Class have helped to contribute and support a whole host of events across the school. Members' of Churchill Class donated their time to do a brilliant job selling merchandise for Children in Need and Remembrance...and on both counts completely sold out! Their valiant efforts didn't end there, Churchill Class showcased their fabulous buddy skills as they accompanied Potter Class to the PTFA Christmas shopping event! Not only that, we have been so very lucky to have "The Sandhurst Singing Christmas Postal Service" who have been sorting and delivering the Christmas cards with extra Christmas cheer, song and spirit! Along with the whole of Key Stage 2, we are very proud of all the efforts and performances Churchill Class made towards our nativity: from performing on stage; to technical support; stage crew; and singing.

As well as their fantastic leadership skills, Churchill Class have also demonstrated exceptional maturity, sensitivity and empathy over the course of our topic, Maafa, learning all about the slave trade.

On behalf of the whole Churchill Team, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Christmas Fun!



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Lunchtimes

As you know, we try to install in our pupils a healthy eating lifestyle at school with snacks, packed lunches and school meals. We have noticed there are quite a few 'not so healthy' options in some children's bags and lunchboxes. The odd treat is fine, but some children are eating these items on a daily basis. We would really appreciate it if you can try to install healthy eating too in the new year, by considering healthier options for school breaktime snacks and packed lunches.



We have also noticed that many children are unable to hold their cutlery correctly and this means they tend to eat their school lunches with just a fork, stabbing rather than cutting with their knives. Obviously, Reception children will need a lot of practice and help with cutting food up, but we are finding that many children reaching Year 6 are still unable to eat with a knife and fork.



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News from our PTFA

The PTFA would like to thank everyone for the support we've had at our three big events since the beginning of November—Firework Night, Christmas Shopping and the Christmas Fayre.

We've raised approximately £2,500 for the school this term and we are looking forward to working with the school to find out how best the money can help this year. We have also supported the school trip to the Pantomime by contributing £500 towards the cost of the coaches to get there.

We know times are tough at the moment but we've been really blown away with the support our events have had. Thank you for everything that you have done to help us.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and we look forward to planning a few more events in the New Year.



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 for the following charities.



Lest We Forget.



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**



Demelza
Hospice Care for Children

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Open Mornings

Open Mornings at Sandhurst Primary School



Looking for a friendly, high achieving village school for your child?

We have Open Mornings on: Wednesday 5th October, Thursday 10th November, Tuesday 6th December & Wednesday 11th January.



Please phone 01580 850288 or email us at: office@sandhurst.kent.sch.uk to book a visit between 9:30 and 11:30am.

Visit our website: www.sandhurst.kent.sch.uk for more information.

Our School Values:

- Friendship
- Confidence
- Challenge
- Enjoyment
- Independence
- Resilience



Aim High, Be Happy.

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Community & Local Events

LIGHT IT UP! Charity Tractor Run

SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER
5PM-7PM

GOUDHURST, CRANBROOK,
STAPLEHURST, MARDEN



for the Air Ambulance for Kent Surrey and Sussex (Charity Number 1021367)
and Weald of Kent Young Farmers Club (charity exempt from registration)

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Diary Dates 2022-23

14 th Jan	Children back to school
11 th Jan	Open Morning 9.30 -11.30
23rd Jan	Young Voices Concert at the O2

Term Dates 2023

Term 3

INSET	Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Starts	Wednesday 4 th January 2023
Ends	Friday 10 th February 2023
Holiday	Monday 13 th February 2023 – Friday 17 th February 2023

Term 4

Starts	Monday 20 th February 2023
Ends	Friday 31 st March 2023
Holiday	Monday 3 rd April 2023 – Friday 14th April 2023

Term 5

Starts	Monday 17 th April 2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 1st May 2023
Ends	Friday 26 th May 2023

Holiday	Monday 29 th May 2023 – Friday 2 nd June 2023
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Term 6

Starts	Monday 5 th June 2023
INSET	23rd June, 21st July 2023
Ends	Thursday 20 th July 2023

INSET DAYS

3rd January 2023

23rd June 2023

21st July 2023