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NEWSLETTER

September 2023

Whole School Update

New term, new children, new colour uniform



We have had a wonderful start to the new academic year at Sandhurst Primary School. Despite the dismal summer, the weather this term has enabled us to go outside and enjoy some very welcome sunshine.

New children have been welcomed to our youngest class and they have made a fantastic transition from nursery already. Our new uniform looks extremely smart and everyone seems to agree that it is a cheerier colour. In fact, staff like it so much, they also have fleeces to match the children!

Our eldest children have successfully taken on the 'mantle' of leaders around school. We have chosen our new school captains – Alexander and Ellie too. We also have a new school council team.

This term we have welcomed Mrs Sally Manford as our new road crossing patrol officer – it has been wonderful to have the crossing fully back in action and I am sure you all appreciate her determined efforts to keep our children safe when crossing the road. Thank you also to Mrs Lawrence and Mr Digby who step in and cover when needed.



Back in the classroom, children have started working on some very exciting topics such as the Stone Age and Maafa. In a change of routine, two classes, Darwin and Pankhurst, are regularly attending Windmill Woods – cooking over the fire is as popular as ever!

A highlight this term was our Harvest Festival; our donated food was then taken to St Nicholas Church. We also had an Open Day for new entrants and more are planned for next term. We are looking forward to Firework Night on Saturday 4th November—please don't forget to buy your tickets.

Monday 30th October is an Inset training day for staff. School will be open as usual on Tuesday 31st October—Halloween. Children may come to school wearing costumes but remember no face paints or masks. Have a great half term everyone!

Kindness Enjoyment Challenge

Potter Class Update



Congratulations, Potter Class, on completing your first term at Sandhurst Primary School. We are all so incredibly proud of how well you have settled in and how hard you have been working. Potter Class has spent this term exploring their new environment, learning our rules and routines and diving into their first term of phonics. Already, the children have learnt lots of their Set One sounds, and some of Potter Class can even segment and blend a few CVC words - what superstars!

Following the children's lead, we have explored a variety of themes this term. We began learning all about each other and our lives, talked about who lives in our house. The adults in Potter Class even got to visit lots of the children's houses during home visit week. Potter Class then moved on to discussing journeys, in particular, journeys we may have been on. This could be our journey to school or even a longer journey we may have taken on day trips or holidays. The children loved sharing pictures of their journeys and exploring the locations on Google Maps.

One of the highlights of the term has been the children meeting and getting to know their year 6 buddies. Each week, the children have enjoyed sharing stories and playing with their buddies in the Potter classroom. Already, the children have built strong bonds and it will be wonderful watching these relationships unfold as the year progresses.

Well done, Potter Class, you deserve a lovely rest in half term!



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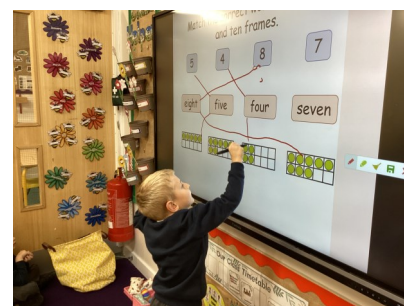
Nightingale Class Update

This term Nightingale Class has kick started their learning about the past, by learning about their position in their own families. The children's knowledge of the family tree and generational links was incredible. They loved telling us all about their family. We have started learning about life in the 1950's and they were intrigued by the old style toys. We will carry this on after half term.



The enthusiasm and progress in reading has been fantastic and thank you for your support from home. We are seeing some children flourish in their phonics knowledge and the love of reading is really visible during reading time in the classroom, especially when choosing a book for our daily story time!

In maths, we have challenged ourselves by learning about place value. We have learnt all different types of counting and making sure we are secure with numbers 0-10. We have just started addition and subtraction. The children have learnt to write 'fact families' which is very tricky but they were fantastic!

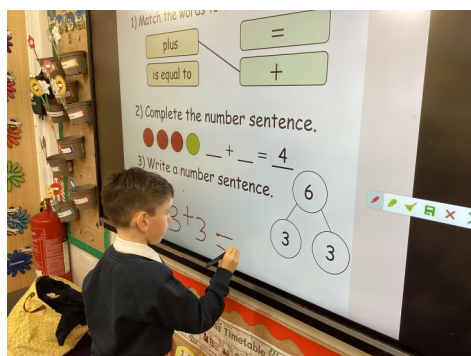


Our science has been 'Everyday Materials' and we have been using our scientific skills to test materials to make some bunting to hang in the school. We tested, observed and recorded our experiment.

In RE this term, we have learnt all about Harvest and what it means for Christians. We have learnt about being thankful and sharing with people who don't have as much as we do.



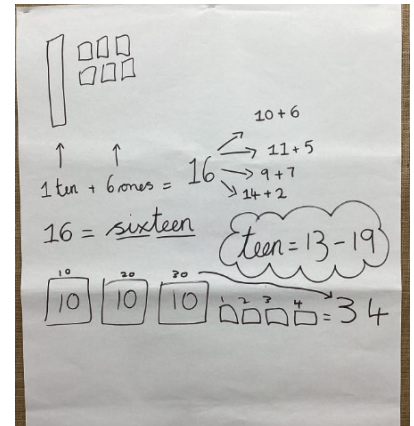
I hope you all have a lovely weekend and keep up the reading!



Darwin Class Update

Darwin Class has settled into Year 2 life well and has had a great first term. We are lucky enough to have Forest School up until Christmas so the children have enjoyed spending a few weeks in Windmill Woods enjoying the outdoors.

Although the children have thrived in all areas of their learning so far, there is one subject they have all thoroughly enjoyed - topic! The children have loved learning all about Neil Armstrong, Rosa Parks and other significant people in history. They have learnt all about their historical timelines, why these individuals are so significant and what impact they have had on modern day.



Pankhurst Class Update



what an amazing start to year 3 in Pankhurst Class.

We have settled into new routines and the children are especially enjoying Forest School. They have made dens, whittled sticks and used tools to complete a variety of tasks. We have been impressed with the children's willingness to try food cooked on the open fire.

In science, we have been learning about animal diets and the skeletal system. We actually investigated which foods contain the most fat... from the foods we tested, would you believe that avocado contains the most fat!

Our theme this term is 'Through the Ages'. We made clay Bell Beaker pots in art and really rose to the challenge of learning about Stone Age lifestyles and inventions. Did you know there is evidence of Stone Age settlements all over the UK?

In our DT lessons, the children were excellent at following a lot of safety rules when using peelers and knives. We even made our own taco filling!



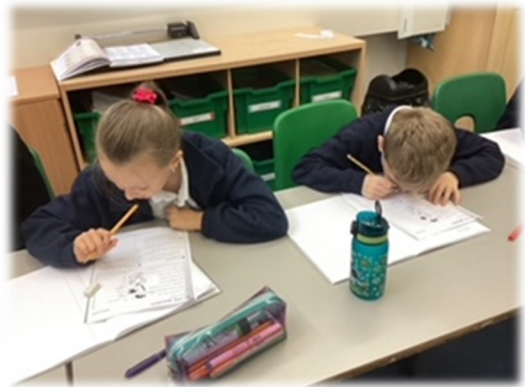
Shakespeare Class Update

It has been a great start to the school year for Shakespeare Class. We have enjoyed welcoming some new students to the class and it has been lovely to see them settling in and making new friends.

I have been so impressed with the children's attitude to their learning this term, they have worked really hard in all areas of the curriculum. Our topic is 'Invaders' and we have been learning all about why the Romans left Britain and the subsequent consequences of this with the arrival of the Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Normans.

Our English book is linked to our topic and we have enjoyed writing Viking sagas based on the ones we have read.

In science, we have enjoyed learning all about the digestive system and food chains. In computing, we are learning to write code, which has been great fun and we have designed our own games. The class is extremely creative and we have created our own packaging in DT and even composed our own music!



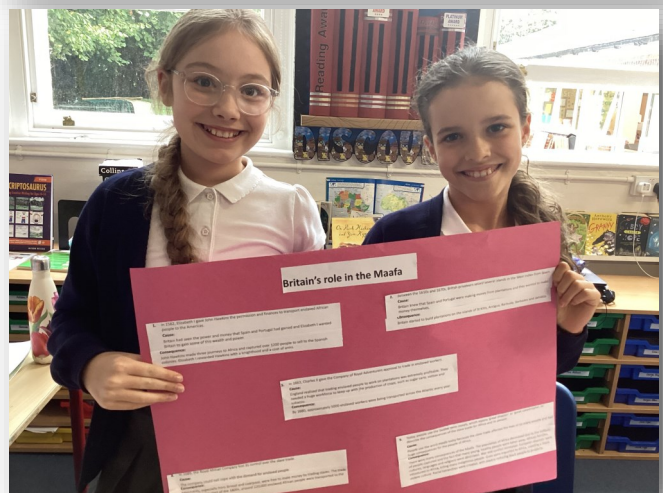
Churchill Class Update

What a fantastic start to year 5 and 6 life the Churchill Class of 2023/2024 has had! We have been blown away by their eagerness to learn, helpfulness and incredible hard work. Churchill Class has most certainly been demonstrating our school values: kindness, enjoyment and challenge!

Churchill Class has been exceptionally engaged in our class text, "Freedom". This links to our topic this term, Maafa, in which the children are learning all about the atrocities of the slave trade. In science, we are learning about the circulatory system. As part of this, Churchill Class enjoyed making "blood" out of vegetable oil, food colouring, milk and golden syrup. Each ingredient was representative of one of the four components of blood.

This week, we were delighted to kick-off this year's round of class assemblies. Churchill Class set to work writing their lines and rehearsing for our very own special edition of "Good Morning Sandhurst" before putting on a fantastic performance.

We are exceptionally proud of the class so far and we are looking forward to the year ahead.



Attendance

Good news! Attendance is 95.9% across the school so far this year. This time last year we were at 93.1%, so this is a good improvement.

Unfortunately, 29 children have under 90% attendance as of today and are classed by the DfE as Persistent Absentees. This is mainly due to unauthorised holidays in term time, a few cases of Covid and another virus that has struck some of our children in Potter class.

There will be another Attendance Bounce after the October holiday for all children who have missed no more than one day of school in Term 1.

Please remember that we are happy to administer medicine in school, if you think your child is recovering and could cope with a day at school.

Attendance Matters



Reminder: School starts at 8.50 am. Phonics lessons start at 9.00 am sharp.

Please try to get your children to school on time, so that they don't miss out.

Staff need their time after school to mark and plan for the next day, so please try to collect your children on time too.

School Council and Captains 2023-24



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GATES OPEN 5PM**

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Family (2 x adult & 2 x children) £15 advance and £20 on the gate
Adult £6 in advance and £7.50 on the gate
Children (3-16) £3 in advance and £5 on the gate. Children aged 2 and under free

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Diary Dates so far 2023-24

16 th - 20 th Oct	Parent Consultations
23 rd - 27 th Oct	October holiday
30 th Oct	INSET Day – children not in school
31 st Oct	Children back to school
4 th Nov	PTFA Firework Night
1 st Nov	Flu Immunisations for all year groups
9 th Nov	Open Morning 9.30 – 11.30 a.m.
17 th Nov	Children in Need – non-school uniform day for £1 donation
20 th Nov	Full Governing Body Meeting
27 th Nov – 1st Dec	Assessment Week
4 th Dec	PTFA Christmas Bazaar
5 th Dec	Open Morning 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. KS1 Rehearsal pm
7 th Dec	KS1 Nativity 2pm
8 th Dec	KS1 Nativity 2pm
11 th Dec	PTFA Children’s Christmas Shopping morning Carol Concert at St. Nicholas Church 4.30 p.m.
12 th Dec	Pantomime in school – Peter Pan
13 th Dec	Christmas Lunch Day and Christmas Jumper Day
14 th Dec	KS1 and KS2 Christmas Parties
15 th Dec	Last Day of Term Christmas Holiday
4 th Jan	Children back to school
10 th Jan	Open Morning 9.30 -11.30

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Term Dates 2023 - 2024

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Term 1

INSET	Friday 1st September 2023
Starts	Monday 4 th September 2023
Ends	Friday 20 th October 2023
Holiday	Monday 23 rd October 2023 – Friday 27 th October 2023

Term 2

INSET	Monday 30th October 2023
Starts	Tuesday 31 st October 2023
Ends	Friday 15 th December 2023
Holiday	Monday 18 th December 2023 – Tuesday 2 nd January 2024

Term 3

INSET	Tuesday 2nd January 2024
Starts	Wednesday 3 rd January 2024
Ends	Friday 9 th February 2024
Holiday	Monday 12 th February 2024 – Friday 16 th February 2024

Term 4

Starts	Monday 19 th February 2024
Ends	Thursday 28 th March 2024
Holiday	Friday 29 th March 2024 – Friday 12 th April 2024

Term 5

Starts	Monday 15 th April 2024
Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May 2024
Ends	Friday 24 th May 2024
Holiday	Monday 27 th May 2024 – Friday 31 st May 2024

Term 6

Starts	Monday 3 th June 2024
INSET	Monday 22nd and 23rd July 2024
Ends	Friday 19 th July 2024

INSET DAYS

1st September 2023, 30th October 2023, 2nd January 2024, 22nd July 2024, 23rd July 2024