



Sandgate Primary School

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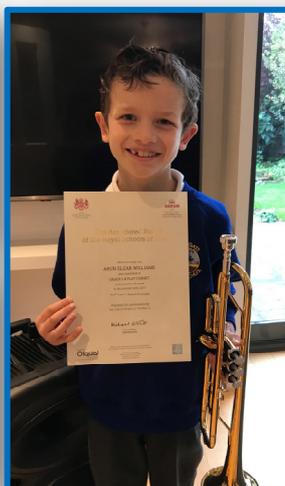
Friday 6th October 2017

As you can see from the back of this week's newsletter, our Harvest Festival celebration on Thursday morning was a most enjoyable occasion. Themed around 'A Harvest of our Talents', there was opportunity for some of the children to share their talents, as well as a reflection on the talents that all our children have within.

Thank you to everyone who walked to the church with the children, those who joined us there and also for the very generous donations of food you made to our Harvest collection. All the gifts you gave have been put into hampers which will be donated to Age Concern and the local community, who are always grateful to receive them.

Next week, we continue to focus on the Sandgate value of friendship, which we have been exploring in assembly using the examples of Buzz and Woody from Toy Story. This is one of the most frequently chosen album stickers reflecting the acts of kindness and friendship we see everyday from the children at Sandgate Primary.

Mr Matthew Green, Headteacher



Congratulations to Arun E-W in Stingrays for passing his Grade 2 cornet exam with Merit after only 12 months of playing!



A very well done to Juliet M in Chipmunks for competing in her karate competition!

Gold Book

Congratulations to the following children who were rewarded in the Gold Book this week:

Tammy O	(Rabbits)	Victoria G	(Owls)
William B	(Rabbits)	Amelie L	(Owls)
Jacob D	(Panthers)	Isabelle B	(Snow Leopards)
Millie F	(Panthers)	Tiana V	(Snow Leopards)
Ebony M	(Seals)	Evie B	(Otters)
Freddie C	(Seals)	Theo L	(Otters)
Dion D	(Stingrays)	Oliver C	(Sharks)
Mina S	(Stingrays)	Annabelle B	(Sharks)
Alexis E	(Chipmunks)	Jessica M	(Geckos)
Amber F	(Chipmunks)	Heidi D	(Geckos)
Lois H	(Polar Bears)	Niklas B-H	(Gorillas)
Zoe K	(Polar Bears)	Faith G	(Gorillas)

STAR CLASSES FOR ATTENDANCE

The classes awarded for the best attendance are:

EYFS/Key Stage 1: Snow Leopards

Key Stage 2: Seals & Sharks

Here are the attendance figures for w/c 25th September 2017:

Bumblebees	98.0%	Butterflies	98.7%
Rabbits	94.7%	Owls	98.0%
Panthers	95.7%	Snow Leopards	99.7%
Seals	99.7%	Otters	97.3%
Stingrays	96.3%	Sharks	99.7%
Chipmunks	97.7%	Geckos	98.7%
Polar Bears	98.7%	Gorillas	99.0%

BOOK WEEK

MON 9th October	TUES 10th October	WED 11th October	THURS 12th October	FRI 13th October
Gymnastics: KS1 3.15 - 4.30pm KS2 4.30 - 5.30pm (Please contact High5 Sports on 07980762455) Theatre Production of Oliver Twist for Y 1-6 during the school day.	Karate: 3.15 - 4.30pm (Please contact Sensei Trevor on 07966686377) PJ Night 6 - 7pm	Read and Relax 2 - 3pm Football Club 3.15 - 4.30pm	PM Year 4 Swimming Dance Club - finishes 4.15pm Hockey Club 3.30 - 4.30pm	Year 5 Brass Lessons

A HARVEST OF OUR TALENTS



This year's Harvest Festival took place again at St. Paul's Church down the hill in Sandgate village, yesterday morning, Thursday 5th October.

With two separate celebrations for KS1 and KS2, it was a really special community event, with especially wonderful singing this year, led by our local curate, Kate McNeice, who is a regular visitor and a much-valued contributor to our school. The theme this year was:

A HARVEST OF OUR TALENTS : 'Recognising the gifts in ourselves and the gifts in others'

This gave us all an excellent opportunity to really get to know our pupils and their talents at this early stage in the school year. In preparing the children for the Harvest celebration, we explored the question: 'What are you good at?'

We looked at the way that everyone is good at something, whether it be in sporting talents, musical talents, cooking, art, being a kind and caring person, a good communicator, being someone that others can trust, someone that makes others feel good about themselves, being a good listener and so on. We also investigated some of the more unusual talents that children within our classes have.

Furthermore, we explored the importance of recognising the talents of each other. Sometimes it takes us time to recognise these and it is all about learning about who we are and our own development. Others may be particularly good at recognising these before we even know them for ourselves, as we grow up.

The way we use them and share them with others is important and part of our own moral set of values. Values are a really important focus here at our school.

Down at the church, we shared what we had learnt and celebrated this through drama sketches, songs, poetry, artwork and some really touching short musical recitals (on a range of instruments, including the guitar, clarinet, trumpet, ocarina and piano). It was a unique and very happy occasion.

We would like to reiterate our gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Rigden, who accompanied the children's singing on the pianoforte so masterfully, as well as Kate McNeice for leading the celebrations and making us so welcome AND all the parents who walked down to the church and back with the children!

