



Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

Newsletter

Issue 26

Friday 5th April 2019

Our Foundation children looked amazing coming through the gate in their Easter bonnets which they proudly paraded in Gold Book. Our assemblies this morning were jam-packed as we were also entertained by the children of Charley's dance club who choreographed a Greatest Showman routine.

The children have earned their two week break; the enthusiasm and energy they put into all areas of school life catches up with them eventually!

We've had trips to Dover Castle, the Martello Tower, Folkestone Museum and HMS Belfast. Our sporting success continues with our hockey team reaching the Kent School Finals and the Herald Cup is underway too. Year 6 have been filmed for LitFilmFest (the video is online now with an introduction from Michael Rosen) and many of you were able to join us for the whole school writing event.

At Sandgate we like to find as many opportunities as possible for our families to come in to school, so to have so many of you either watching the Rocksteady Concert by our school bands, crafting at Easter Art Attack or attending Parent Consultations is heartening.

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate Miss Thomas and Mr Evans on their upcoming nuptials and I am sure you will join me in wishing them well for their special day.

Finally, I hope you all enjoy the Easter break and enjoy spending time with family and friends.

Mr Matthew Green, Headteacher



MON 22nd April	TUES 23rd April	WED 24th April	THURS 25th April	FRI 26th April
BANK HOLIDAY	FIRST DAY OF TERM 5	Rocksteady PM	Year 5 Swimming	Year 5 Brass Lessons
	M&M Lunchtime Football Club (KS2) Karate 3.15 - 4.30pm (Please contact Sensei Trevor on 07966686377)	Yoga Club 3.30 - 4.15pm (Please contact Frances on 07828456333)	Dance Club 3.15 - 4.15pm (Please contact Charley on 07772637271) Hockey Club 3.15 - 4.30pm PTA Film Night	M&M Lunchtime Football Club (KS1)



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE CHILDREN BACK IN SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 23RD APRIL 2019



A huge congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 hockey team who finished first out of seventeen teams in the Shepway School Games Hockey Tournament.

They will now go on to represent Shepway in the Kent School Games in June.

Interhouse Handball

4th - FIRE
3rd - EARTH
2nd - AIR
1st - WATER

Congratulations to WATER for winning our annual Interhouse Handball Tournament!

PTA Film Night Thursday 25th April

Slips and payment must be returned by Tuesday 23rd April 2019.



Six Ways to Wellbeing Place: Take Notice

We are hoping for some lovely spring weather during the Easter holidays and lots of opportunities to get outside to enjoy it. While you're out and about take notice of the colours around you: these might come from the spring flowers, the sunny sky, or anything else that might catch your attention. How many different colours can you spot?

It would be great if you could take some photos of the colours that you find, to share with your class back once you are back at school. These can then be displayed on your Six Ways to Wellbeing display board.

School Council Plea!

We are wanting to reduce the amount of single-use plastic used in lunches! Please help us by using alternatives.

- Use paper bags or foil for sandwiches instead of plastic bags
- Buy snacks that are in foil wrappings
- Use steel water bottles instead of a plastic throw away.



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YOU



The cost of school dinners for Term 5 2019 will be **£52.90**.

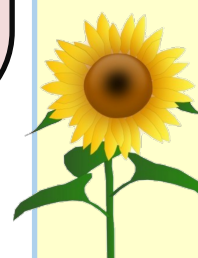
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Last week Alexis E in Gorillas competed in the Thanet Dance Competition and came 2nd place out of 21 entries!

Sandgate's Sunflower Competition

Mrs Jones is having a sunflower growing competition over the next two terms. Please see the last page of the newsletter for more information.



Gold Book

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

Hannah P	(Bumblebees)	Alice V	(Butterflies)
Florrie M	(Bumblebees)	Katelyn S	(Butterflies)
Matthew R	(Rabbits)	Max J	(Owls)
Scarlett C	(Rabbits)	Poppy S	(Owls)
Amelia C	(Panthers)	Chad A	(Snow Leopards)
Florence C	(Panthers)	Hazel S	(Snow Leopards)
George A	(Puffins)	Sophia M	(Otters)
Eloisa B	(Puffins)	Dexter B	(Otters)
Fin C	(Sharks)	Eva W	(Stingrays)
Lili S	(Sharks)	Michael M	(Stingrays)
Jamie B	(Chipmunks)	Mina S	(Geckos)
Kane G	(Chipmunks)	James V	(Geckos)
Peter S M	(Polar Bears)	Jack N	(Gorillas)
Harry H-D	(Polar Bears)	Caellum L	(Gorillas)

STAR CLASSES FOR ATTENDANCE

The classes awarded for the best attendance are:

EYFS/Key Stage 1: Owls

Key Stage 2: Geckos

Here are the attendance figures for w/c
25th March 2019:

Bumblebees	98.7%	Butterflies	95.7%
Rabbits	98.0%	Owls	99.3%
Panthers	97.3%	Snow Leopards	99.0%
Puffins	97.7%	Otters	97.3%
Stingrays	96.1%	Sharks	96.7%
Chipmunks	98.4%	Geckos	98.8%
Polar Bears	95.0%	Gorillas	98.7%

Sandgate's Sunflower Competition



Mrs Jones has a challenge for the children over the next 2 terms. Who can grow the tallest sunflower? Who can grow the sunflower with the widest head?



Plant your sunflower seed over the Easter holidays and look after it over the next two terms, following Mrs Jones' top tips below. At the end of Term 6, Mrs Jones will ask for photographs and measurements to be sent into school ready for a special assembly to announce the winners.

There will be 4 winners in total:

EYFS/KS1 - The sunflower with the widest head

EYFS/KS1 - The sunflower which is the tallest

KS2 - The sunflower with the widest head

KS2 - The sunflower which is the tallest

All entries need to be emailed to the school by Friday 12th July and sent to: enquiries@sandgate.kent.sch.uk. Please also include the height of the sunflower and the width of its head. The width of the head can be photographed alongside a ruler to prove it's true width (we have some very competitive children and parents alike!). The height of the sunflower can be photographed alongside your child.

There is no limit to the amount of photos you send and Mrs Jones will send more information nearer the time. The photos will be used to create a montage for a celebration assembly and to announce the winners.

The office has sunflower seeds should you require them. Pop in and ask for an envelope containing some seeds.

How to grow a sunflower

Sow your sunflower seeds from mid-April to the end of May, in full sun in well drained soil. It takes about 8 weeks for a sunflower plant to grow and flower from a seed.

Sunflower seeds can be sown either straight into the ground or into pots.

To sow your seed:

- Remember to wear some gardening gloves
- Make sure your soil is weed free
- Poke your finger into the soil to make holes for your sunflower seeds, leaving about 10cm space between each hole
- Carefully place a seed into each hole and then cover them with soil. Water the seeds gently
- Your plants should pop up through the soil after about 1 or 2 weeks
- Slugs and snails like to eat the new shoots, so you may like to protect the seedlings by cutting the top off a plastic bottle and placing it over your seedlings
- Water your sunflower plants regularly
- As your sunflowers begins to grow taller you will need to help support the stems. Do this by placing a cane near the stem and loosely tying the cane to the plant with string.
- Remember to wash your hands after you have been gardening
- Watch your sunflowers as they grow and grow!
- Remember to take a photograph of you next to the sunflower to show its height. Take another photo of the width of it's head alongside a ruler.
- Send your photos and the measurements to Mrs Jones at school