



# Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

## Newsletter

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The children have returned with their usual resolve and positivity. All the hard work which you put in to keeping them engaged with the school during our partial closure has put them in good stead for being back in class.

Our focus this week has been on re-establishing routines and being with friends. As well as additional outside playtimes, each class has participated in team building/problem solving sessions on the playground which they have thoroughly enjoyed — even gale force winds did not blow away their enthusiasm, but the cones did not fare so well!

Every child and family had a different experience of remote learning potentially affecting wellbeing and learning in a variety of ways, this is a significant consideration in how we are managing the children's return. We are making no assumptions, but instead will — through observations, discussion and assessment — provide for the children what they need as individuals. Nor are we looking for a quick fix. Yes, we want children to be back on track as quickly as practical, but they are two very different approaches. Our aim is to focus on the key skills and knowledge from core subjects whilst maintaining a balanced curriculum. We will not be dropping any subjects from our timetable, children will still be taught in all curriculum areas which you will see from the planning overviews we publish on the school website.

But our most important goal is for children to be happy in school—this week has certainly been a great start to this end.

Best Wishes  
Matthew Green

### *The Rotary Young Writers Competition (KS2)*

*The deadline for submitting entries is Friday 26th March. Entries may be submitted electronically (via enquiries email) or as printed copies.*

*Writing is on the theme of 'My Happiest Day' and should not exceed 550 words (40 lines for poetry). Further information can be found on each year group's Google Classroom stream.*

*Many congratulations to Mrs Perrow who welcomed her beautiful baby girl, Maisie on the 16th February*



In Year 3 we announced the winner for our competition in partnership with Sylvia & Terry's Fine Kentish Chocolates for our Term 3 Chocolate Top-ic. We had so many fantastic entrants and were blown away by the creativity of the chocolate bar designs. Our winner was Kishon in the Wolves with his bar - The Firework Swirl !



**Red Nose Day! - Friday 19th March 2021**



**Wear something red!**



**Donations may be made by following the link below:**

<https://donation.comicrelief.com/>

## What are the 'Six Ways to Wellbeing'?



## KEEP LEARNING

You are all doing this every day.

## CONNECT

Talking about our feelings is a good way to connect with others. Understanding your own and others' emotions is really important for your wellbeing.

We all have favourite places that we love to visit where we feel safe, happy or calm. What is your happy place? Draw it and write down how it makes you feel.

Use some play dough or collage and recycled materials to create a model of your happy place.

## BE ACTIVE & TAKE NOTICE - FUN WHILST OUT WALKING SPECIAL SOUND

Select a sound like a dog barking, a person talking, or a bird chirping. Have everyone line up in a straight line and start to walk. When you hear the special sound the front person runs to the back of the line and the walk continues until everyone has had a lead,

## CARE & GIVE

Help at home with the recycling and remember to turn off the lights when you are not using them.

**REMEMBER TO SHARE YOUR 'SIX WAYS TO WELLBEING' ACTIVITIES WITH YOUR TEACHER.**

## PE DAYS FOR TERM 4

**MONDAY - YEAR 4**  
**TUESDAY - YEAR 5**  
**WEDNESDAY - YEAR 3**  
**THURSDAY - YEAR 6**  
**FRIDAY - EYFS, YEAR 1, YEAR 2**

## Dates for your diary

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Last day of Term 4  
**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – Staff Development day  
(Children not in school)  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April** - Staff Development day  
(Children not in school)  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April** – First day of Term 5

## Gold Book

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

Hugo F	Butterflies	Jack J	Bears
Elsie C	Butterflies	Billy G	Bears
Arthur A	Bumblebees	Archie J	Seahorses
Holly S	Bumblebees	Isla M	Seahorses
James M	Rabbits	Kara S	Turtles
Ivy L	Rabbits	Ates Y	Turtles
Reuben B	Owls	Isabelle B	Geckos
Max W	Owls	Oscar D	Geckos
Lilian H	Penguins	Frank K	Tigers
Amelia D	Penguins	Millie F	Tigers
Toby C	Panthers	Toby C	Gorillas
Olive P	Panthers	Keira H	Gorillas
Harry S	Wolves	Isla W	Eagles
Darcie M	Wolves	Bebe H	Eagles