



Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

Newsletter

Issue 13

Friday 9th December 2022

Our children are fantastic!

We see it every day in the classroom, on the playground and around the school generally, with children displaying our Sandgate values and approaching school life so positively. This time of year provides them with so many additional opportunities to shine - none of them more so than during their Christmas performances.

We have not been able to have our usual shows for three years which may be why they have felt particularly special this year, although it is more likely to be because of the quality of the performance and the sheer enjoyment the children have exuded. There are still some shows to come, so if you haven't yet been in the audience, you are in for a treat!

Key Stage Two went to the Marlowe Theatre to watch the pantomime on Thursday, which this year was Sleeping Beauty. The children's behaviour was impeccable not just in terms of listening and walking safely but, more importantly, in joining in with the singing and dancing, shouting in true panto style and laughing with their friends; it is a special time of year to be working in a primary school. I hope Mr Thomas enjoyed it as much as everyone else despite being singled out by the cast for a second year. You are a good sport!

Next week is equally as busy, culminating in our Christmas Dinner on Thursday. Planning for this began way back in term one as this is no ordinary school Christmas Dinner - it is a Sandgate one. Again, we haven't held this event for a few years, but it is coming back bigger and better than ever. There are many children and families that have not experienced this before so attached is a previous example when our theme was The Polar Express, (a particular favourite). We keep the theme as a surprise but I know the children are going to love what we have planned for them this year.

Finally, although I am writing this before the Christmas Fair, I would like to thank you in anticipation of your support and everyone who has provided prizes for us to use. A massive thank you also to Mrs Jones who has organised the event almost single-handedly. As I've said previously, we are currently looking for parents to form a new PTA who will organise and run their own events for the children. I haven't had any volunteers come forward yet, but if this does interest you, please contact me via my email which is headteacher@sandgate.kent.sch.uk

Best Wishes
Matthew Green

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 14th December
Santa Fun Run for Sandgate Families

Thursday 15th December
Christmas Lunch

Friday 16th December
Last day of Term 2

Tuesday 3rd January
Staff Development Day

Wednesday 4th January
First day of Term 3 for children

Gold Book

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

Boe	Bumblebees	Avaya	Bears
Martha	Bumblebees	Alice	Bears
		Mary	Bears
Poppy	Ladybirds	Isaac	Seahorses
Emily	Ladybirds	Eli	Seahorses
George	Rabbits	Cora	Turtles
Amalia	Rabbits	Henry	Turtles
		Bella	Turtles
Esme	Owls	Harry	Geckos
Harlow	Owls	Kishon	Geckos
Rinchhen	Penguins	Bobby	Tigers
Delphine	Penguins	Juno	Tigers
Bodie	Panthers	Oakley	Gorillas
Felix	Panthers	Harmony	Gorillas
Jake	Lions	Pearl	Eagles
Atlas	Lions	Daniel	Eagles

Monday 12th December	Tuesday 13th December	Wednesday 14th December	Thursday 15th December	Friday 16th December
Gymnastics 3.15pm-4.15pm (Please contact: info@venturecamps.co.uk 07548 294804)	Karate (Small Hall) 3.30pm-4.30pm (Please contact Sensei Trevor on 07966686377)			

Year 3 Christmas Performance



Year 4 Christmas Performance





YEAR 2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE



YEAR 1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE



Short Story Writing Competition is now open!

Do you know someone aged 8 - 14 years old that loves a story? Entries are now open for our new short story writing competition, encouraging young writers to use their imagination and put pen to paper for the chance to win some great prizes!

The first prize winner will receive a £100 voucher of their choice and will see their story performed by professional storytelling artist Emily Hanna-Grazebrook during National Storytelling Week in February 2023. Second and third prize winners will receive £50 and £25 vouchers. All three winners will receive a storytelling coaching session from Emily and a writing set.

Entrants should write a story of up to 500 words based on one of the following themes – all based around the setting of Westenhangar Castle, which is on the Otterpool Park site:

Queen Elizabeth I discovers a ghost at Westenhangar Castle
A forgotten item is found in the Tower at Westenhangar Castle
It's 1542 and the sun rises on Westenhangar Castle

Entrants have until midday on **Sunday 8 January 2023** to write and submit their story.
Click here to [download your entry pack](#), choose a theme and get writing your 500 word story today!

FOLKESTONE SYMPHONY
 Conductor: Rupert Bond Leader: Floriane Peycelon

**FAMILY
 CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Sunday 11th December 2022
 at 3.00pm
Holy Trinity Church Folkestone
 CT20 2HQ

Introduced by Jan Leeming
 and featuring
Folkestone Young Strings
 and
Folkestone Primary Schools' FESIC Choir

£12 Adults £6 Students Children under 12 Free
 Tickets available on the door, via our website and from:
 Pilgrims Hospices Charity Shops: 46 Sandgate Road, Folkestone and 61 High Street, Hythe

 www.folkestonesymphony.org
 FHOS Registered Charity No: 280473



Admissions
September 2023
Applications

If you have a child born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 you need to apply for their place at a primary school.

**You will need to apply by midnight on Monday 16th January 2023 online at:
www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions**

Book Share Date - Term 2

Tuesday 13th December 2022

**Whole School Book Share
 (All Year Groups)**

Parents and carers are invited to come in to their child's classroom from 3.15pm – 3.45pm on the above date.



WE'VE MADE A

PLEDGE

Sandgate Primary School

Are committed to growing girls' football in 2021/22

We will provide opportunities for girls to:

- Learn through football in PE lessons
- Compete in girls' football school fixtures/events
- Participate in girls' only football sessions
- Lead girls' football activity for others

We are part of the movement to achieve the vision to ensure every girl has equal access to football in school by 2024

#LetGirlsPlay

#GirlsFootballInSchools

Special Christmas Menu

Thursday 15th December

Roast Turkey served with
Chipolata Sausage &
Herby Gravy

Cranberry & Roasted
Vegetable Wellington **ve**

Rosemary Roasted Potatoes **ve**

Fresh Carrots &
Steamed Peas **ve**

Christmas Biscuit **ve**



BM1 & BM2

V - Suitable for vegetarians

Ve - Suitable for vegans and vegetarians

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HONESTLY GOOD FOOD

Year 3 and Year 4 have made masks as part of their Sculpture club. We used paper and glue to build up the features before we painted them.

What do you think?

