



Sandhills Newsletter

Spring Term No 4

24th February 2017

Letter from the Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Friends

I am hoping that by the time you have finished reading through the newsletter, our new school website will be live! There remains an awful lot to do, but we are delighted with the format and hope that you can see the potential for keeping you informed about all that happens in school.

On the website each class has its own area, where teachers will be able to upload images of work, photographs of activities and celebrate all the exciting things that happen in class. Curriculum webs, letters, links to websites and information relating to your child's class will all be available ... once the teachers have been trained!

You will notice that some of the links do not yet work. Over the next few weeks, as we continue to build the school site, please let me know of things you would like to see, so that we can ensure that this is the first port of call for information about the school.

I would like to thank Mrs Newman for her hard work collating all the information so far and look forward to a really super website that celebrates the fantastic work of Sandhills School very shortly.

With best wishes



Mrs J. Settle

Key Dates



Celebration Assemblies

March

**Friday 3rd
Sycamore & Willow**

**Friday 10th
Pine & Oak**

**Friday 17th
Mulberry & Acer**

**Friday 24th
Walnut & Cedar**

**Friday 31st
Sycamore & Maple**

April

**Friday 7th
Acer & Willow**

This term's value

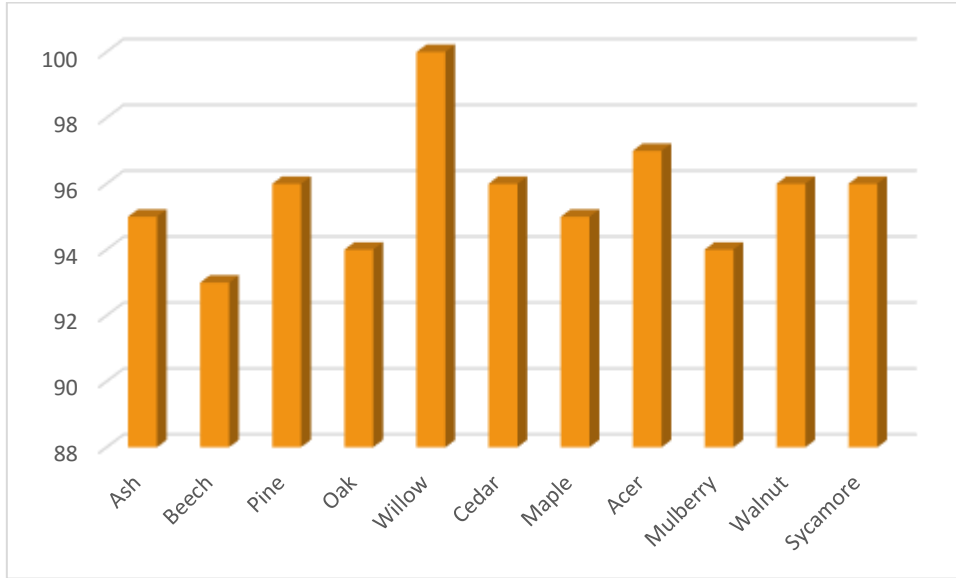
Appreciation

Not taking things for granted.
Appreciating the people we know and don't know, who may contribute to our lives.
Appreciate the world we live in and the familiar things about ourselves.



This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Willow** class for achieving 100% attendance this week.



Sandhill's target is to keep all classes **above 96%**.
Please support your children to attend school every-day.

Superstar Learners of the Week

The award is given to those children who are making a wonderful effort either with work or their attitude to learning.

Bailey M, Ella M, Melissa TV, Winston T, Jayden A, Taylor L, Harry R, Lola H

Well done to everyone today, we are very proud of you.





The **Brookes Science Bazaar** will be on **Saturday 25th Feb throughout the JHBB, from 10:30- 16:00** and everyone is welcome! The event is particularly aimed at our youngest local residents (from 5-12 years of age) but that's not to say adults won't have a great time too!

We have a range of new activities and old favourites this year and it looks set to be our biggest and best Bazaar yet. To whet your appetite, here's a small selection of activities to look forward to:

- **Science Rocks:** Fancy yourself as a musician? Come test out our drum kit and learn all about music therapy from our Sports department!
- **Selfies to Save Endangered Species:** Social media can be a source for good, but many cute species are sadly paraded as pets. Help to change that by taking a selfie with our slow loris mascot to help save them in the wild!
- **The Handy Family Tree:** Would you like to learn more about your family? Make a crafty family tree out of your own handprint, and add fun facts along the way!
- **Outbreak:** See how viruses spread and learn how they can help us to make vaccines!
- **Your Skeleton:** Your skeleton is amazing! Come and learn about all the different bones in your body and how they fit together to make you so strong!
- **We Will, We Will Plant You:** Think plants aren't cool? Our Botanical Society begs to differ! Humans need plants more than plants need them. The OBU Botanical Society will take you into the magnificent and diverse world of plants.

If you would like to publicise the Bazaar to your children's schools or local groups, then please get in touch with Renata Novak (rnovak@brookes.ac.uk) for some Science Bazaar bookmarks which have all the info needed. We have printed a limited batch of these ready to distribute around Oxfordshire.

Hope to see you there!

Best wishes,
The Science Bazaar team

KEY DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR



Date	Event
Wednesday 8 th – Friday 10 th March	Y5 Residential
Thursday 9 th March – 5.30pm	Y1 Phonics Screening Check Information for Parents
Wednesday 15 th March	Y2 SATs Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 21 st March	Y3 Trip to Sulgrave Manor
Tuesday 4 th April – 5.00-7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 5 th April	Class photographs
Wednesday 5 th April – 3.30-5.30pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 7 th April	End of Term 4
Monday 24 th April	Start of Term 5
Monday 8 th – Thursday 11 th May	Y6 SATs week
Monday 22 nd – Friday 25 th May	Y6 Residential to
Friday 25 th May	End of Term 5
Monday 5 th June	Start of Term 6
Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check week
Friday 7 th July – 2pm	KS1 Summer performance
Tuesday 11 th July – 1.30pm and 6.00pm	Summer Concert
Thursday 13 th July - am	Sports Day
Friday 14 th July - am	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 21 st July 9.20am	Y6 Leavers Assembly
	End of School Year