



Sandhills Newsletter

Spring Term No. 17

15th January 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Last week the children took part in a fantastic eco workshop from Oxford City Council. They learnt about the importance of recycling and where the different products they recycle go to. Each child received a pencil made from recycled plastic, as a reward for their fantastic enthusiasm and effort.

This workshop was especially pertinent as the children had learnt about the importance of our oceans and the effects that plastic is having on our sea. Each class created fantastic artwork to show what a perfect ocean might look like, as they learnt about how to save our seas. This fantastic example was made by Mr Godfrey's class.



There are still places left in some of the after-school clubs, such as Multi Skills and Orchestra. If your child would like to attend, please pick up a registration form from the school office.

Our school meal funding for the next financial year is based on the number of children in reception, year 1 and year 2, who have a school meal on Thursday 18th January. Therefore, in order to encourage maximum take-up, the meal option on Thursday is pizza. If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 there is no charge as meals are funded by the Government.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "J Settle".

Mrs J. Settle - Headteacher



Attendance

The tables below show the attendance for each class since the start of the school year in September. Percentages in red show classes that have achieved attendance above our target.

Class	Attendance
FSU-C	96.45%
FSU-M	95.6%
1H	96.8%
1S	95.6%
2HL	93.6%
2S	96.6%

Class	Attendance
3N	96.9%
4T	95.7%
5S	96.3%
6G	96.9%
6H	96.1%

The attendance overall this term is **96.0%**, which is below our target of **96.6%**. There are only 4 class with attendance that is above our target. Please support the school to maintain good attendance.

If your child is unwell, you can register their absence on the ParentMail App.

Superstar Learners of the Week!

I am delighted to list the names of the children awarded Star of the Week! You have demonstrated a growth mindset, and worked hard to achieve your certificates – we are all enormously proud of your efforts!



Class	Name
FSU	Frankie B
	Ayra N
Y1-H	Jacob H
Y1-S	-
Y2-S	Taim K
Y2-HL	Amy N

Class	Name
Y3-N	-
Y4-T	Joe O
Y5-S	Alfie H
	Finley W
Y6-G	Leon C
	Oskie W
Y6-H	Aron H

Personal Achievement Cards!

We are enormously proud of the children who have completed a Personal Achievement Card.

Name	Card
Ellie A	1
Owen B	1
Theo C	1
Leon C	1
Jack F	1
Tom H	2
Alfie H	1
Reuben J	1
Emily K	1

Name	Card
Jude L	1
Benjamin L	1
Taylor L	1
Charlie L-W	1
Juliet M	1
Ryan N	1
Mace O	1
Emma P	1
Thomas R	1

Name	Card
Grace S-P	1
Rebecca S	1
Lola T	1
Melissa T	1
Oliver T	1
Tallulah T	1
Otis T-W	1
Finley W	1
Ella W	1



Sandhills Athletes Qualify for Partnership Finals!

An amazing afternoon of high class athletics took place at Wheatley Park Sportshall last week. Six schools sent teams to compete and Sandhills famously came second and have qualified for the finals. We have had some wonderful athletes at Sandhills before, but our athletes today showed what it is like to be a true team. Everyone gave their all, determined to wring every last bit of energy from their tiring bodies. I saw some incredible performances backed up by a group of athletes rising to their own challenge; supporting each other, cheering each other and showing skill, talent, technique and enormous dynamism.

What a team, what an afternoon!! We're really looking forward to the finals in February. Well done everyone. Magnificent!! Mr Cobb

Our team was: Leon, Harry, Dexter, Louis, George E, Matthew, Ryan, Max V, Harrison, Ella, Jess, Jaime, Immy, May, Emma, Tilly, Inaya, Sophie, Isabelle, all from year 5 and 6.

Sports Club Update

Last week also saw the start of **Outdoor Adventure Club**; an opportunity for the children to try out problem solving activities, team games, activities requiring cooperation and communication, with some map reading thrown in. The weather wasn't great, but as there's no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing, we had great fun.

Football Club also started back this week and it was great to see more girls coming along. There's definitely extra competition for places for all the football matches we have coming up.

There are still places available in the **Multi-skills Club** for year 1 and 2, which takes place every Thursday.

Our year 6s were also treated to **Rugby League** coaching this week. They will be enjoying this for the rest of this term and probably ending up quite muddy each week. Mr Cobb

Class Celebration Assemblies

We hope that you can come and celebrate the effort and achievements of the children each week at 2:20pm in the hall.

Date	Class
Friday 19 th January	2HL
Friday 26 th January	6G
Friday 2 nd February	2S
Friday 9 th February	Sign2sing 1H*
Friday 23 rd February	4T

*A change of date for 1H and 5S

Date	Class
Friday 2 nd March	1S
Friday 9 th March	3N
Friday 16 th March	5S*
Friday 23 rd March	Science focus Whole School

KEY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM

Date	Event
Friday 9 th February	End of Spring Term 1