



Sandhills Newsletter

Summer Term No. 30

14th May 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

I am very excited to announce that the school has received its fourth Green Flag Award! This prestigious award is only given to schools who show a dedicated commitment to teaching environmental issues such as sustainability. Our team of Eco Warriors litter pick and monitor the school's energy use daily, without them we would not have won this award. I would like to thank Mrs Hunter-Lacey and the Eco Warriors for their time, commitment and hard work. I think they are all amazing and I am very proud of you all.

At the start of the year, I set Mr Cobb a challenge – for Sandhills to achieve the School Games Mark by the end of the summer term. This is a government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Participating in this process allows schools to evaluate their PE provision and assists them in developing an action plan for future progress.

Mr Cobb and Mr Roberts have worked tirelessly since the start of the year to raise the profile of sport at Sandhills, increase competitive sport and get as many children involved in sport as possible. Please look out for confirmation of the award over the next few weeks!

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 17th May**. If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 there is no charge as meals are funded by the Government.

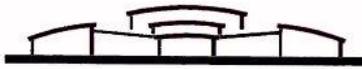
Children in the school orchestra and wind band have been invited by the Oxford Studio Orchestra to take part in a concert in the school hall on **Monday 18th June at 7pm**. Our young musicians will have the opportunity to sit amongst members of the orchestra and experience what it feels like to be part of a large ensemble. The programme consists of two short pieces composed by Paul Harris who is based in Oxford, the first movement from a violin concerto performed by Orchid in Year 6, and Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev. Please come along and support our young musicians - the children have been practising hard (and many of the grown-ups too!).

Children in Year 2 started their Key Stage One SATs last week. I am sure the children will take the tests in their stride and show themselves at their best - results of all tests will be included in the Annual Report to Parents due out in July.

Finally, the children in Year 6 are taking their End of Key Stage Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) this week. On behalf of the Year 6 staff, I would like to thank you for your support helping the children prepare for the tests. A special thank you to the Year 6 Team for their commitment and hard work in ensuring that the children have every chance to achieve their very best.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J. Settle – Headteacher



Attendance

The table below shows the overall attendance for each class since the start of the school year in September, and for last week.

The whole school attendance so far for the current academic year is 95.7% which is well below our school target of 96.5% and the National Average of 96.1%

Only Class 2S has maintained their attendance above the school target, and 1H has now crept back up – well done everyone!

Class	Overall attendance	Last week
FSU-C	95.6%	94.6%
FSU-M	95.2%	97.0%
1H	96.5%	99.6%
1S	95.1%	96.0%
2HL	94.4%	96.7%
2S	96.9%	99.6%

Class	Overall attendance	Last week
3N	96.1%	99.6%
4T	96.1%	99.2%
5S	95.8%	99.2%
6G	95.1%	98.6%
6H	95.6%	96.4%

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!



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Class	Name
FSU	Frankie W
Y1-H	
Y1-S	Kahelan C
Y2-S	Kaleb A
Y2-HL	Dontae S

Class	Name
Y3-N	
Y4-T	Joe O Zoey G Hugo M
Y5-S	Paige M
Y6-G	Ethan SS
Y6-H	Rebeca S

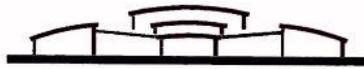
Personal Achievement Cards!

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

Name	Card
Alex E	1
Ayesha K	1
Ashna S	1
Tilly O	2
Jude P	2
Thomas R	2

Name	Card
Lexie L	1
Ayat K	1
Jamie N	2
Alfie G	2
Sammie N	1
Eve B	Bronze

Name	Card
Grace L	1
Dontae S	1
Logan M	2
Oskie W	1
Ethan SS	1
Otis TW	Bronze



Sports Club Update

The end of April saw our girls team involved in a friendly football match against Garsington. On an extremely hot afternoon, the girls from both teams put on an incredibly entertaining match, which ended with Garsington winning 2-0. Two very lucky goals divided the teams; Sandhills doing everything apart from scoring. We hit the bar, hit the post, had the ball cleared off the line and had 3 or 4 shots saved on the line. A great game!

On Friday the 20th April, the girls also took part in the 7-a-side football finals day, played at the Oxford Academy. Sandhills came up against two very good teams in Windmill and SS Mary and John. We were beaten 2-0 in both games but played really well defensively. Against Wolvercote however, we unleashed all our attacking skills and won with a brilliant goal, enabling Sandhills girls to come third overall in the Oxford Schools Football Association 7-a-side competition; a brilliant performance.

It was wonderful with the glorious weather to be able to have a rare opportunity to do PE outside in the sun. Both Year 2 classes were working with a rugby league coach, while Year 3 were working with Oxford United. Let's hope for more good weather for the rest of this term.

Unfortunately, the start of May saw more rain, but fortunately much enthusiasm from everyone taking part in clubs after school. We had Climbing Club, rammed full of some future climbing world champions, getting more practise on the ropes and also honing their bouldering techniques. We also had a wonderful group of athletes working hard on their sprinting techniques in Athletics Club and a massive turn out for Basketball Club, which saw 3 really entertaining matches.

On Friday 27th April, the Year 3-4 football team took part in a competition at The Oxford Academy. Sandhills played with great skill and confidence, winning two matches, drawing two and losing one. We also scored the goal of the season from a move between James and Morgan from Year 4. Hopefully, there will be some more matches for this team over the summer.

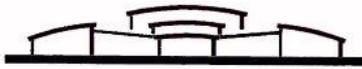
May Day

We had such a lovely time at our first May Day celebrations on Friday 4th May. It was great to see the amphitheatre full of parents, friends and families who came to join us and enjoy watching the children's dancing.

The afternoon was the culmination of a busy few weeks of practising the dances - this included quite a lot of laughter, frequent puzzled looks and head scratching and the occasional quiet panic on the part of one or two of the teachers! However, it was all worth it and the cooperation, team work and problem solving from the children was noticeable throughout the practices and performance. Once again, the PTA supported the event brilliantly with a barbecue and bar, and even the weather stuck to the plan!



Thank you very much to everyone involved in contributing towards such an enjoyable occasion!



Play Equipment

Can we remind parents that children **must not** use the play equipment before or after school.
Thank you for your understanding.

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.

Summer Term			
Date	Class	Date	Class
Friday 18 th May	3N	Friday 8 th June	6H
Friday 25 th May	5S	Friday 15 th June	2HL
Friday 1 st June	Half term	Friday 22 nd June	6G
		Friday 29 th June	2S
		Friday 6 th July	Music assembly
		Friday 13 th July	KS1 Performance
		Friday 20 th July	KS2 Performance

KEY DATES FOR THE SPRING & SUMMER TERM

Date	Event
Friday 25 th May	End of Summer Term 1
Monday 4 th June	INSET Day – School closed
Friday 15 th June	Assembly with Cas Lester – Author in residence
Saturday 30 th June	Summer fete
Thursday 12 th July	EYFS + KS1 summer show - pm
Friday 13 th July	EYFS + KS1 summer show - pm
Friday 13 th July	End of year reports
Tuesday 17 th July	Sports Day
Thursday 19 th July – 6pm	KS2 Concert
Thursday 19 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 20 th July – 1:30pm	KS2 Concert
Wednesday 25 th July	End of school year – 2pm Note – no Kidz Club