

# Sandhills Newsletter

Summer Term No. 32

25<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

At the start of the year, I gave Mr Cobb the challenge of trying to achieve the School Games Mark, 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. Initially we were hoping to reach the Bronze award level, but through immense hard work, and the enthusiasm and energy of the children, we have actually achieved the Silver award! I am enormously proud of the work that Mr Cobb and his team have undertaken to secure this wonderful achievement. I am sure that sport will continue to go from strength to strength and that next year the school will be celebrating achieving Gold!



Last week, members of the school orchestra and wind band joint the Oxford Studio Orchestra for a concert. The children sat alongside more experienced musicians in a full-size orchestra, experiencing what it is like to play in a large ensemble. The orchestra then performed Peter and the Wolf, while six children from Year 6 read the parts beautifully and Orchid performed the first moment of a violin concerto, which was absolutely fantastic! Well done everyone, it really was a super evening!

We are very grateful to four employees from Niensens who spent the day with us on Thursday as part of their worldwide Global Impact Day. Henri, Barney, Nick and Ana started the day by clearing the very over-grown area around the pond to make it accessible for the children. They moved on to tidying up and pruning the willow near the wild area and finished the day pruning the hedge around the garden. We really appreciate the time they spent at Sandhills, they are already thinking of jobs for next year!



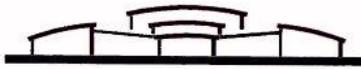
Before they left, Henri, Barney, Nick and Ana were given a very informative tour of the school by Lucas and Mace from year six.

Parents are invited to join us for an assembly on Monday 23rd July at 9:20am when we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Marr and Miss Searight. On Wednesday 25th July at 9:30am, parents of children in Year Six are warmly invited to join us at the Year Six Leavers' Assembly to share in a celebration of their time at primary school.

We look forward to seeing as many as possible of you at these special occasions.

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.

Class	Overall attendance	Last week
FSU-C	95.0%	94.8%
FSU-M	95.1%	98.3%
1H	96.3%	94.8%
1S	95.0%	93.9%
2HL	94.7%	95.3%
2S	<b>96.9%</b>	98.2%

Class	Overall attendance	Last week
3N	96.4%	98.3%
4T	95.7%	95.3%
5S	95.8%	97.3%
6G	95.2%	96.2%
6H	95.8%	97.1%

## 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	Imogen S Olly B
Y1-H	Oliver H Owen S
Y1-S	Chantelle B
Y2-S	Libby H Finley Bell Ayesha K
Y2-HL	William G

Class	Name
Y3-N	
Y4-T	All Year 4!
Y5-S	Tallulah T George B Riad B
Y6-G	Harry G Fred B Theo C Jude P
Y6-H	Michael M Ella W Freddie T

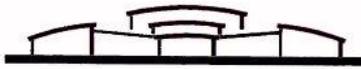
## Personal Achievement Cards!

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

Name	Card
Isabelle M	1
Marita	2
Harris Z	1
Kelis H	2
Lois W	2
Dylan L	2
Thomas E	2

Name	Card
Ella B	1
Taim	2
Marshall M	1
Lyla C	2
Melissa T-V	2
Betty M-C	2
Jack F	2

Name	Card
Summer G	2
Kait	2
Sami A	1
Amy N	2
Inaayah N	2
Izy A	2
Lois W	2



Zoe R	2
Violet W	1
Sophie T-V	Bronze
Callum P	1
Amelia T-W	2
Thomas H	5
Reuben J	Bronze
Katie M	Bronze
Imyia G	2

Mathew K	2
Finley W	2
Tayte L	Bronze
Emma P	2
Thomas R	2
Kyman S	2
Shaney E	Bronze
Megan H	Bronze

Zoey G	1
Theo C	2
Iesa K	1
Harry G	2
Veronika F	2
Ryan N	2
Emily K	Bronze
Hadley M	5

## Absence

Parents and carers are reminded to report any absence from school by 9am, as per school policy, stating the reason for absence and your child's likely return date. The school's attendance register is a legal document, and any absence recorded must have a detailed explanation. Therefore, we ask that parents explain the nature of their child's absence or illness, and not state 'illness' as a reason, for example, vomiting, temperature etc. Any unexplained absence will be recorded as unauthorised. Can we remind you that absences can be notified by ParentMail or telephone. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Sports Update

A great start to the Summer term. Last week the year 4/5 girls football team played a friendly match against a strong East Oxford team. It was a really entertaining game, but sadly, Sandhills lost 3-0.

Last week, there was an amazing year 3/4 football tournament between Sandhills, East Oxford, St John Fisher and Rose Hill. The sun shone, we had many keen spectators and a wonderful display of enthusiastic and skilful football. Later in the week we hosted a Basketball competition against Garsington. This was also really exciting, involving much strongly contested but good-humoured play amongst the year 5s and 6s from Sandhills and Garsington.

I also spent an amazing afternoon in the sun with year 3 who were really challenging themselves to improve all aspects of their long jump skills. We have some amazing athletes coming through.

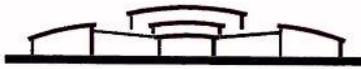
All the children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 had the opportunity to work with a Yoga instructor in the first week of term. They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and hopefully we can continue with some more yoga next year. Mr Cobb

## IMPS – Year Six

Both Year Six classes attended IMPS at the John Radcliffe Hospital last week. IMPS stands for Injury Minimisation Programme in Schools. It is a hugely valuable visit where the children learn how to prevent different types of injuries and how to give first aid if they do occur. They also learn how to do CPR and use a defibrillator.

The programme costs £16 per pupil to run but is provided by a charity and the only actual charge to the children is the travel cost to get there. The charity is always keen to encourage fund raising and in the past we have run a cake sale to support them. This year, the charity's funding has been cut by 50% and money raised by supporters has become more important than ever. If any parent or family member (over 18) would like to raise money for IMPS there are opportunities to do a sponsored abseil down the side of the Women's Centre building at the JR or take up a charity place in the London Marathon. If you are interested, please contact IMPS Tel: 01865 743476 or email:

[imps@ouh.nhs.uk](mailto:imps@ouh.nhs.uk). Mrs Clark



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## 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 29 <sup>th</sup> June	2S
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	No assembly
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Performance
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Performance

## KEY DATES FOR THE SPRING & SUMMER TERM

Date	Event
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June - 12-3pm	Summer fete
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	School Disco
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Music Assembly including Y3 violins – 2pm parents welcome
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS + KS1 summer show - pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS + KS1 summer show - pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year reports
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July - morning	Sports Day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July – 6pm	KS2 Concert
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July – 1:30pm	KS2 Concert
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	End of school year – 2pm Note – no Kidz Club

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