

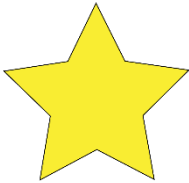
## Sandhills Community Primary School

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Dear parents and families,

Friday 15th February 2019

### Stars of the Week



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week: Archie, Hamza, Thomas, Jack, Corey, Marita, Amelia, Austin, Lola, Layla, Leona-Lily, Isla and Isla.

### NSPCC Numbers day

Sandhills School raised £379.32 for the NSPCC last Friday. Thank you and well done everyone!

### Indoor Shoes

Your child's indoor shoes should be coming home today, along with everything else from the cloakroom. Please could you check that their indoor shoes still fit them, both the length and over the top of their feet. Black plimsolls, either Velcro or slip-ons are ideal. Plain black trainers are also fine, the shoe companies have caught onto this requirement from schools and you can usually get black trainers with black logos these days.

### Curriculum Update

It is hard to believe we are at the end of Term Three. It has been a very busy term with a lot going on in all our classes. Over the course of this year, we are working hard at developing our curriculum and thinking about all the opportunities we have for learning and making sure we plan carefully for these and ensure that all our children get as broad and exciting experience as possible.

The topics for next term are The Enchanted Woodland (Y1), The Scented Garden (Y2), Predators (Y3), Blue Abyss (Y4), Time Traveller (Y5), Tomorrow's World (Y6). All the staff are working hard planning these topics and we are looking forward to many more exciting learning opportunities!

Sue Clark

Deputy Headteacher and Curriculum Leader

### PE /Sport Report February 2019

We have enjoyed our clubs again this week, plenty of adventures in the wild area, coupled with endless running, some increasingly accurate and controlled archery, learning new vortex throwing techniques and plenty of wonderful football skills.

Recently we have taken part in the wonderful Sportshall Athletics competition at Wheatley Park; so many brilliant performances and togetherness in the team. This week, our year 5/6 boys took part in a Futsal competition at Oxford Academy, great fun and challenging too. Coming up over the next few weeks will be opportunities for year 3 and 4 to show their football skills. The girls in year 4 will be playing East Oxford girls on Wednesday 13th February at home, while after half term we'll enjoy a year 3 and 4 tournament at Wheatley with many more opportunities and sports to come. There is a great sense of fun, enjoyment and cooperation in our sport and PE at Sandhills. Our clubs are growing all the time and more children from all year groups are becoming more involved in different levels of competition. One of the things I have been emphasising for the last year is how to challenge oneself. I see children every week, every day doing this very thing. Challenging themselves, pushing their skills, but doing so with respect for those around them. Challenge and respect; it's wonderful to see it growing every week. Stop press!!!!

This week, our magnificent year 4 girls football team played a friendly match against East Oxford School and won brilliantly, 3-0. Our team of year 4s, Lola, Lois, Melissa, Ayla, Naomi and Hazel were augmented by Libby and Kelis from year 3 and they all performed with great skill, teamwork, togetherness and a wonderfully positive attitude. Kelis scored twice, while Naomi scored once. I look forward to the next match!

Mark Cobb

### Academy Status

A couple of parents have asked why we haven't had a return visit from Ofsted so I thought it would be a good time to explain our position. When a school becomes a sponsored academy, as Sandhills did on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018, the school is treated as a completely new school by the DfE. This means that the previous Ofsted grading no longer officially applies to the new school and the school is given a year or two to establish itself before it is inspected. The good news is that this gives us time to embed improvements and show our progress, the flip side is that we can't shake off the Ofsted label until we have another inspection. There is more information on this on the school website:

<https://sandhills.oxon.sch.uk/information/school-information/ofsted/>

### Allotment visit

As part of our topic in the Summer Term, Year 5 are looking at allotments. For this topic, it would be great if the children were able to visit an allotment. If anyone has an allotment, or knows of someone who does, who would be willing for some Year 5 children to come and visit, please could you send their details to Year 5. Thank you.

Miss Cherish Green

### Message from the school council

*After half term, on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of March it will be Red Nose Day. The School Council will be coming round to the classes selling red noses. If you would like to buy one they are £1.25. We will tell you more after half term.*  
School Council

Have a lovely week!

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Emma Coleman  
Headteacher

### Celebration Assemblies

| Date                             | Class      |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February  | 5G and 2HL |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February | 2T         |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February | Half term  |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March     | 1S         |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March     | 1H         |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March    | 6H         |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March    | 4T         |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March    | 3S         |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April     | 3D         |

### Diary Dates

|                                     |   |                                |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 6H Roald Dahl Day                   | Friday 15th February  |                                |
| Half term                           | 18th to 22nd February   |                                |
| <b>INSET (SCHOOL CLOSED)</b>        | <b>Monday 25th February</b>                                   |                                |
| Parents Evenings                    | Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April |                                |
| Cycling proficiency starts Year 5   | Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February                             |                                |
| Online Safety Workshop              | Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February                           | Years 3-6                      |
| Science Boffins                     | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March                                  |                                |
| Year 5 Residential                  | Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> March              |                                |
| World Book Day                      | Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March                                | Cake sale and free book event! |
| Book Events                         | Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March                                  | See separate flier             |
| <u>No</u> Music for Schools lessons | Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March                                | Pat is unavailable             |
| Red Nose Day                        | Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March                                 |                                |
| Family BINGO                        | Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March                               | 5pm                            |
| Easter Break                        | 8th April to 22nd April                                       |                                |
| Easter Bonnet Competition           | Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April                               |                                |
| Half term                           | 27th to 31st May  |                                |
| <b>INSET (SCHOOL CLOSED)</b>        | Monday 3rd June   |                                |
| School Closes                       | 24th July 2019  |                                |
| School Reopens                      | Wednesday 4th September                                       |                                |



## Community News

An appeal from Arch Oxford.

We are actively seeking volunteers to fulfil the requests from schools like you for more of our highly valued Reading Helpers. I have also attached a link to our website: <http://www.archoxfordshire.org.uk/> If you have any questions or would like any further information please contact me on 01869 320380.

Many Thanks, Heidi Moss Volunteer Recruitment Officer

*Please see the flyer from BBC2 below.*

# TAKE PART!

## NEW SERIES OF BACK IN TIME



**Ever wondered what it would  
be like to go back in time?**

The makers of the hit BBC2 series *Back in Time for Tea* and *Back in Time for School* are looking for a new family to immerse themselves in the past.

Do you have memories of, or family connections to, the countryside and village life?

For more information and to apply please visit [walltowall.co.uk](http://walltowall.co.uk) and click on **Take Part**.

Families must be UK residents and have a minimum of 3 children, ideally aged 8+



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