



Sandhills Community Primary School

Step by step together

Respect, Relationships, Responsibility, Resilience

Dear parents and families,

4th February 2022

As you are probably aware, we continue to have significant levels of Covid in and around our school community. To anyone in our school family currently ill with Covid, we really hope you feel better soon and send very best wishes for a speedy recovery. I'd also like to take the opportunity to say thank you to every single member of staff for all their hard work, resilience and adaptability over these last two weeks as we have juggled duties and cover to keep everything running as smoothly as possible. We have managed to avoid closing any classes up to this point which is very much a last resort! Please remember to keep taking the LFT tests and be aware that symptoms seem to vary considerably.

Curriculum



At the start of this term, we held an assembly on Dreams and Goals as part of the additional PSHE / Wellbeing Programme we are running this year. We considered why it can be a good thing to have dreams and set ourselves goals. Sometimes these might be small goals and sometimes they might be big goals. We also talked about how we can use our Personal Power to 'control the controllables'. The picture above shows some of the follow up work now displayed in school. Children in KS2 classes designed posters showing some of the things they have control over eg

how much effort they put into something and who they ask to help them. In EYFS and KS1 classes, 0 children drew pictures of their dream in a dream jar. During the assembly we read extracts from Marcus Rashford's book - 'You Are A Champion' and Gareth Southgate's book - 'Anything is Possible'. We finished the assembly with a poem by the author Kristina Stephenson called 'You' which is reproduced below.

Be the YOU you want to be.
Not a you like he or she.
For he and she should also be
Whoever it is THEY want to be.

Dream the dreams you want to dream,
no matter how different those dreams may seem.
For that's what dreams are meant to be,
Different for you and he and she.

Don't let anyone say: 'You can't!'
'You're silly!'
'You'll never!'
'You're daft!'
'You shan't!'

If you have a dream, then you *can* be...
Whatever sort of YOU you want to be.

Poem by Kristine Stephenson from Puffin Book of Big Dreams

Are you a scientist? Are you an engineer?

If so, then Sandhills needs you. Sandhills would like to invite you along to our Science Day event, to be a judge.

During the day, the children will be working in groups to plan, carry out and present their own Scientific Investigation. Then each class will choose one group who have demonstrated brilliant Scientific understanding to come to our school hall.

We will have 11 groups from across the school who have demonstrated brilliant Scientific knowledge. These 11 will then have the chance to present their investigations to a range of judges, who will then choose one group who show the best Scientific knowledge.

If you are interested, please email 6G@sandhillsprimary.org for more information.
Mrs Star-Harris
Science Coordinator

Welcome Back & Goodbye

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming Miss Chappell back into school. This week we said goodbye to Mr Shiels and Miss Truman, who have both finished the current stage of their associate teacher training with us. We have very much enjoyed having them and we wish them well in the next stage of their training. We will be welcoming Miss Truman back later this year for a later stage of her training.

Class assemblies

The dates below show the planned class assemblies. At the moment, we plan to go ahead with them but if we have to cancel for any reason, we will let you know and provide a recorded version wherever possible. These start at **2.40pm**. Please wear a mask (unless exempt) and only 1 adult per pupil may attend.

2S	Friday 4 th February
4T	Friday 11 th February
1P	Friday 18 th January
3S	Friday 4 th March
6G	Friday 11 th March
5D	Friday 18 th March
4A	Friday 25 th March

Earlier this week, we were able to provide each class with new play equipment for break and lunchtime play. It has been lovely to see the children playing with this and in many cases, playing games that involve working cooperatively with their friends.

Clubs

We are delighted that Football Club for children in Year Three and Four is able to start today. I'm hoping the rain dries up by 3pm! There are plans for further clubs after half term and we will send you more information about these shortly.

Term dates

You can find all the term dates here: <https://sandhills.oxon.sch.uk/information/parents-information/term-dates/>
Please note that Monday 28th February (just after half term) is an INSET day and the school will be closed.

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sue Clark
Deputy Headteacher