

# SANDFIELD NEWS

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Dear Parents

## PTA

We are always grateful for the hardworking and industrious Sandfield PTA, who work tirelessly to make our school community even better.



Staff well-being is important to us at Sandfield and when our microwave breathed its last it was a sad day. Therefore, we have included a photo of certain staff members looking particularly delighted with our brand new microwave, purchased with money raised by the PTA.

In the past, money raised by the PTA has gone towards things like: playground equipment, such as bikes and trikes and a table tennis table; a new improved online

library system; brand new lunchbox trollies which are on display in the hall each day.

The proposed expenditure for this year includes; a Sandfield sports kit for sporting fixtures; Sandfield staff sports T-shirts for teachers and teaching assistants; exciting new equipment for the soon to be opening outdoor classroom. We will endeavour to keep you updated on how money raised by parents, via PTA events, is spent so you can see how the Sandfield community improves due to your generous contributions.

## School Closures

Thank you for your understanding with regards the recent school closure due to a very snowy couple of days. The welfare of pupils, staff and parents is of paramount importance to us, which will always help us make difficult decisions such as this.

## Staffing Update

We have been very busy recruiting over the past few weeks as we needed a new HSLW and a maternity cover for our current fabulous SENDCo, Laura Kennedy. Fortunately, we have hired two lovely ladies who we will be welcoming into our Sandfield team. We have Tara Freeland who will be our maternity cover SENDCo and Lucy Lidstrom who will be our new HSLW. Tara will be officially starting after Easter however you may see her around the school site as she will be with us every Wednesday until that time. Lucy will be joining us in May.

Unfortunately, the member of staff who was due to join Year 2 has been unable to. This is due to unforeseen circumstances and Sandfield are now advertising for a replacement. We will update you as soon as we have any news on this.

Kindest regards  
Mr Mosley and Miss Jones

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## Dates for Your Diary

### Tuesday, 6 March

07:55 Sports4Kids - Hockey  
15:15 Guildford Shakespeare Drama Club  
15:15 Sport4Kids - SK4 Football Academy GIRLS  
**16:00 Parents Evening**

### Wednesday, 7 March

07:55 Sport4Kids - Netball  
15:00 Reception Class Snack Sale  
15:15 Sport4Kids - SK4 Football Academy BOYS  
**16:00 Parents Evening**

### Thursday, 8 March

07:55 Sport4Kids - Tag Rugby  
10:15 French Theatre Visit for Year 5 & Year 6 (JM organising)  
12:15 Recorder Club  
14:45 KS1 Assembly with Mr Rubra  
15:15 Boogie Pumps Dance Club  
15:15 Choir Club  
15:20 Book Club

### Friday, 9 March

CHANGE OF DATE- World Book Day & Special Lunch Day  
07:55 Sports4Kids Dodgeball Club  
15:15 All Star Choir  
15:15 Computer Club - Robotics!  
15:15 Sport4Kids - Cross Country KS2



### Late Children

Please can we remind all parents that children who are late in the mornings and late being collected from school at the end of the day must be signed in or out at the office.

### Office Hours

The school office is open to parents from 8:35am-3:45pm every day apart from Friday when we close at 3:30pm.

If you need to report a child's absence or that they will be late, please telephone the main school number on 01483 566586 or email the school office at [sandfieldmail@sandfield.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:sandfieldmail@sandfield.surrey.sch.uk)

The uniform shop is open on Thursday mornings from 8:35am-9:00am. Alternatively, you can order any available items online.

### School Opening Times

The main school gate (York Road entrance) opens at 8:35am each day. The bell rings at 8:45am and any child that is late must be escorted into the school office to be signed in.



## Meet the Staff

### This Month, Year 2

#### Mr Aaron Rubra, Year 2 Class Teacher

I am in my fourth year of teaching at Sandfield. I was a Newly Qualified Teacher in Year 3 and have been the Year 2 class teacher for the past two years. I am also the subject lead for English and for Science. I'm a fan of crosswords, jellyfish, Bob Dylan and Mexican food.

#### Mr Shane Vickery, Year 2 SCITT

I am a SCITT teacher and currently in Year 2, and previously I was in Year 6. I am very excited to be part of an amazing team. I enjoy rugby and cake baking! My real love though is my motorbike.

#### Mrs Jenni March-Ward, Learning Support Assistant

I have been working with a child in Year 2 for over a year. I am a parent of 2 children at Sandfield, my eldest is now at Guildford County School. I am also the parent rep for Year 1 and in my spare time I work in a pub! I like roller coasters, dancing and penguins!

## World Book Day

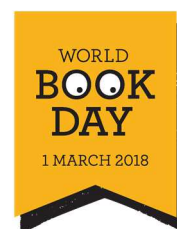
Due to the snow last week, Sandfield will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 9th March 2018.

If you have already ordered a special World Book Day lunch, this will also be taking place on Friday.

Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character if they would like to. Please note that football shirts are not permitted and film characters are allowed only if it is linked to a book.

There will also be an exciting opportunity to take part in a Book Swap before and after school in the playground on the day. If your child has a book that they would like to swap, please bring it in on 9th March and see if there is anything that they would like!

If you require any further information, please see your child's Class Teacher.



## Messages from the Reading Lead

Read For Good was once again a great success as seen by the total raised this year!

Thank you to all children who took part and thank you to the adults who sponsored them and helped to secure the sponsors. Because of you the magic of books and stories can be enjoyed by children in hospital. It also means Sandfield has been given £150.80 to spend on brand new books!

Mr Mark Mosley, Reading Subject Lead



## Geography at Sandfield

What is the capital of Brazil? What is the longest river in the world?

These are the types of questions I still remember from geography lessons when I was at school! Geography today has moved on from such factual learning, at Sandfield we follow an enquiry based curriculum to develop a curiosity about the wonderful world we live in.

Since September we have been improving our fieldwork opportunities. Last term Year 2 enjoyed exploring the local area, despite the heavy rain! Year 3 completed a traffic survey and thought about the implications for the environment. Looking ahead, in the Summer term Year 5 will develop their fieldwork skills during a trip to the River Wey!

I am sure the weather was a topic of conversation in your homes last week, it certainly was in the staff room, a harsh reminder of how physical geography can affect our daily lives. Fingers crossed that some Spring weather is on the way....

Mrs Justine Grant, Geography Subject Lead

## World Maths Day 12th March 2018

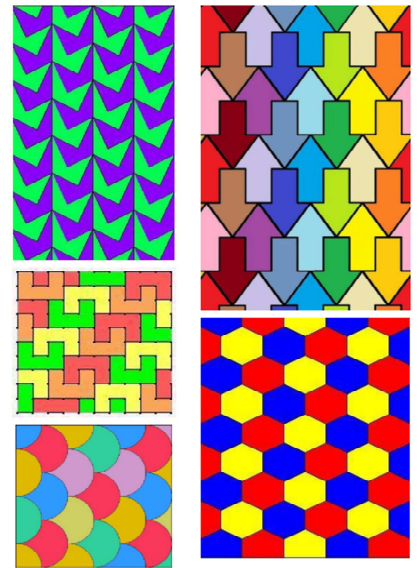
World Maths Day is during Science Week. For this we are going to raise awareness of both Maths and Science and explain to the children how these subjects both link.

I would also like to encourage the children to take part in a competition. As the children are going to be looking at plastics in Science week I thought it would link nicely to tessellation / repeating patterns. For this I am setting a challenge!

The challenge is to design, draw and colour a tessellating/ repeating pattern, like the ones on the right.

Hand them to your teacher or to me directly. There will be a prize for the best pattern in Reception and KS1 and the best in KS2.

Miss Hannah Jones, Mathematics Subject Lead



## British Science Week at Sandfield 9th March—16th March 2018

Coming up is British Science Week, a 10-day celebration of science, maths, engineering and technology.



We are celebrating in Sandfield from the 12th-16th March, with science activities and investigations themed around 'The Plastic Tide', a charity for ocean conservation, plastic reduction and awareness.

Did you know that only 1% of the ocean's plastic is accounted for? Or that a plastic bottle takes 450 years to decompose in the ocean? Visit [www.britishscienceweek.org](http://www.britishscienceweek.org) to find out more and see how you can get involved. Also have a look at Innovate Guildford – a free science festival taking place at G-Live on Saturday 17th March.

<https://www.guildford.gov.uk/innovateguildford/>

Mr Aaron Rubra, Science Subject Lead



## Message from the PTA

### Wine Tasting Evening - Friday 16th March 2018 at 8.00pm

We've teamed up with Majestic Wines to run a fun wine tasting evening, including a team quiz, raffle and auction. No prior knowledge required, you might even learn a thing or two! Tickets £10 and they will be on sale after school this week and via Paypal using: [sandfieldschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:sandfieldschoolpta@gmail.com) and sending to 'friends and family'. Come along, have fun and raise money for the school!

### Easter Discos - Tuesday 27th March 2018

Dig out the dancing shoes and teach you children the best moves. The ever-popular Easter Discos will be after school - KS1 from 3.30 to 4.30pm and KS2 from 4.45 to 5.45pm. We still need some volunteers, please email [sandfieldschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:sandfieldschoolpta@gmail.com) or catch a member of the PTA if you can help out. Please remember that all children in KS1 must be supervised by a parent or carer from 3:15pm-3:30pm.

### Waitrose

Don't forget to post your green tokens in the Sandfield Community Matters slot in Waitrose! Check at home in case you have any hiding!

### STOP PRESS!

We've got a new date for the Summer Fair (previously known as the May Fair): **Saturday 16th June 2018 from 12 noon to 2.00pm**. As always, this will be a great family event with a bouncy castle, food, games and craft activities. Please make sure it is in your diary and get involved if you can!

## Well Done Grace!

An enormous congratulations to Grace in Year 6 who cut all her hair to raise money for the Little Princesses Trust. She raised a massive £657.50 for this amazing charity that provides real hair wigs free of charge to children and young adults up to the age of 24 that have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses. If you would like to know more about this charity, please right click the link below.

  
Providing real hair wigs for children suffering with hair loss

## Completion of Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme in Schools 2017 - 2018

You may be interested to know that during the programme, 108,245 children in Surrey and Sussex were given a flu vaccination, this also included children who are not in education: In Surrey, 50,740 children were vaccinated in schools achieving 67.9% of eligible children.

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In Sussex, 57,505 children were vaccinated in schools achieving 60.4% of eligible children.

The target set for the programme was to vaccinate between 40 and 65% of eligible children; this provides protection to children who are vaccinated and also helps to interrupt the transmission of the flu virus to other children and vulnerable members of the community.

From October 2018, the school flu immunisation programme is likely to be extended to include children in year 5 as well as year groups Reception, 1, 2, 3 and 4 at Sandfield. Further information will follow in the Autumn term 2018.

