



Newsletter 19th September 2019

National Teaching Assistant Day

Monday 16th September was National Teaching Assistant Day. We all said a huge thank you to our brilliant TAs; Miss Morley, Mrs Fraser, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Charlton, Miss Kibler, Mrs Dear and Mrs Congrave; during assembly. We are incredibly lucky to have such enthusiastic generous staff working in our school. Thank you to them for the many jobs they do in our school.

MacMillan Coffee Morning and 80th Birthday Celebration

Every year we support this important fundraising event. Donations of cakes, homemade or shop bought will be gratefully received. We have decided to also use this event as a celebration of the schools opening in its current position, in January 1939. Former pupils and their parents and of course current parents are very welcome to join us for tea, coffee and cake. We would love people to share their memories of Sandon School with us. We will be sorting through the school archives to find items to display which may bring back some memories. There will be a special birthday cake for the school, kindly made by one of our parents, and the children will sing Happy Birthday too!

This event will be after the Celebration Assembly, to which parents are invited as it is the last Friday of the month. It will be all hands-on deck at 9.30am to set up for visitors from the school community arriving at 10am – all offers of help will be gratefully received!

School Council

We have new school councillors. They will have regular meetings with Mrs McGill and be tasked with sharing 'student voice' with the adults in school. This year, instead of badges, the children have lanyards (which stay in school) so that their peers can easily identify them and share their ideas. The school council is made up of the following children:

Reception – Beatrix and Chloe
Year 1 – Tilly and Ben
Year 2 – Felicity and Finn
Year 3 – Sienna and Oscar
Year 4 – Dotty and Ollie
Year 5 – Isabella and Luke
Year 6 – Philippa and Scarlett

Eco Council

Our Eco council work hard to ensure that we are thinking about our precious planet as much as possible in terms of resources we use and our actions. These following children make up our Eco Council:

Reception – Evie
Year 1 – Issy
Year 2 – William
Year 3 – Jacob
Year 4 – Dotty
Year 5 – Ben
Year 6 – Olivia

The Eco Council will meet with Mrs Hart shortly to outline their priorities for the year.

House Captains

We need to clarify the 'job description' for our house captains to make sure we are using their skills effectively!

Our new house captains are:

Ash – Charlie B

Chestnut – Tom

Mulberry – Lia

Oak - Lewis

Art Donations

Thank you so much for the donations in response to Miss Curtis' message last week. We now have enough large cardboard but would appreciate a steady stream of cereal boxes.

Parent Mindfulness Workshop

Following on from our well attended workshops last year, we have another one booked for Wednesday 9th October 2019, which will be about mindfulness. This is open to all parents throughout Cygnets and the School. There is no cost to parents for this workshop. For more details please see attached poster.

NHSSP 2012 Olympic Legacy Event



Yesterday Class 3 went on a trip to The Knights Templar School, Baldock. It was an Olympics/Paralympics legacy event and all the North Herts schools were there, (in total there were over 800 children). Mr Litchfield did a superb speech about the morning ahead. We took part in 8 sports including: ultimate Frisbee, dance, wheelchair basketball, sitting volleyball, sucker archery, handball, boccia and table tennis.

"I took part in sitting volleyball which was an extremely challenging sport, it included body strength and was brilliant for our core strength. Our team included me (Isabella), Molly, Lila, Bethan and Izzy. We had 12 games and we won 4 of them.

After going back to the hall, we watched the fashion walk and the dance show. It was the closing ceremony where lots of medals were handed out. Olivia and Scarlett got a medal for dance."

Written by Isabella C.

“On Wednesday, the whole class went to represent Sandon School at Knights Templar for the North Herts Olympic/Paralympic legacy event. There were 800 children from seventeen schools; all of them wore different t-shirts and represented different countries. We represented Peru. When we got there, the 17 schools had to fit in a massive hall. Five minutes later, Mr Litchfield (the head teacher of Knights Templar) welcomed us to the event. After that, we all went to our sports events: boccia, dance, handball, sitting volleyball, table tennis, wheelchair basketball, ultimate Frisbee and sucker archery.

The event I took part in was wheelchair basketball. The aim of it was to get as many points as you could. The back board was 2 points, the net was 1 point and through the net was 3 points. Our team was Lia, Charlie, Philippa and me. When you moved you had to push twice and then pass or bounce. You had to carry the ball on your lap, tucked under your chin to prevent people from snatching it.

At the end of the day, we all had to go back to the PE hall (it was the closing ceremony). At the start of the ceremony, the dancers did a dance (that they had been working on all day). After that, it was medal awarding. We didn't get any medals (apart from all the dancers) but we still thought we did good!”

Written by Tom P.

Quotes from the day:

Charlie B. “Well done, I knew you could do it.”

Charlie W. “We work brilliantly as a team.”

Olivia C. – “Mr Litchfield told us to do the best we could do, have fun and follow the Olympic values of: Respect, Friendship and Excellence.”

Assemblies this week:

Monday	We practised our singing for Sandon Fete – Please join us at 1pm on the village green this Sunday if you can.
Tuesday	We practised our singing for Sandon Fete
Wednesday	We talked about pro-social behaviour
Thursday	We practised our singing for Sandon Fete
Friday	Celebration assembly

Congratulations to:

Stars of the Week

Reception: Holly

Class 1: Harley

Class 2: Lucy

Class 3: Belle

Writers of the week

Reception: Florence

Class 1: Issy D

Class 2: Emily C, Jacob, Louis and Izzy F

Class 3: Bethan G

Sports Person of the Week

Elijah

Swimmer of the Week

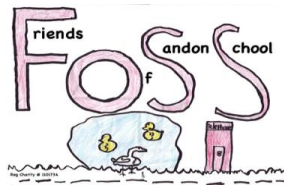
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Aldi's Kit for schools

We are taking part in Aldi's kit for schools. Every time you spend £30.00 at Aldi, you'll receive a sticker for school. We have a poster in school and when it is full, with 300 stickers, we will receive an exclusive sports kit for the school and a chance to win some other prizes. Don't forget the new Aldi in Letchworth is opening on 26th September.

Club Cancellations

Parents will be informed via the School Gateway when clubs are cancelled. Please use the School Gateway app if you wish to see if a club is running or not.



We are really looking forward to the Macmillan coffee morning and 80th Anniversary celebrations next Friday. Every penny raised will help Macmillan support people living with cancer. And we need your cakes and bakes to help. Big cakes, small cakes, biscuits and buns - anything is welcome! Homemade or bought from a shop - we aren't fussy! If you can donate something to the coffee morning, please drop it off at school on Thursday or Friday morning (26th or 27th September) then come along after Celebration Assembly to help us eat it all!

The annual FOSS Quiz Night has been confirmed as Friday 8th November. Tickets are £10 each and will include dinner. Teams can be any size up to 6 people. Entry forms will be available soon from the office, and we will send out an electronic version in a few weeks' time. We will be running a bar, and selling snacks and cakes too, and as always there will be a raffle - so if you have any suitable raffle prizes for donation please let us know! foss.sandon@gmail.com

If you have any questions, please get in touch at foss.sandon@gmail.com

Diary Dates

September

- Sunday 22nd : Sandon Fete 1pm
Friday 27th – 9am : Celebration Assembly
10am : Macmillan Coffee Morning & joint Sandon School 80th Birthday Celebration
Monday 30th : 1pm to 4.30pm - District Football at St Christopher Yr5 and 6

October

- Tuesday 1st : 9.15am to 12pm – KS1 Festival at Hitchin Girls
Monday 7th : SEND Parents Meeting (C1 & C2)
Tuesday 8th : SEND Parents Meeting (C3)
Wednesday 9th : 3.45pm to 4.45pm - Netball at St Francis
Thursday 10th : District Tag Rugby Festival for Yr 5 and 6 at Letchworth Rugby club
Tuesday 15th : Parents Evening
Tuesday 15th : 1pm to 3pm - District Cross Country for Yr 5 and 6 at Knights Templar School
Wednesday 16th : Parents Evening
Thursday 17th : 3.45pm to 5.30pm - Netball Festival at St Francis
Tuesday 22nd : 3pm to 5pm - Girls District Football Tournament at St Marys
Friday 25th : Last day of half term

November

- Wednesday 6th : School Photos
Thursday 7th : 1.30pm to 5.30pm – District Basketball Tournament at Highfield, Yr 5 and 6
Tuesday 12th : 3.30pm to 5.45pm - Boccia Festival
Thursday 14th : Nasal Flu – All years (info to follow)
Friday 15th : Individual School photos
Thursday 21st : U9 Festival at Highfield – Times TBC
Friday 22nd : 3pm to 4.30pm - Girls Gala at St Francis
Thursday 28th : Rapid Fire Cricket at Fearnhill

December

- Tuesday 3rd : Trip to Panto at Hertford Theatre
Friday 6th : Mums' and Dads' Stall for pupils
Saturday 7th : Village Christmas Market
Tuesday 10th : 3.45pm to 5.45pm - U11 Zone Basketball at Knights Templar School
Wednesday 11th : 2pm – Whole School Performance to family and friends
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Thursday 12th : 6pm – Whole School Performance to family and friends
Wednesday 18th : Governors' meeting
Friday 20th : Carols for the village
: End of Term (1pm finish)

Please see school website for more dates throughout the year.