

Sandy Lane News!

October 2022



Resilience, Excellence, Self-awareness, Passion, Empathy, Communication, Teamwork

School Fundraising

I huge thank you to all the families who supported our MacMillan coffee morning, it was a wonderful success and we raised £276 for this amazing charity. Our sweet tuck shop led by Shifa has enough stock left to take us to the October half term, a big thank you to everyone for supporting this and helping to raise money for our pantomime trip in December. As we moving into Autumn 2 we will be holding Children in Need fund raisers and our Christmas Day at Sandy Lane.



A message from Mrs Newsome

Dear Families,

As the nights draw in and the weather is starting to turn please can we think about the safety of our children. It is really important that we use the crossing patrol outside of school to ensure the children cross over the road safely and that we teach them about road safety.

While we think about keeping the children safe on the roads please can I ask parents to act responsibly when parking and dropping children off. Please do not stop outside of the school gates and ask the children to jump out, this is very dangerous and causes congestion on the road. Can I also ask that parents do not carryout three point turns right outside of the school gates as this is putting the safety of the children and other families at risk.

If children are outside in the dark please make sure they have bright and reflective clothing to ensure they can be seen easily by drivers, these simple steps can save lives.

Sadly, you will have noticed the wet weather over the last few days, please can children be sent to school with coats, and hats and gloves, all named please, as the weather starts to become colder.

At this present time I know that a lot of us will be starting to worry about the changes to bills, food prices and the cost of living crisis. Please can I remind families that the school is here to help where we can, if you are finding you are struggling please contact Mrs Walker via email or on her school mobile 07566 788963. As a school we also work closely with Café West and I have attached a flyer listing the different support that can be accessed there to support families in need.

Shout out!!!

This month I would like to congratulate Uzair Ali and George Atkin for their amazing football win against Baildon Juniors, they both play for Sandy Lane Juniors and won 11 nil in their last match! Well done boys. If your child does something amazing I would love to know and give them a shout out in the next newsletter so please email me with your child's achievements and I will make sure it is given a shout out!

Diary Dates

- 10th October—Dress down of World Mental Health Day
- 11th October - Year 1 visiting Clitheroe Castle
- 12th October - Year 2 visiting Clitheroe Castle
- 20th October - Parents Evening - bookings to be made on school ping
- 21st October - School closes for October half term, re-open on 31st October

School Dinner Prices

We have been advised by Bradford Council that from 31st October, the cost of school dinners will be increasing to £2.00 per day for children in Years 3 to 6. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for Universal Free School Meals. If your child attends our Nursery and has lunch in school, the cost of their meal will increase to £1.80 per day.

Bradford Food Bank

8 members of the School Council visited the foodbank in Bradford on the 7th December 2021 along side Miss Rodgers and Mrs Walker.

During their visit they split into 2 groups and one group sorted the donations received into baskets of individual items such as beans, soup, coffee, tea etc. The children also checked items were in date and packaging not too damaged, they sorted and emptied around 50 bags between the two groups over the duration of the visit.

The second group followed a list of items that were required for each bag and packed the bags and then tied string around the handles before placing them on racking ready for distribution.

Each group had a turn of sorting and packing and a talk from Mr Walker (School Governor) who arranged the visit. He explained why foodbanks exist and the times people could access them and how important the foodbank relied on donations from the public.

The children really enjoyed the morning and were eager to share their experience with the rest of the School Council at the next meeting. However, they did say it was a fantastic trip but very chilly on the day.

We hope to repeat the trip with this year's School Council but maybe in the Spring Term.



Parent Governor

Thank you to the parents who have already shown an interest in our vacancy for parent governor. Please can I remind you that the closing date is 19th October. If you would like to nominate someone or nominate yourself please use the Ping form sent our last week.

Reception Parents and Parents New to Sandy Lane

I would like to say a warm welcome to Sandy Lane Primary School. I really hope your children have settled well into their new setting, I have loved my walks around school meeting all the new pupils and seeing their happy smiley faces.

If you need to speak to me in regards to supporting your family or children you can contact me by through the school office or directly on my email Fiona.newsome@sandylane.bradford.sch.uk.

Please can I ask for safety reasons that Reception children are now encouraged to walk up the stairs to the cloakroom in a morning by themselves, this will ensure the steps are not too busy and prevent any trips or falls.

World Mental Health Day

On Monday 10th October we would like to offer children the chance to come to school in non uniform for £1 donation. All money raised will go to "Better Lives", our local mental health and community NHS trust .

Black History Month

October is National Black History Month, as a school the children will be learning about and celebrating the lives of many black people who have helped to shape the world we live in today! You might want to take time to discuss this with your children at home.

Create The Card Competition 2022/2023 - Puss In Boots: The Last Wish

Embark on an adventure of nine lifetimes by designing a BBFC Black Card for Universal Pictures' Puss In Boots: The Last Wish.

Click on the link below to enter the competition:

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