



Sandy Lane News



Taking PRIDE in all we do

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Dear all,

I hope you had a lovely week and weekend—even though likely to have been slightly damp!

I was fortunate enough to attend the Year 6 Residential last week at Mill on the Brue. On the journey home, I was reflecting on how I could describe our Year 6's and the way that they had approached the week, faced up to challenges, shown resilience, bravery and teamwork in order to complete the residential and Team Bracknell. There are all manner of superlatives I could use but I decided the most pertinent way is to confidently say they all displayed our PRIDE values. Positive, Respectful, Inclusive, Driven and all-round Excellent cover the vast multitude of ways in which they were absolutely brilliant young people excellent role models and typified what we expect from our children. I am hugely privileged to have been part of it and cannot overstate how immensely proud I am of them all. I am sure they will all have made life long memories and I know staff reported the same about the Team Bracknell children.

I also want to take this opportunity to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all the staff involved in these events. They take an awful lot of planning and organising and staff give so freely of their time in order to do this so our children are able to have these experiences; without them, we would not be able to run these events. I can confidently say, they all displayed our PRIDE values, too!

December 1st 2023, sees the start of our Christmas Jumper 'month'! Children are more than welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper any/every day from December 1st if they wish. This is only change to school uniform—and PE kits still need to be worn on PE days!

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the variety of events over the next few weeks!

Best Wishes & Take Care
Mr. D



PRIDE WINNERS

Hedgehogs
Dhaanya M

Rabbits
TBC



Hummingbirds
Aaron V

Kingfishers
Riyad F.A

German
Griffin J

Robins
TBC

Swifts
TBC

Foxes
Arun B

Otters
Whole Class

Owls
Alexander C

Giraffes
Blessed A

Meerkats
Suhud D

Dolphins
Whole Class

Penguins
Whole Class

Turtles
Whole Class

Diary Dates

28/11/2023	Rocksteady Concert to Parents 9:15 am
29/11/2023	EYFS Coffee Morning KS1 Hall 10:00 am
30/11/2023	Penguins Class Assembly 9:00 am
04/12/2023	Prospective Reception Parents Open Day—9:00 am
04/12/2023	Parents Meetings 3:30 pm—6:30 pm
05/12/2023	Parents Meetings 3:30 pm—6:30 pm
06/12/2023	Parents Meetings—Turtles Class Only 3:30 pm—6:30 pm
06/12/2023	Year 1&2 Nativity 9:30 am & 2:00 pm
07/12/2023	Reception Christmas Concert 9:30 am & 2:00 pm
08/12/2023	Nursery Christmas Concert 9:15 am & 2:30 pm
08/12/2023	Christmas Jumper Day
08/12/2023	School Christmas Lunch Years R-6
11/12/2023	Year 3&4 Christmas Concert 2:00 pm & 5:30 pm
12/12/2023	Year 5&6 Christmas Concert 2:00 pm & 5:30 pm
12/12/2023	Santa Dance
13/12/2023	Choir - Clement House
13/12/2023	SLSA Online Meeting 8:00 pm
14/12/2023	SLSA Smuggle Tombola - KS2 Hall

15/12/2023 School Closes for Christmas Break 2:00 pm

02/01/2024 School Opens for Spring Term

02/01/2024	INSET DAY
03/01/2024	School opens for Spring Term
15/01/2024-	Year 6 Bikeability
26/01/2024	
18/01/2024	Rabbits Class Assembly 9:00 am
29/01/2024	Choir - Young Voices O2 Arena
01/02/2024	Reception Class Assembly 9:00 am
08/02/2024	Turtles Class Assembly 9:00 am

12/02/2024—16/02/2024 Half Term

08/03/2024	British Science Week
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Make Your Festive Season Fantastic

Is Christmas looking a bit smaller this year?

Would you love to win a nice bonus just before the end of the year? Then make sure you take part in the SLSA **MONEY TREE** this festive season and be in with a chance to win an unknown amount of cash. Last year's winner took home over £400!!

Your child should bring their envelope home soon, and once they are all in, tickets will go on sale for just £1 each.

For more information please email:

SLSA@sandylanebracknell.com



A Bit of Christmas Fun

Just before the Autumn term ends, the SLSA are hoping to have a little extra Christmas fun.

On Thursday 14th December 2023, straight after school in the KS2 hall we will hold a small event, which includes a Smiggle tombola, 'Find the Reindeer' and 'Free the Teddy' games.

If you would like to join in the fun, come along after school, but make sure to bring your pennies!



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Welcome to our New Head Teacher for September 2024

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new head teacher, Mr David Cann, who will be joining Sandy Lane Primary School in September 2024. Greenshaw Learning Trust staff are working closely with us to formulate a plan for the summer term as we say a heartfelt goodbye to Mr Davies at Easter. As soon as this plan has been confirmed, we will send an update to parents and carers.



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Meeting

Our next meeting will be held at 8:00pm on December 13th, however for change, we are going to meet in person at the Admiral Cunningham in Priestwood. So if you would like to meet some of us in person and see who is working hard behind the scenes, come along and join us for a much less formal meeting.

Volunteers Needed

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has given us their time so far this year. Without volunteers, many, if not all of our events would not be able to take place. We are once again in need of some help to run our Christmas fun event on Thursday 14th December 2024 including set up from 2:30pm and helping at the event from 3.15pm. If you think you might be able to give us some of your time so the children can enjoy this event, please follow the link below.

volunteersignup.org/MPL3F

Remember, we translate now!

याद रखें, हम अभी अनुवाद करते हैं

நினைவில் கொள்ளுங்கள், நாங்கள் இப்போது மொழிபெயர்க்கிறோம்

If you want more information in Hindi or Tamil, please email:

यदि आप हिंदी में अधिक जानकारी चाहते हैं तो कृपया ईमेल करें:

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Lunch Time Controller Vacancy

If you would like to become a part of the Sandy Lane Primary School family, we have a vacancy for a Lunch Time Controller available. Please see [Greenshaw Learning Trust - Vacancies](#) for further details & to apply.

My Child at School

From January 2024, Sandy Lane will no longer be using Parentmail for communications, clubs, parents evenings or school trips. We are in the process of setting up the new system which is called My Child at School (MCAS). To enable a smooth transition, we must have your correct email address on our records. If you have recently changed your email address and not informed us, please send an email to secretary@sandylanebracknell.com giving your correct email address.