

Friday 26th January 2024



Sandringham

Infant & Nursery Academy

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Dear parents and carers,

What a chilly couple of weeks we have had; I hope you are all managing to keep as warm as possible!

This half-term is flying by across the school. The children are thoroughly enjoying their new learning, especially in PE where this term everyone is taking part in tennis lessons. It has been great to see everyone learning new skills, growing in confidence when performing these and developing their skills further.

We hope you are as excited as we are about our school trips, which are taking place later this year. We know how important these memorable experiences are for all of our children, as they give them the opportunity to learn new skills, broaden their horizons and discover new passions and interests. Please find a summary of this year's trips below:

Reception—Bocketts Farm (Wednesday 3rd July 2024)

Year 1—Wellington Country Park (Tuesday 7th May 2024)

Year 2—Lookout Discovery Centre (Tuesday 11th June 2024)

As you will see in our diary updates section, our parents' evenings are taking place at the end of this half-term on Tuesday 6th February and Wednesday 7th February. Following lots of positive feedback, we are keeping the option for families to book an online appointment but we do ask, if possible, that you attend in person so that we can show you lots of the work that your child has completed this year.

Finally, I am absolutely delighted to share with you that we raised an incredible amount of **£1,677.13** as a school during our Reindeer Run fundraising event at the end of last term. Not only did the children thoroughly enjoy taking part in the event, but it is fantastic to be able to support Phyllis Tuckwell to continue their hospice care in the local community, looking after patients and their families free of charge when they need them most. Thank you to everyone who sponsored our children as they completed this.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Lodge

Star of the Week and Core Values Awards

A huge well done to all of these superstars for winning a Star of the Week or Core Values award!

Star of the Week

George, Jennifer, Penny, Jessica, Armaan, Ronnie,
Darcey, Ryder, Rupert, Erin

Core Values

Zephie, Anya, Bodhi, Mya, Lucy,
Ellie-May, Frankie, William, Finn, Bronte, Lani





General updates

Diary updates:

Spring 1

Thursday 1st February 2024—parent information afternoon (2:00pm)

Friday 2nd February 2024—NSPCC Number Day

Tuesday 6th February and Wednesday 7th February 2024—parents' evenings (3:30pm to 6:30pm)

Friday 9th February—Sports for Schools athlete visit and workshop (children wearing PE kits all day)

Friday 9th February 2024—end of half-term

Staffing update

We are delighted to welcome Miss Nicola Bacon to our team from next Monday! Miss Bacon will be taking up the post of HLTA and will be primarily supporting our year 1 children, as well as providing additional capacity in other year groups, when necessary.



Attendance

Whole school target: 97%

Year-to-date whole school attendance: 95.8%

Class group attendance:

Moles —94.2%

Hedgehogs — 96.1%

Squirrels — 96.1%

Owls — 94.6%

Rabbits — 95.9%

Foxes — 95.8%

Lates this week: 38

As part of our collaboration in ensuring that all of our children are as happy and as healthy as possible, we hugely appreciate your support with making sure that your child attends school as regularly as they can. We know that sometimes our children cannot come to school because they are really unwell, and that is the right thing to do for them and others. Medical advice is clear, however, that children with mild illness will often be well enough to attend. The NHS guidance [Is my child too ill for school?](#) is designed to support parents in their decision making about mild illness.

If you and your child arrive after 8:50am, we ask that you go straight to the office to sign in and enter the building via the office. Upon arrival at the office, please give a reason for the lateness, which will be added to the register. Your child will then walk, or be escorted, to their classroom.

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Paralympic athlete visit

Friday 9th February

We are very excited to be welcoming top athlete and Paralympic gold medallist Kylie Grimes to Sandringham on Friday 9th February 2024!

Kylie will be at school all afternoon, leading a sponsored fitness circuit with all children, followed by a motivational assembly and Q&A session. The aim of the event is to inspire our children to be more physically active, but just as importantly, to encourage them to discover and pursue their passion in life.

Next week, we will send home an optional sponsorship form for your child to use to help raise money for the event. Please note that this is not compulsory and all children will take part in the entire afternoon regardless of how much money they raise.

If children do raise some sponsorship money, as a thank you, they will receive the following thank-you gifts for meeting these milestones:

- Raise any money: **an A5 sheet of motivational stickers**
- Raise £5 or more: **a blue Sports for Schools wristband**
- Raise £15 or more: **a blue wristband, and a red wristband with Kylie's signature**
- Raise £30 or more: **all of the above, plus a signed Kylie Grimes poster**

Please ensure that the sponsorship form and money are returned to the school office **by Monday 19th February 2024.**



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PTA updates

Dates for your diary

Friday 23 February: Happy bag collection

Friday 23 February: Sandringham Film Night

Friday 8 March: Mother's Day Raffle and Gift

Friday 15 March: Second hand uniform sale before school

Friday 22 March: Spring Disco

Wednesday 27 March: Sponsored Bunny Hop

Fundraising update

Thank you so much for all your support during the Autumn term. We had a busy term with a second-hand uniform sale, tea towels, Christmas disco, Christmas cards and all our wonderful Christmas activities like the in-school Christmas Fayre and Raffle. We raised over £2,000. Thank you everyone!

The PTA made a £1,500 donation towards new library books and furniture. The new revamped library will be in use soon! The PTA are also making a substantial donation to a new project the Mr Lodge will be launching soon, so please watch this space.

Film night

We're really excited to be launching our first ever Sandringham Film Night on **Friday 23 February**.

Nursery and YR: 4.30pm-5.30pm; Y1 and Y2: 4.30pm-6.30pm.

Cost: £3 per child, including a snack and haribo.

To bring: Own drinks in a bottle and wearing PJs/onesies/dressings gowns with a favourite cuddly toy.



Please purchase your tickets from the PTA Events website: [Friends of Sandringham \(pta-events.co.uk\)](https://www.friendsofsandringham.co.uk/pta-events)

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Reindeer Run fundraising total

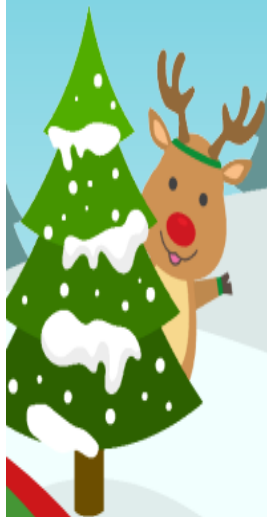
To all the pupils and staff at
Sandringham Infant & Nursery Academy

Congratulations

and thank you for raising an amazing

£1677.13

by taking part in a Reindeer Run
in aid of



Phyllis Tuckwell[®]
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...because every day is precious

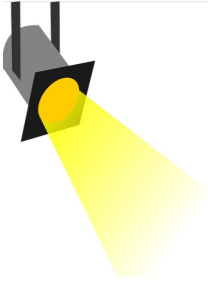


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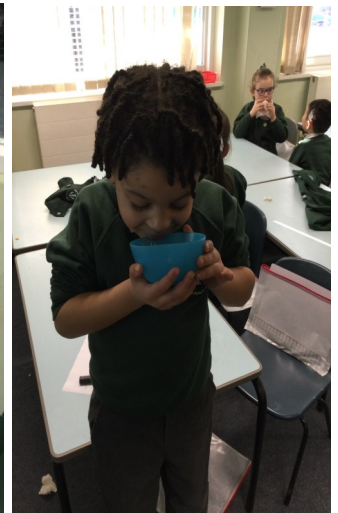
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Spotlight on KS1...



This week, the spotlight is on our **year 1 and 2 classes**.

In year 1, we have been learning about animals. First we learnt about mammals, and how we can identify them. This included learning about humans and our body parts. We then started learning about our senses. We went on a sensory walk around our school to learn about what we could see, hear, smell, touch and taste. Next, we will be learning about birds and reptiles too.



In year 2, we are very excited that we now have a set of class iPads (thank you PTA!). In our computing lessons, we have been learning what makes a good photograph, and how to take one. We have experimented taking photographs from different perspectives; we have taken portraits of each other and landscape photos too. We have also taken interesting photographs of ordinary things from unusual angles!





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Kite Academy Trust Kite Family Hub

Transition Support Videos

A pre-recorded workshop for parents and carers,
offering practical advice and strategies to support children to
prepare for school transitions

This is a three part workshop:

- Part 1— Introduction/general information regarding transition
- Part 2—Transition to Infant/Primary School
- Part 3—Transition to Secondary School

These practical strategies focus on preparing children for transitions (i.e. moving to a new year group or school) but will be transferable to other changes and periods of transition children may face



The recordings are available on our website and can be accessed by clicking on the links below:

Part1

https://kiteacademy.sharepoint.com/:v:/s/homelearning/EYmUIXxHMchKtRYireC7xhsB10jO_UymI_cIMjYkYIIIRg?e=Vh1gul

Part2

<https://kiteacademy.sharepoint.com/:v:/s/homelearning/EaKXCxCsEevFLvQr2yOzeYkiB9rkk8JvKUP1L7MY9hISD7Q?e=UEU0kF>

Part3

<https://kiteacademy.sharepoint.com/:v:/s/homelearning/EVTTACQF-15DobQx-FHLkOQBLgpuWQHvrk5aebG81uLk1A?e=pM9kMT>

If you have any further questions on transitions or would like to discuss anything else, please contact us on: fsw@kite.academy

You can also book onto a Come & Ask session, which is a one hour appointment that can be held face to face, over the phone or virtually. Please email our team on fsw@kite.academy and we can arrange a convenient date and time

The Kite Family Hub is located next to Mytchett Primary & Nursery Academy, Hamesmoor Road, Mytchett, GU16 6JB



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Kite Academy Trust Term Dates & Holidays

2023-2024



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- Start of Term
- End of Term
- Academy Holidays
- Inset Day
- Public Holiday
- Kite Academy Trust Holiday

Please note: Additional INSET days are to be added