



SANDBROOK COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

DECEMBER 2016

Attendance

Our attendance so far this School Year is 94.7%.



Headteacher

What an exciting December we have had at Sandbrook school. The month began with us all getting into the Christmas spirit with our wonderful Christmas Fair. We have continued through the month with 'West End' worthy productions by all the children in the school. They have all shown us that we have a lot of talented actors, actresses and singers at Sandbrook. It has been lovely to see so many parents, carers and extended family coming to watch the performances and share the message of Christmas with us. On behalf of all the staff I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

Class 13

On our recent trip to Eureka, the children took part in workshops where they learnt about the Human Body and Sound. They were very enthusiastic in composing new forms of electronic music. In our swimming lessons many of the children can swim without any aids and the rest are becoming more confident each week. Their achievements are celebrated by the instructors awarding them certificates each week for their improving skills. With the support of Jo the Artist, the children have produced some wonderfully creative designs for their electrical toys, which they should be extremely proud of.



Extended School

At November's Dads, Me & Tea we had a great time designing our own T shirts and enjoyed a lovely meat or cheese and onion pie for tea. The Christmas Parent Craft Workshop was a huge success with parents enjoying making their own Christmas decorations. We have had some very positive feedback from parents who came. Thanks to all who donated for the Christmas Fair and helped on the day.

PE

As part of their PE Curriculum, Class 13 have been swimming once a week since the start of term, achieving many awards along the way. They have also covered football and dodgeball in their other lessons, improving so much recently that they won the PE class of the week award for the whole of KS2. Two pupils from class 13 are also represented on the Sandbrook School Sports Council.



Family Support Officers

We have been able to meet and offer support to a number of families throughout this half term as well as providing a couple of coffee mornings. We hope that you will continue to come to us for any support and/or assistance you may need. Both of us are situated within school full time and can offer support through drop in or pre booked appointments. Miss Crayton and Mrs Carroll.

Class 5

All the children in class 5 have been working very hard this half term. It has been a busy half term, children have been practicing for their Christmas performance. What a fantastic performance of Hey Ewe!

In Maths the children have been learning about finding halves and quarters of shapes, objects and numbers. Children have also been learning about capacity and money.

In English children have been learning how to write recounts. They have been using time connectives (first, next, then, after that and finally) in their writing. We have had some amazing recounts from our super writers.

In Science we have been learning about materials, children carried out their own investigation to find the best material for an umbrella. They tested different materials to find out which one was waterproof.

Merry Christmas!

PE

Class 5 have enjoyed a wide range of activities this term including ball skills, football, dance, dodgeball and gymnastics. Last week they won PE class of the week for their outstanding enthusiasm and leadership skills in dance. During the week when Rochdale football club were in they had a fantastic penalty shoot-out session with many children scoring all 5 penalties.

Early Years

Well done to all our children who performed in our 'Little Nativity' Christmas concert, you were great. Thank you also to all parents and families who came to watch and to the staff for all their hard work too.

We have also held our numeracy event and our Autumn art afternoons this half term. These were well attended and very enjoyable. Please look out for more events in the Spring term.

Main School Office.

The office is now using the text messaging service more often. Please make sure that you inform us of any changes to mobile phone numbers so you don't miss vital information.

Have a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year!

CHRISTMAS FAIR

A huge thank you to all parents, pupils and staff that made this year's Christmas Fair such a big success. We raised an amazing £1200 which will go into school funds. This enables Sandbrook to do such lovely things with our pupils' throughout the year as well as during the Christmas period.



Thank you for all your support!