



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

Newsletter 10 - March 19th 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We've had great fun today celebrating Red Nose Day. So many great jokes have been shared so you will be in for a treat after school today!

Over the last two weeks, we have been carrying out informal assessments to assess the impact of the lockdown period on each child's learning. We will feed this back to you at the remote parents evenings on Tuesday 30th/Wednesday 31st March and would encourage you to log questions through the School Cloud booking system so we can make efficient use of the time allocated. There will be more details in a letter on Monday explaining how to book your appointments. In light of all that has happened, we have adapted our timetables to increase the number of wellbeing activities linked to our Jigsaw curriculum to help support the return to school and most are coping really well. However, we would encourage you to speak with us if your child appears more anxious than usual so that we can give additional support in school. At home, we would ask that you continue to hear your child read at least 4 times a week as this is so important in ensuring they practise the skills taught in school.

Homework will be set remotely from next week on Thursdays for years 1-4 , to be submitted online.

Parents Evenings

We are adopting the same system we used in October using school cloud to book and facilitate parent/teacher meetings:

Tuesday 30th March 3-5pm

Wednesday 31st March 5-7pm

Bookings can be made from midday **Monday 22nd March** using the link below <https://sixpennyhandleyfirst.schoolcloud.co.uk/> and a PDF is attached to this newsletter explaining how to book.

Change in age range at Sixpenny Handley First School consultation

Following the consultation an application is now being made to the DFE for a change in our age range from September. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive with no objections although understandably, people have felt saddened by the closure of Little Pennies. As soon as we get confirmation, we will let parents know how to book places.



Red Nose Day

Thank you for all your support today with our red nose day activities. So far we have raised £154.98 in donations and £180.00 through the sale of red noses. So a grand total of £334.98. The winners of the best jokes,

voted by the teachers, was Davey in Bumblebees, Priya in Grasshoppers and Alfie in Ladybirds – well done to everyone who told their jokes today.

Vacancy- Lunchtime supervisor

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor to job share with a current member of staff. This will be 5 hours per week and the shift pattern alternates 2 days one week (Monday & Thursday) and then 3 days the next week (Monday, Thursday and Friday). The working hours are 11.30pm – 1.30pm. This is paid on Dorset Pay Grade 1, SCP 1 at £9.25 per hour. If you are interested, please contact the school office for an Application Form.

Allsorts

It is with sadness that we are saying farewell to Gabi who is leaving us at Easter. We have greatly appreciated all her hard work over the last two years and wish her all the best with her relocation.

Staff will be covering the morning and afternoon Allsorts provision initially, but we will be looking to recruit a new person next term and will put details on next week's newsletter.

School Recipe Book

Please remember to send your recipes to the account set up by the Parents and Friends. This is such a wonderful community project and it is great that many of the local villagers are contributing! (see attached flyer for details) sixpennyrecipes@gmail.com

Year 4 Entrepreneur Experience

This half term, year 4 have been challenged to see who can make the most profit from an initial investment of £5.00 (loaned by the parents and friends). They have been busy designing their businesses and will be splitting their profits two ways. A third of their profits will go to their nominated charity (Cancer Research UK) and the remainder will fund a class experience. Therefore, on Thursday 1st April they will be opening their businesses and they would like the children in the other year groups to bring in some pennies to buy their goods (bakes, name the teddy, guess the sweets in the jar, beat the goalie etc.) Average prices per item are between 30p and 50p. We will of course be mindful of social distancing and have taken steps to ensure this can happen safely outside.

A snapshot of our learning this week:

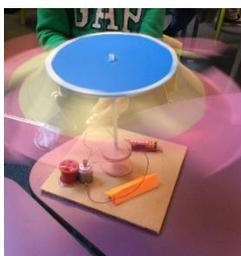
Ladybirds have started their dance sessions with Chloe who was so impressed with their listening and behaviour she sent a special email to Mrs Musselwhite to say how much she enjoyed teaching them!

Bumblebees have travelled to Ireland and learnt about St Patrick.

Grasshoppers have been scientifically investigating what is needed to help plants grow.

Dragonflies have made their Roman shields and practised marching in legions!

Scorpions have made working carousel models combining their knowledge of circuits in science with measuring and design skills.



Fairground
carousels



A snapshot of our learning next week:

Ladybirds will be exploring different foods from around the world as they continue their journey around the world.

Bumblebees will be walking across the Giant's Causeway and exploring Scottish myths and legends.

Grasshoppers will be looking at Van Gogh's 'Sunflower' painting and creating their own versions, using daffodils.

Dragonflies will be starting to write their diaries from the perspective of a Roman soldier or a Roman slave.

Scorpions will be putting the finishing touches to their entrepreneur projects, submitting forecasts for profit and launching their advertising campaign!

Dates

Tuesday 30th March – Chance to Shine cricket coaches in school to work with each class

Tuesday 30th/Wednesday 31st March – Remote Parents Evening (details to follow)

Thursday 1st April Easter Raffle / Whole school Easter Egg Hunt!

Thursday 1st April Year 4 entrepreneur sale (afternoon)

School finishes at normal times for the Easter holidays.

Thursday 22nd April 'Parents and Friends' Meeting

Friday 14th May Bag to School

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ra Musselwhite'.

Mrs Rachael Musselwhite (Headteacher)