

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Harvest Festivals

Thank you for all your generous food donations, to support those in need in our local community. All the food was gratefully received by the Wellness Centre in Intake. The children all did fabulous at St Aiden's Church for their Harvest performance and really did themselves proud.

Artsmark award

We're really proud to be able to announce that the school were awarded the Artsmark Silver Award for our promotion of, and commitment to, the arts over the last two years.



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England



Race for Life

A big well done to all of the children and staff who took part in our Race for Life event on Thursday 7th October 2021. They were all fab and all tried so hard.

Children, Parents, Carers, Aunties, Uncles, Grandparents & everyone else – you were phenomenal! Between you all, you have

raised a staggering **£1,648** for Cancer Research UK. It is a charity close to many hearts and I am sure they will be extremely grateful for the donation. As a school we are truly blown away by the amount raised and could not be prouder. Thank you so much!



OUR LEARNING THIS HALF-TERM

Nursery have been settling in and getting to know each other and their classroom. They have had lots of fun outdoors making obstacle courses and playing in the mud kitchen, looking at sunflowers and their seeds and exploring our wildlife area. They have been working lots on their listening skills in phonics and enjoying stories and songs like Incy Wincy and You Choose.

Reception children have settled in really well this half term. It has been really nice to see our children from Sandringham nursery, blossom and become more confident in Reception. They have also really loved welcoming their new children to our school. The children have been making new friendships and settled well into school routine. They have been painting lovely pictures of their dream homes and learning new vocabulary from the 'You Choose' text.

Year 1 have interviewed key staff at school to find out about their jobs and how they help us. They interviewed our cleaner, midday supervisor, admin staff, our caretaker and our Principal. They have also enjoyed several trips out of school within our local community to find out what facilities there are. They've been to Grove Park, Sandal Beat Woods and St Aidans church. In maths they have been learning about place value and also adding two 2 parts to find the whole. In English they have really enjoyed reading the story of 'Grandad's Secret Giant.' The children have enjoyed acting out, describing the setting and the main character in the story. They are now innovating the story ready to write our own version.

Year 2 have learnt about the importance of being healthy and worked across Science and PE to investigate what happens to our bodies when we move. They've also been immersing themselves in their topic - Knights and Castles - within English and Art learning. However, their favourite part has been having parents in class and being able to show them where their learning takes place.

Year 3 have been studying the Iron man text and learning all about how robots and robotics have changed over time. They have also been exploring how to create light and dark in science and Art.

Year 4 have been learning about how our food reaches our plate and the impact that our food choices have on the wider environment with a focus on the production of unsustainable palm oil. The children have created food maps, farming landscape artwork as well as a persuasive letter to Nestle about their contribution to the palm oil crisis.

Year 5 have settled well into year 5 showing great maturity throughout their learning. They have been lucky enough to have Active fusion in this term, where they have developed their rugby skills. In topic, children have learnt all about Victorian life for children and creating PowerPoint presentations to share with the class.

Year 6 have been learning all about World War 2, linking their English to write some gripping diary entries, as well as a balanced argument as to whether evacuation was really necessary. In maths they have been securing their knowledge of place value and recapping on the number operations, before moving onto fractions, decimals and percentage next half term.

OUR LEARNING NEXT HALF-TERM

Nursery will be learning about animals that live in the woods and will read and explore the story of owl babies.

Reception will be using 'The Gruffalo' text to support their learning. They will continue to explore Autumn treasures, making links to woodland animals and their habitats.

Year 1 will continue with their topic and plan to find out who helps us in our community.

Year 2 are really looking forward to the next half term with their trip to Conisbrough castle on the 5th November and inviting parents into the class for a creative activity on the 23rd of November. We hope to see you there.

Year 3 are going to be helping the Iron man by developing their coding skills, developing their understanding of magnets and by finding out more about sustainability and how it can help the environment. They will even be creating some mighty metal music and robotic dances in performance arts. They will be showcasing their learning on Friday 26th November at 2.30pm -we hope you can make it.

Year 4 will be continuing with their 'Farm Frenzy' topic with a focus on what happens when we eat and how our food choices affect our body and health. They will also be using our knowledge to design and bake their own healthy bread product. During next half term, there will be an opportunity for the children to showcase their learning from this topic - we hope to see you there!

Year 5 are looking forward to their Victorian day, a chance for children to dress up and learn more. They will also be hosting an event for parents to come along to showcase their music, dance and drama routines, to raise money for Barnardo's.

Year 6 will also be linking their learning about World War 2 to their science and DT, where they will be constructing air raid shelters with buzzers to replicate the air raid sirens, complete with interior lighting. They will also be going on a school visit to the National Holocaust Centre and Museum in Nottingham, where their studies and knowledge will really come to life as they join a Jewish evacuee on his journey to escape Nazi Germany.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1B

Date	Event		
Mon 1 st Nov	School re-opens to pupils FLU Vaccinations in school		Thurs 2 nd Dec Year 1 express event
Fri 5 th Nov	Schools catering – Bonfire dinner day Y2 School visit - Conisbrough Castle		Tue 7 th Dec EYFS Nativity
W.C 8 th Nov	Road Safety Awareness week		Thurs 9 th / Fri 10 th Dec KS1 Christmas Play
Thurs 11 th Nov	Remembrance service – whole school		Tue 14 th Dec KS1 & LKS2 Christmas parties
Fri 12 th Nov	Get bright Day Y6 School Visit – National Holocaust Museum		Wed 15 th Dec EYFS & UKS2 Christmas parties
Fri 26 th Nov	Y3 Iron Man Showcase		Fri 17 th Dec Last day in school for pupils
Wed 1 st Dec	EYFS Craft sessions		School will reopen to pupils on Wednesday 5 th January 2022.

We hope you have a lovely half-term and can't wait to hear about all the Autumn fun you have over the next 2 weeks.

Don't forget our pumpkin competition – there's prizes to be won! Just email your entry to diane.cooper@sandringham.school before **Monday 1st November** to be entered. Winners will be chosen from EYFS, KS1, LKS2 & UKS2 on Wednesday 3rd November 2021.

Stay safe and don't eat too many sweets!

Click on the picture below to give you some ideas on Autumn inspired activities to do with your children.

