



# Sandgate School September 2022 Newsletter

Welcome back!

Dear All

We have had an amazing start to the school year and have been overwhelmed by the positivity of all the Sandgate Community. The children have been happy to come back to school and have shown us their smiles as they enter the building, this sets us all up for the day.

The School year starts in the Summer holidays with a meeting between the Senior Leadership Team and the School Governors, the purpose of this meeting is to set the strategic direction of the school. We are now in the 3rd year of a 3 year plan and will be publishing the plan once all the detail is complete.

The staff inset day is always a great occasion, bringing everyone back together to train staff and discuss the year. This year we focused on the vision that staff have around their values and the way in which we should all work together to get the most out of Sandgate Life. Its lovely to see such a determined and happy group of people.

The final group of people to mention is the 'Sandgate Family and Friends' group, in other schools they may be called the PTA. Our group is made up of staff, friends and family of either present or past Sandgate students. The purpose of this group is to provide experiences for our students that they wouldn't otherwise have and to fundraise for things that make a difference. It's a great group of people that are dedicated to the wider aspects of Sandgate Life. The next meeting is on the 12th Jan 2023, 6pm on the Sandylands site. You are more than welcome to join the group, we would love to see some new faces, if you are interested, please email Jeanne Wightman on - [jwightman@sandgateschool.org.uk](mailto:jwightman@sandgateschool.org.uk).

So, there we are another year started. Thank you all once again for your help and continuing support.

Kind Regards

Dan Hinton (Headteacher)

## Sandgate School have hit the ground running...

We are straight back in to the new academic year and our stand is ready for visitors at the County Show. Special thanks to Kerrie Bumby (Fairfield class teacher) and Lynne Cianchi (Scafell class teacher).





## Friend of Sandgate - Charity Cycle Ride

Wendy Parkinson, a very long time friend of the school and regularly seen helping in classrooms, completed her amazing coast to coast bike ride raising money for Sandgate and the British Heart Foundation. Well done Wendy!



**Toddler Group** - the Sandgate toddler group runs on a Friday from the Methodist Church on Sandylands. There are 2 sessions - **Morning** 9.30am - 11.45am and **Afternoon** 1.00 pm- 2.45pm . To ring and ask for me if interested

New areas on the Sandgate Website



Those eagle eyed among you will have spotted some new areas popping up on our school website including:

- an area for these newsletters to be saved: [Newsletters - Sandgate School](#)
- an area for useful reading: [Reading Canon - Sandgate School](#)
- and an area specifically for our Blog: [Blog Posts - Sandgate School](#)

We also hope to quickly develop and update the area on the school website for our parents regarding important dates for your diary which can be found here: [Parent's Calendar - Sandgate School](#)

Class Updates...

**Catbells Class:** Here are some pictures of the girls in Catbells Class looking at books in our reading area. This was all child led learning in our continuous provision, they love reading in Catbells!





**Bessyboot Class:** Since we started back in school, Bessyboot class have enjoyed an action-packed music session with Keith and have explored lights and switches in ICT





**Wetherlam Class:** Wetherlam have got stuck straight into exploring their Pirate topic and have really enjoyed it. We have dressed up as pirates, made paper plate pirates and have played with pirate ships in the water tray. The children have done really well coming back to school and for most of them, a new class, and are having a great time!







**Grassmoor Class:** Grassmoor have had a brilliant fun filled first week settling back into school and exploring our pirates love underpants theme for this 1\2 term!





**Blencathra Class:** Here are some photos of Blencathra bowling in the sun during a PE lesson and one photo of Ella having a boogie to "I wanna be like you" from the Jungle Book, as serenaded by Keith!





**Glaramara Class:** Glaramara have had a wonderful time getting to know our new class and new staff team! Our new story, Bathroom Boogie, has

been a hit with the class with lots of fun with bubbles, water play and learning about self care.









**Robinson Class:** In Robinson we have been focusing on getting to know each other through the theme of Pirate. In Creative Expression and Development we have been creating parrots using our feet and hands. Our sensory story has taken us on a treasure hunt through long swishy grass, hot hot sand, swimming cool water and dashing through a dark dark cave, only to meet a CROCODILE! We have pulled up the rigging and set sail back to sea! Hydrotherapy has resumed for our

MEADOWS class too. All our class loved being back in the water, stretching, laughing and splashing.





**Fairfield Class:** Fairfield class can be seen over at QKS community garden, taking part in team building activities.

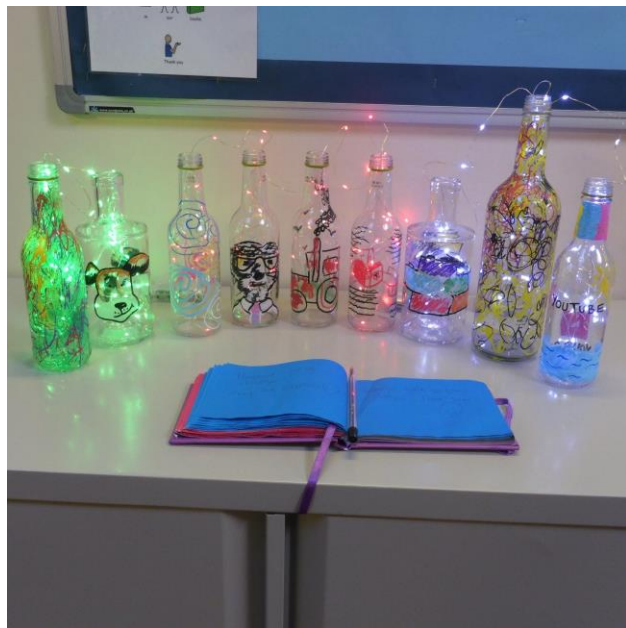


**Fells Class:** Fells class have had an amazing start back at school, it has been great to see new and familiar faces. We have new students in our

group, and it was great to bond over bacon butties, hot chocolate and stone skimming at Sandy Bottoms. What a great morning in school!!



**Helvellyn Class:** Helvellyn is working on identity this half term so the group can get to know each other. We have thought about and shared what we like and designed bottles for our gallery showing this.



**Pillar Class:** Pillar students have returned and continued straight on with their collaboration with Lakeland Arts towards Kendal Torchligh. Students have begun their study of The Sheep Pig by Dick King Smith and

started their studies towards their Entry Level Certificates in English, maths, ICT and Science. Work experience begins today (16.9.22) and will continue all year.





**Bowfell Class:** Bowfell have been spending our first week getting to know each other and our new class mates. We particularly enjoyed a lantern making workshop with Scafell and Skiddaw Classes, hosting our first 'Bowfell Bistro' of the school year, a successful and delicious meal



prep sessions and getting back to cycling with 'Wheels for All' at the leisure centre.







**Scafell Class:** Here is a joint photo of some of the Lakes Post 16 team coming together after a session. We had just finished PE. We also have a Scafell class photo. Hope the following is Ok - just play around with it to match what other classes have contributed. We are enjoying having time together to work on some projects. So far we have shared an art workshop for the torchlight, PE, swimming, a group has started at College and we have started our new food tech lifeskills challenge

awards. The rest of the time we have enjoyed working on our personal skills in our new classes.



**Skiddaw Class:** New class Skiddaw having a good **TIME!**



Thank you!

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*More updates to come soon and for any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office.*

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