

SANDFIELD CLOSE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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**This week's news from Sandfield Close.
What learning looks like in our school.**

Space Camp Sleepover at Sandfield Close

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"The best day of my life ever!"**

On Thursday night 25 intrepid Year 4 children came back to school at 6.30pm with their sleeping bags ready for our first ever Space Camp Sleepover. They were amazed to find the hall transformed into a campsite filled with tents. The evening started with an expert talk by space scientist Dr Gabrielle Provan from the University of Leicester who shared a fascinating presentation about the aurora borealis, better known as the Northern Lights and explained the science behind this phenomenon. Dr Provan also demonstrated her unique Planeterella apparatus and created a small aurora in our darkened hall.



Mr Dennis Osborne from the Leicestershire Astronomical Society was outside on the playground providing opportunities for parents and children to view the night sky through powerful telescopes. We were fortunate that the skies were clear, providing perfect conditions for stargazing. Children, parents and staff were delighted to be able

to see the surface of the moon in such detail and surprised to learn that the planet Jupiter has rings, which we were able to see. Miss Rana took the photograph of the moon, through the telescope, on her phone.



After an evening of space-themed activities the children enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies before snuggling inside their sleeping bags and tents. This morning there was a tasty breakfast followed by time to design, make and launch rockets.

Space Camp Sleepover
The verdict from the children:

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Cycle training in Year 5 and 6

Trained cycle instructors from **Bikeability** were in school again this week, working with the children to develop safe cycling skills. For those children who had the appropriate level of skill and confidence there was an opportunity to apply their knowledge on the local roads under strict supervision. Some groups even made it to Watermead Park.



Quicksticks Hockey festival

Mrs Barnes took four teams to compete in the Quicksticks Hockey Festival this week. Our teams played well and were good representatives for our school. The Sandfield Close Year 5/6 team won their competition.

Easter Cake Sale and decorated egg competition

Thank you to the PTA for organising the cake sale. It was lovely to see all the creative entries in our annual decorated egg competition on Wednesday.

All the children who entered received a small prize. The eggs were sent home with the children on Thursday.



National Science Week

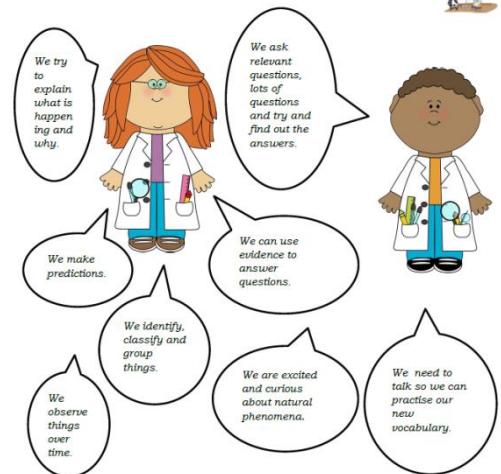
Science activities to try at home

Classes across the school have taken part in a range of science activities this week. A group of children took part in an online lesson as part of the Tesco Eat Happy Project and shared their learning with children from other parts of the UK. Some classes have been learning about the importance of brushing their teeth.

We are e-mailing our **Science at Home** booklet to all parents. We hope that our families will be able to find the time to try some of the activities at home. The booklet also contains details of some family friendly events during the Easter holiday.



Science at Home



Sandfield Close Primary School 2016 Science Home Learning

Local Events

Tree of life collage

Wednesday 23 – Wednesday 30 March 11am – 3pm

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Join us to celebrate springtime and Easter by adding to our giant Tree of Life collage. Visitors and community groups are welcome to help our beautiful display blossom by creating leaves, fruits and flowers. Drop-in, free event.

Children's springtime trail

Friday 25 March – Sunday 10 April at New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Collect your free trail sheet and track down a selection of spring themed objects waiting to be discovered from the gallery collections. Drop in, free event.

Easter eggscapades

Friday 25 March – Sunday 10 April 11.30am – 3.30pm at Jewry Wall Museum

Enjoy an eggstravaganza of exploring the ancient objects and bath house ruins. Discover the significance of the Easter period in ancient times. Can you complete the hunt and earn your chocolate-based eggy prize? Drop-in activity running daily throughout the Easter holidays. £1.50 per person.

Feed the bugs!

Saturday 26 March 11am – 12noon at New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Get up close and personal with our live Wild Space exhibits. You can help with feeding, learn some facts and even handle some of our insects. Drop in, free event.

Bradgate Park <http://www.bradgatepark.org/>

Small car parking fee. But cycle, scoot or walk through the park looking for wildlife and signs of Spring.

Free ramble with a ranger on 9th April




A Father's Day treat for our dads

Our Mother's Day family lunch was a success and feedback from the parents who attended was very positive.

So that our dads don't feel left out we are planning a Father's Day family lunch on Monday 20th June. Places are limited to one guest per family and the cost is £2.50 for the adult meal. Sign up at the school office as soon as possible.



Next week's lunch menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Kidney Bean & Sweetcorn Curry Rice & Chapatti Cheese & Potato Pie Sticky Spicy Vegetables Sticky Spicy Chicken Noodles Malted Baguette Baked Beans Broccoli Florets Mixed Salad Ginger Biscuit Iced Bun Brown Bread Tomato Sauce Milk Fruit Yogurt	 SPECIAL EASTER MENU Roast dinner day 	Moong Bean Curry Rice & Chapatti Quorn Fillet Cheese & Onion Fritter Roast Chicken Breast Roast Potatoes Tomato Pasta Brussels Sprouts Baton Carrots Mixed Salad Chocolate Tart Oat & Raisin Biscuit Brown Bread Tomato Sauce Gravy/Stuffing Milk Fruit Yogurt	End of term Wacky Thursday SPECIAL MENU Hotdog and chips 	Good Friday School closed Start of Easter holiday

Hope your weekend goes according to plan.