



The Moggy Messenger

A little school with big ideas

Issue No 03 Friday 22nd October 2021



Message from our Executive Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian

We have to come the end of the first half of the Autumn term and the last seven weeks have gone past extremely quickly. The children have really **settled well** back into school after the summer and as always they are a **pleasure** to be around. It has been wonderful to see them **enjoying their learning** and getting involved with the life of the school and developing both academically and personally. It is **amazing** how quickly they grow in confidence and are so resilient. I have also been very **impressed** by the way **Years 5 and 6** have acted as buddies for the younger children and really looked after them throughout the school, they are a real **credit** to the school and themselves.

The Harvest Celebration of the Seasons was a first for us with the children taking part in the outdoor performance. They were **absolutely wonderful** given it was their first public event and it was lovely to have such wonderful props supplied by **Anderson's Farm**. We would like to say a huge thank you to Anderson's Farm for all of their **support** and the **wonderful donations** of pumpkins from their **Secret Pumpkin Patch**. As well as the **tractor** and tickets for the children to enjoy a visit to the farm, **Chicks** and **Robins** were also given a free visit, on Monday 18th October. Please see further details later in this edition.



I would like to **thank** all the **staff** for their hard work in working with the children on their various parts and a special thanks goes to **Mrs Robbins** for her organisation and planning of this amazing event.



I would also like to **thank** all of you, parents/guardians, for attending and showing your support, not only for your son/daughter, but also towards the school and our charity **"The Need Project"**. You may be aware the children made cakes and biscuits here at school and at Sandy Secondary School to sell at the Harvest

Celebration event. We would like to thank **Sandy Secondary School**, our sister school, for allowing us to visit them and use their **specialist food room**, along with the assistance of **Mrs Beavor**, the Lead Teacher for Food Technology and **Mrs Hullatt**, for organising and assisting in the cooking for the children.

Thanks to your very **generous donations** we were able to donate the wonderful amount of **£174.90** to The Need Project. This will allow them to continue to **support local individuals** and **families** with food parcels when they need them, so that no one has to worry about when they might eat, as in today's world no one should go hungry. Thank you again for all you do and your **kindness**, this has certainly been appreciated by us and the charity we have been able to help.

We were very fortunate to have **paralympian Sean Rose** visit our school on Thursday 30th September and **inspire** the children, as well as take part in some **PE activities** with us. It was **amazing** to hear his story and the children were absolutely **wonderful** and engaged throughout. They are so caring and considerate and this really showed throughout this session.



It does seem unbelievable that we are already talking about Christmas, as once again this year seems to have flown by.

Parents Consultation Evening: 18th November 2021

We very much hope this will be face-to-face, unless we are instructed by Public Health to make it a telephone event, if the number of cases of Covid-19 in our local area has risen to such an extent.

Therefore, to try and reduce the risk of Covid-19 entering the school and in an attempt to help reduce the spread of the virus, we would ask that you **wear a face mask** or **shield to this event** and that you do not arrive until your appointment time. We will also

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require you to **sanitise your hands** on entry to the school and not to pick up any other child's work. I am sorry we have to put these procedures in place but it is essential we try and protect everyone in our small community.

Illness

Please can I ask that if your child(ren) is feeling unwell and they show any symptoms of Covid-19 you keep them at home and get a **PCR test**. They should not return to school until you have the result of that test. If it is negative they can return straight away, if they are feeling well enough. If it is positive, they will need to self-isolate for 10 days, in which case we would also ask that you please inform the office.

Winter/Change in the Weather

The weather is certainly changing quickly and when we return after half term, it will be essential your child(ren) **wrap up warm** when playing outside. Therefore, please can you ensure they have a **named winter coat, scarf, gloves and hat**, to keep them warm. We would also recommend **wellies and waterproofs** being brought into school, especially for **Forest School**, which they have once a week. We would also suggest that the children now wear navy/black jogging bottoms and top for PE. Our uniform policy, including PE kit requirements, can be found on our website under 'Policies'.



Phonics Screening

I would like to **thank Miss Aktar and Mrs Robbins** for the **Phonics Information Evening** and to the parents/guardians who attended. Our children in **Year 2** will be undertaking their formal screening next half term, and those in **Year 1** will undertake their screening in the summer term. Information on phonics can be found on our website.

Moggies

We have had some really **wonderful events** in *Moggies*, our after school club, over the last few weeks, and the **ultimate event** this half term was the **Halloween Disco**, which was really well attended. The children looked

fantastic in their costumes and enjoyed dancing, party food, biscuit decorating and party games! I would like to say a huge **thank you** to the team for all of these events, but especially **Mrs Robbins, Mrs Carter and Mrs Smith** for all their hard work and planning, as well as **Miss Hinson, Miss Cunningham, Miss Aktar, Miss Broomhall and Miss Duffield** for supporting the event.

Our Friendly Witch

I hope your child has come home and told you about the **mystery** they have been trying to solve by helping the **Friendly Witch** find various items she has lost in the school. This has been a **whole school project** which has allowed the children to demonstrate all the skills and progress they have made over the last term. They have produced some **wonderful work** and I have been very impressed by their **creativity** and **reflective thinking**.

Thank you to the Friends of Moggerhanger Primary School (**FOMPS**) for their **continued support** and non-uniform day at the end of this half term. All monies raised comes back into the school through various projects and over the last half term **FOMPS** has bought the school some wonderful outside seating for **Forest School** and story time in the open. They have also been hosting a 'Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin' competition, thanks to a kind donation from Mrs Adams. We look forward to seeing who wins the pumpkin and the sweets!

A few key dates for you, are listed below:

1st November: back to school after half term

18th November: Parent Consultation Evening – 4.00pm to 7.30pm. Booking system opens on 1st November and closes at 4.00pm on 17th November

26th November: Whole School Training Day—school will be closed

16th December: Christmas Pantomime, Reception—Yr 6

16th December: School Christmas Dinner

17th December: Last Day of Term.



Have a wonderful and spooky half term.

Miss K Hayward
Executive Principal

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Message from our Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Black History Month – October 2021

As a school, we are marking Black History Month with engaging activities and learning opportunities for the children in their lessons and in assemblies.



We were very pleased to welcome one of our parents, **Mrs Sylvester**, to talk to the children in Owls and Kites Classes about how her family in Grenada answered 'the call from the Mother land' to come and work in the UK to support the NHS. We learnt about the two-week journey that hundreds of people made to the UK on a boat named *The Empire Windrush*, as well as other boats, thereafter. Mrs Sylvester shared a series of fascinating photos of her ancestors and family members, some of whom worked for the London Underground, and the NHS as midwives and nurses.

In my **Values Assemblies** on Wednesday mornings, I have been focusing on the lives of some prominent people in black history. So far, we have learnt about **Rosa Parks** and **Harriet Tubman**. Although these have been difficult subjects to discuss, the children have amazed me with their outstanding attitudes to fairness, equality and kindness. We have recognised Rosa and Harriet's bravery and courage in such difficult circumstances.

Links to the slides from Mrs Sylvester, and the videos that we have watched in assemblies, will be on the Black History section of our website, under the 'Curriculum' menu. If you have anything that you would like to share with the school to further our learning on Black History, please do get in touch.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term.

Kind regards
Mrs Robbins

General Notices

We would like to remind you that **earrings** are not part of our uniform policy, and we ask that children do not wear them for safety reasons. Children are able to wear a watch if they would like. Our school uniform policy is on our school website under 'Policies'.

Forest School is now **weekly** on a **Thursday** for **Chicks, Robins** and **Woodpeckers**, with **Kites** and **Owls** on a **Friday**. Please provide wellies and waterproofs to go over their uniform. Thank you.

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Chicks and Robins Class

The Chicks and Robins enjoyed a wonderful visit to the pumpkin farm after winning the scarecrow competition. The trip was entirely free of charge **thanks to Anderson's Farm.**

We had a wonderful morning getting lost in the amazing maze, picking our own pumpkins and enjoying some spooky games!

We hope the children had as much fun as Miss Cunningham and Mrs Smith!!

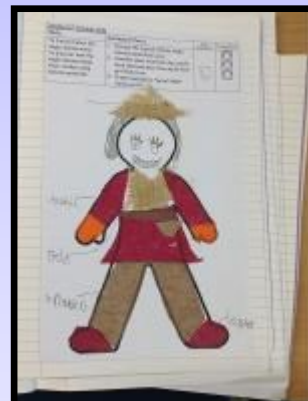
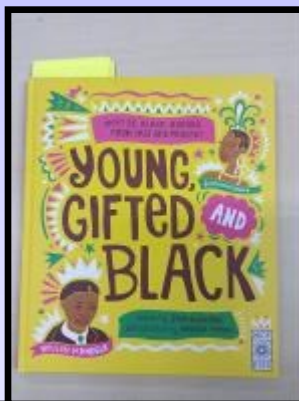


Owls

Owls class have really enjoyed all of our learning about **Black History Month** this month. We have learnt about many famous historical figures, about what used to happen in the past, and why Black History Month is so important. In addition to this, we had a fantastic talk from one of our **parents**, allowing the children insight from a personal perspective about their family's journey to the UK. The children were lucky enough on this occasion to also get to taste some traditional (secret family recipe!) sweet bread, which was delicious! The children have also enjoyed learning about modern day Black British heroes, such as **Marcus Rashford**, and created role plays in role as news reporters interviewing him on his campaign for free school meals over summer.

Alongside this we have continued our learning on the **Anglo-Saxons**, and the children have enjoyed some really creative lessons to help inspire and engage them! These have included creating Anglo-Saxon clothes using materials, and making their own Anglo-Saxon jewellery!

We have ended the half term with some spooky goings on - a witch visited Moggerhanger! Owls class spent lots of time exploring the photos captured of her, and thinking of their own ideas about who she was and why she was here. They have been writing stories about these ideas and we will be putting these in to a class book to keep in our class library, for future spooky reading!



Woodpeckers

Winnie the Witch visits Moggerhanger

Over the weekend, Moggerhanger Primary School seemed to have had a strange visitor. We arrived on Monday morning to see that there were photos of a witch on the pirate ship. We later received a letter, which told us that the strange visitor was none other than **Winnie the Witch!**

Winnie had visited our school and had lost some of her belongings, and she wanted Woodpeckers help to find them again. Each day, we have been finding clues, hidden in the strangest of places. Winnie even asked us to help make a magic potion, and we had lots of fun making a super-spooky potion. We were amazed at how it bubbled and fizzed when we mixed our magical ingredients together.

We have loved finding the clues to help Winnie locate her missing items, and we all hope that Winnie pays us a visit soon to collect them.



Kites

We have been learning about the Ancient Mayans in History and English in Kites class this half term. During our English lessons this week, we have been looking at Ancient Mayan's hot chocolate which is made with cocoa powder, cinnamon and chilli powder. We decided to try this in school!



Thank You!

Our Harvest Festival

Cake Sale raised

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Amazing!



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Parenting Insight

Gain information, advice, and guidance on a different subject each month

Returning to work and benefits

Information on benefits and returning to work

Guest Speaker: Lisa Sinclair

Employment Advisor CBC

Thursday 23rd September 2021

4.30-5.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/167870365783>

Young Carers

Information on Young Carers

Guest Speaker:

Carers in beds

Thursday 14th October 2021

4.30-5.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/169984567417>

Find ways to support the children and young people in your life

Free to attend via Microsoft Teams

Guest presenter
4:30pm

Opportunity to ask the presenter questions

Resources will be sent out after each session

Online Risks- Families

Information on online Risks

Guest speaker: Luis Ingram

Link to change

Thursday 21st October 2021

4.30-5.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/167871621539>

SEND

Information on SEND services

Guest speakers from Homestart, SENDIASS and SNAPP

Thursday 11th November 2021

4.30-5.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/168102437917>

Coping with Christmas holidays

Guest Speaker:

Bedfordshire Wellbeing Service

Thursday 2nd December

4.30-5.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/169601287015>

Organised by the CBC North Localities Early Help Teams:

For more information, please contact

Ivel Valley Community Partner - Kerry Nielow Kerry.Nielow@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

West Mid Beds Community Partner - Natalie Good Natalie.Good@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

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Sandy Area
September – December 2021
0300 300 8134 / 0300 300 8114
Sandy.ChildrensCentre@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk



Central Bedfordshire



Bedfordshire Community Health Services

Support & Advice

The Centre staff are able to offer support and advice on breast feeding, parenting, choosing childcare, FREE 2 year funded pre-school places, introducing solid food, toilet training, stop smoking, oral health, training/education, home safety and lots more. Please ask a member of the team or contact us by phone or email.

Freedom

The Freedom Programme is a 12 week rolling programme, which can be joined at any time. It aims to help women who have experienced domestic abuse to make sense of and understand what has happened or is happening to them. It is a nurturing environment, where help and support can be found and friendship and confidence is built. Please contact Paula.Murphy@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk for further information

Worried about your child's talking, listening, interaction or stammering?

Book a phone or video consultation with the Speech & Language Therapist please contact lisa.mitchell26@nhs.net

Sandy and Biggleswade Locality Children's Centre

Bedfordshire 0-19 Service - Health Visiting Team

Telephone: 0300 555 0606 Health Hub : available 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday - 0-5 years
Email: ccs.bedsandlutonchildrenshealthhub@nhs.net
Social Media: [f @BedsCHS](https://www.facebook.com/cambscommunityservices) [@BedsCYP](https://www.instagram.com/BedsCYP)
Website: www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/luton/childrens/services
Children's Centres: Central Bedfordshire: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/12/childcare/113/childrens_centres
 Bedford Borough: www.bedford.gov.uk/schools-education-and-childcare/early-years-and-childcare/childrens-centres

Day	Session	Time	Date	Location	For information and booking	Information
TUESDAY	Self-weigh	09:30-12:00	Weekly	Sandy Children's Centre	0300 300 8134 / 0300 300 8114	Appointment only for weighing babies when recommended by health professionals.
	Top-up Shop	11:00-13:00	Weekly	Sandy Baptist Church	0300 300 8134 / 0300 300 8114	In partnership with The Need Project. If you are struggling, pop along to pick up some food.
	Brasserie	13:00-14:30	Weekly	Sandy Baptist Church	alison.coats@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk shelly.collins@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk	Drop-in social and support group for breastfeeding mums and mums to be.
	Parent Puzzle	19:00-21:00	10 week course (not half-term) starting 14 th September	Sandy Children's Centre	claire.racher@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk alison.coats@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk	A 10-week Programme covering: Praise & Empathy; Family Rules, Rewards & Penalties; Choices & Consequences; Feelings; Handling anger; Kinds of touch; Behaviour to ignore. For parents of children 3-5 years.
WEDNESDAY	Bump, Birth & Baby	09:15-14:30	1 st September 6 th October 3 rd November 1 st December	Virtual	Book online at https://tinyurl.com/23cttsxs	One day antenatal class for mums-to-be from 30 weeks pregnant. Partners are welcome
	Bump, Birth & Baby	13:00-14:30	29 th September 15 th December	Virtual	Book online at https://tinyurl.com/23cttsxs	1.5 hour refresher, antenatal information for 2 nd or 3 rd time mums-to-be from 30 weeks pregnant. Partners welcome.
	SEND Stay & Play	13:00-14:30	13 th October	Sandy Children's Centre	karen.burton@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk alison.coats@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk	Support for parents, carers and their children who have additional needs. A safe space where you can chat to parents in a similar situation.
	Bump, Birth & Baby	13:00-14:30	3 week course 13 th October 10 th November	Virtual	Book online at https://tinyurl.com/23cttsxs	Three week antenatal class for mums-to-be from 30 weeks pregnant. Partners are welcome
THURS DAY	Revive	11:00-12:00	6 week course 30 th September 11 th November	Sandy Baptist Church	claire.racher@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Catherine.brighton@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk	Women's support group for those that are experiencing low mood or anxiety. It is a safe space to express your emotions and be heard.
FRIDAY	Baby Days	10:00-11:30	4 week course 17 th September	Sandy Children's Centre	alison.coats@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk shelly.collins@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk	4 sessions for new parents and babies 0 – 3 months covering, sleep, feeding, baby brain development and childhood illnesses.
	Introduction to Solids	10:00-11:00	17 th September 15 th October 19 th November	Virtual	kirsty-anne.beard@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk alison.coats@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk	Advice and support around introducing solids to your 6 month old baby
	Baby Sign	10:00-11:00	3 week course 19 th November	Sandy Children's Centre	karen.burton@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk	Learn to communicate with you baby on our fun three week course. Babies from 6 months.
	Baby Massage	13:00-14:00	4 week course 19 th November	Sandy Children's Centre	kirsty-anne.beard@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk	Bond with your baby through baby massage. This course is for babies 6 weeks to 6 months.

Academic Calendar

Academic Calendar - 2021/2022



School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

Training Day

September 2021							October 2021							November 2021							December 2021						
Mon		6	13	20	27		Mon		4	11	18	25		Mon	1	8	15	22	29		Mon		6	13	20	27	
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January 2022							February 2022							March 2022							April 2022						
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May 2022							June 2022							July 2022							August 2022						
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Term 1 - 73 days
Term 2 - 59 days
Term 3 - 63 days = 195 days

Pupil contact will amount to 190 of the 195 days. Schools will be closed on five of the 195 days. These five days will enable teacher training to take place in accordance with Teachers' Conditions of Service. Training days set as follows: Wednesday 1 September - Friday 3 September 2021 (3 days), Friday 26 November 2021 (1 day) and Friday 22 July 2022 (1 day).

The law requires that a parent ensures that their child receives a full and efficient education. If you send your child to a school, then you must ensure that they attend regularly. Regular school attendance is defined as being 'in accordance with the rules prescribed by the school' and means that if the school is open for 190 days, then this is what your child is expected to attend. We know that excellent school attendance has a positive effect on pupil outcomes.