



New Sport Equipment at Siddal

Last week our School Sports Council met to choose the equipment they would like to buy for school to improve breaktimes and dinnertime sports, using the sponsorship money raised in June 2019. The Sport Council consists of a boy and girl chosen from each class.

Back in June all the pupils took part in an assembly led by Olympian James Kirton. The pupils then completed his fitness circuit to raise sponsorship money. As a school we raised £1355.30 and school received half of this money to buy sports equipment with. Another huge thank you everyone who supported this event.

Here are some photographs of our new equipment in action.



Community spirit

We would like to say a huge thank you to the families who have kindly donated items to enhance the outdoor provision in EYFS.

Here's a list of what has been donated so far:

Henry (Rec) - artificial grass, gravel, conkers, Leo (Year 2) - Wooden chair, Amelia (Rec)- Plant pots, Jude (Year 1)- Small world animals, Freddie (Year 3) & Harry (Year 6)- conkers, Arthur (Rec)- conkers, Ella (Rec) - conkers

If any of our other families have items they wish to donate, please speak to Mrs Wood or one of the EYFS team.

Keeping everyone safe at Siddal Primary

Yesterday we had a visit from Sue Wake- Community Safety Officer for Calderdale. She was discussing our busy main road and how people in the community park. Herself and team will be conducting spot checks over the next few weeks to ensure our local community are parking with the safety of children and parent/carers at the forefront of their minds.

Year 3 CSI day

Pulse Education's 'Forensic Science Workshop' came to Siddal Primary School this week. Rhino Class were joined for the day by Year 3 pupils from Luddendenfoot Academy. The pupils from both schools got on really well and enjoyed a fantastic day working scientifically together.

In the morning, pupils learnt key skills such as latent fingerprinting using magnetic powder, fingerprint identification using black ink, hair and fibre analysis using microscopes as well as UV detection using ultra violet lights and marker pens. The children made a unique fingerprint keyring to take home with them.

After dinner, pupils then used these skills to help solve a crime scenario. To add authenticity to the activity, pupils (and adults!) wore white SOCO suits, purple gloves, blue overshoes and face masks.

We were all allowed to keep these items of clothing.

Our pupils will do some follow up work in science next week and pupils will draw from this experience when they write their detective stories.

Below are some photos of our fantastic day.

Finally, thank you to parents. It was your financial contribution that helped make this event possible.



Pumpkin Festival

To get everyone into the Autumn and Halloween spirit, we are inviting the pupils to bring in a pumpkin that they have designed and carved themselves on Thursday 24th October in the morning. The pumpkins will be displayed in the school hall for all to see during the day. Pupils will receive a dojo for their participation in this event. Pumpkins will also be enjoyed into the evening at our Halloween disco's, so if you have a battery powered candle light, then please enclose that too. Pumpkins should then be collected after school on Friday 25th October, so you can enjoy them at home.

Here are some of our spooky designs from last year!



Honours Awards 5.10.19

	Hard Workers	Special Pupil
RECEPTION	Sinead Rose	Daisy Halliday
YEAR 1	Jude Clifford	Maria Gawrlyuk
YEAR 2	Lee Brocksom	Ava Chesters
YEAR 3	Blake Varley	Mason Yates
YEAR 4	Ruby Whittaker	Zoya Fayaz
YEAR 5	Caleb Kitteringham	Jasper Horsfall
YEAR 6	Teegan Ellis	Wiktor Zielinski

Class Dojos- pupils who got the most Dojos this week	
Class	Dojo Champion
Reception	Eva- Grace
Year 1	Jude
Year 2	Ruben
Year 3	Lucas S
Year 4	Oliver H
Year 5	Decklan
Year 6	Alfie

Is your child starting school in September 2020? Would you like to know more about our school?

**You are very warmly invited to our open day on Wednesday 13th November 2019
At 10am, 2pm or 5pm.**

Please drop in at the times above for a full tour of the school, a chance to meet the Early Years team and the opportunity to see our wonderful school in action.

If any of these times are not convenient or you would like to visit the school sooner, please contact us to arrange an individual appointment.



**Aldi's Kit for Schools- Keep sending them we have 190 so far!
Please remember to put your name on them to gain you dojo.**

Whole School Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance: 96.2%
This is above with the Government National average of 96%.

Thank you to everyone who has been at school every day and on time.
We had 100% punctuality in four classes this week. Well done!

	Attendance	Punctuality
1st	Gorillas 98.5%	Polar Bears 99.2%
2nd	Elephants 98.4%	Rhinos 98.8%
3rd	Rhinos 97.9%	Snow Leopards 98.6%
4th	Orangutans	Pandas 98.5%
5th	Snow Leopards 95.9%	Gorillas 98.1%
6th	Pandas 93.9%	Elephants 97.7%
7th	Polar Bears 91%	Orangutans 96.7%

Head Lice

We have had a number of reported cases of head lice in school since returning this term.

Please continue to check your child and family members' hair for head lice on a regular basis. Head lice are passed from person to person by direct contact or on shared objects such as towels, combs, hats. It has absolutely nothing to do with cleanliness.

What to look for:-

Small light or dark brown insects without wings.
Tiny white eggs on the hair shafts.
An intense itching on the head and neck.

What to do:-

Check **ALL** members of the household at the same time and treat those who have head lice.
Use an effective head lice treatment. The pharmacy can advise you.

After the treatment, comb the hair with a fine-tooth comb to remove as many eggs as possible.

Check all household members daily, for 3 weeks, during an outbreak.

Inform school if you find head lice on your child.
If you need any support with this, please speak to your child's class teacher or one of the pastoral team.

Autumn Term Dates so far...

Please keep checking for updates.

16th Oct- pm fire safety assemblies
17th Oct- pm House team event
18th Oct- Year 4 trip to Liverpool Museum
23rd Oct- Year 6 trip to Bradford Museum
24th Oct- Halloween Discos
25th Oct- 9am Harvest celebration/ half term honours
2.30pm- Harvest work showcase
25th Oct- School closes for the half term break at 3pm
4th Nov- School re-opens