

# Sauncey Wood Primary Newsletter

Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after the Easter break and we have spent two weeks with some brilliant weather allowing all break times and lunch times to take place on the school field. We have seen children playing together from different year groups and building new lasting friendships.

Being back in the school hall was one of the most exciting and slightly nerve-racking things we did as a whole school this week. We managed to run our very first 'blended' Celebration Assembly on Friday afternoon with a mixture of parents and families joining us via Zoom and others being here on the school site. It is very strange to think that we have not done this as a whole school, in our hall, for over 2 years. The fact we were all back together did feel really special.

Both Miss Harkness and I were very fortunate this week to be invited in to the Year 5 class to support a different perspective for a debate that was already underway between the children. It was very interesting to play the part of the person who fully disagreed with limiting any screen time for children. I played my part so well that I even had to explain myself to a few parents for the remainder of the week, stating that this is not my actual belief! Obviously very good acting on my behalf.

It was that 'experience' learning that was planned so brilliantly by our Year 5 team that enabled the children to really think about different viewpoints and eventually helping them decide on their own. As a result, Year 5 produced some truly brilliant writing.

Mr Lloyd

## Letters gone out this fortnight:-

**20.04.2022** - SATS Breakfast Club - Year 6

**22.04.2022** - Extra-Curricular Clubs (Summer Term)

**25.04.2022** - Summer Term Dates

## School News

### Change of Date for Sports Day

As you may have seen on the Summer Term dates that we sent out recently, it was stated that Sports Day would take place on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> July. We have had to move this to allow another event at school to take place so the new date for this year's Sports Day is Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> July. The event will take place in the afternoon and we will write to you closer to the time with full details.

### School Pond Area

Your child may have been speaking to you recently about some brilliant building work that has been taking place at school.

We have been working behind the scenes to develop our pond area to continue to grow and develop our approach to outdoor learning. We have been lucky enough to have been well supported by the Friends of Sauncey Wood in this latest project and some art students from our local secondary school, Katherine Warington.

We are in the final phase of the works and this will be celebrated through a very special opening ceremony later in May. Please watch this space.

## FRIEND'S NEWS

Welcome back to the Summer Term and thank you for your support so far with Red top day, the sunflower competition and the plant sale. A great start to the term.

There are lots of exciting fundraising events planned this Summer to raise money for our outdoor learning centre. Two big fundraisers are Larks in the Park on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> July and the School Colour Run and BBQ on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> July. These are both great summer events and perfect opportunities to bring along friends and family as well.

As always, we'd love to hear your suggestions for future fundraisers. Please speak to either of us in the playground or email us at [friends@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:friends@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk).

We'd love to hear from you!

Clare and Gemma

## Writing at Sauncey Wood

Year 6 have been producing some truly remarkable writing this week and we wanted to share this with you. There have been three days where the children have added more to their descriptive stories. We have taken 3 different children so you can see how the events of the writing are progressing. The first piece is by Zoe - including her own corrections and improvements, the second is by Carson and the final piece by Ollie. The standard of their writing is breath-taking.

Ella woke up <sup>suddenly</sup> ~~groggily~~ in the night. Everything still and silent, except from a faint creaking of an old door. It seemed to be coming from outside. She walked <sup>groggily</sup> over ~~to~~ the <sup>glass window</sup> ~~windows~~. The old <sup>run-down</sup> house seemed creepier by night. Everything there told Ella it desperately needed life; the grimy windows, caked in mud and spiders webs, <sup>the</sup> mouldy, dirty steps, that looked like they hadn't been trodden on for decades, even centuries; the rotten wooden doors that swung creakily open the slammed shut. ~~Creeeeaaak~~ <sup>ZZ</sup>

In an <sup>unfamiliar</sup> ~~strange~~ way, Ella felt <sup>strangely</sup> connected to the house. She wished she didn't know how it felt to be ~~left to die~~ neglected, rejected, left to rot ~~and~~ die. The creepy ruins <sup>were</sup> as dark as a black cat's gun. Ella connected that ~~dark~~ desperateness with her previous life...

A ghostly figure appeared amongst overgrown foliage through the thick, moist mist. Who was she? Thoughts erupted from her mind like an over-active volcano. The girl, who was as pale as marble, was standing motionless and seemed to be <sup>a transfixed</sup> ~~staring~~ <sup>back</sup> at Ella with a smirk on her face. "Wonderful! Perfect! Fantastic! Excellent! Brilliant! Finally! A new friend in this eerie place!"

"Wait there! I want to talk to you!" <sup>6</sup> ~~shouted~~ Ella.

Jumping down the stairs full of adrenaline, sprinting out the front door into the <sup>fairly</sup> ~~partly~~ busy street, her mind <sup>was</sup> focused on the peculiar young girl. Ella ~~obviously ran towards~~ <sup>was</sup> determined to find out more about her. Before she could even begin her adventure, her way was obstructed by a towering brick wall ~~with~~ coated in appalling graffiti. Danger "DANGER, NO ENTRY!"

<sup>NO</sup> TRESPASSING!" Ignoring everything the sign said, Ella pushed on the gate. It was locked. The derelict, decrepit <sup>doors to the garden</sup> gate didn't budged at all.