

Sauncey Wood Primary Newsletter

Friday, 12th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that another two weeks has passed and we are now at the end of the first half of the Spring Term.

It has been a busy couple of weeks and still we see the children continue to apply themselves so well to all of their learning.

We move forward in hope that we will soon be able to see more children return to school and await guidance on this from the Department for Education and Hertfordshire County Council. As soon as we know what the plan is, we will share this with you. For now, we need to maintain our safe approach in helping most of our children learn remotely.

We have recently updated the school's Remote Learning Policy that can be found here on the school website.

<https://www.saunceywood.herts.sch.uk/covidsafety>

We will continue to listen to feedback from our school community and ensure that we do our best for each and every family that we serve.

All teachers have undertaken further training in supporting our children with remote learning. We attended a session on using Google Classroom as a learning platform for the children of Sauncey Wood. This will be something that we move towards over the coming term. As you can see in the learning that Year 6 have been doing, Ms Tedford and her team have been using Google Docs to draft and improve letters they have been writing recently.

Stay safe and have a lovely half term break.

Mr Lloyd

Home Learning

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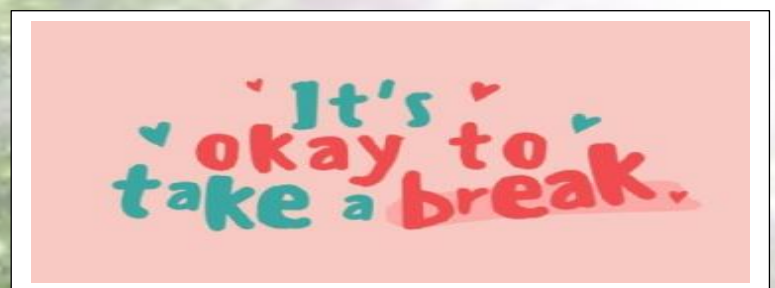
Lo: To write a quidditch commentary using adverbials

'Hello HOGWARTS!

Gryffindor enters the pitch, Wood in front, chin held high. Followed by a new addition and celebrity, HARRY POTTER! Next, Slutherins walk on the pitch, Marcus Flint looking bloodthirsty- Sorry, McGonagall.'

'Madam Hooch signals for quiet, gives the usual 'clean game' speech, and... off we go! Angelina takes quick possession of the quaffle, zooming towards the posts, followed swiftly by the Slutherin Beaters. She forcefully hurles the ball towards the hoop and...SHE SCORES! Miles Bletchley, who was reaching pointlessly, looks ready to kill, I mean win, I mean win, McGonagall, don't worry. Marcus Flint has spotted something, so's Harry! It's the snitch! It's the snitch! Oh, what's this? Oh no, Oh No, OH NO! A swift hit from Slutherin's beater and Fred-or is it George?- is doubled-over in pain! Ouch, that's got to hurt! And that little incident, which was definitely not a completely obvious foul, and one hundred percent not a vile piece of disgusting rule-breaking, I didn't say it was, McGonagall, didn't say it was, caused Flint and Potter to lose sight of the Snitch. Huh? What's this? Harry, what on Earth are you doing? Oh my folks, oh my, he's going CRAZY! His broom is flinging him upside down crazily, OH MY WORD! HE'S HOLDING ON WITH-and you better believe it folks-ONE HAND! HE'S GOING TO FALL, WAIT! Wait? He's pulled himself up! HE'S PULLED HIMSELF UP! And people are carrying the emergency mattress carefully onto the field, good idea, good idea. Harry? Harry, have you gone mad? He's gone into a gravity-defying nose-dive, the type where it is virtually impossible not to fall off your broom. He's tightly gripping on, eyes closed, teeth gritted. And, pulls out-I have no idea how-and, ooh, that's nasty, has gone a sickeningly green colour. He's, ooh, that's gross, being sick! Not a first, folks, but a rare sight indeed. Wait, gold sick? Now that is a first! No, wait, that's the, oh my word, it's the SNITCH! Gryffindor WINS! GRYFFINDOR WINS! YES!

Ms Tedford shared with me, a brilliant piece of writing from Flo in Year 6. Recently, they have been using Google Docs to write, edit and feedback to help guide further improvements! Well done Flo!



Governor Corner

We thought we would use our newsletter entry this week to thank you for supporting the school community this half term. Remote schooling might look different for each family but one thing we all have in common is that it is not how we envisaged our children would be learning.

The school staff have worked incredibly hard to continue to look out for every child, reaching out to those who have needed extra support, helping the children in school whilst providing learning and feedback for those at home. There would be nothing more demoralising for them to find that their efforts were being met with little engagement, so a sincere thank you to everyone who has made massive changes to daily life to support with remote learning. Mr Lloyd and his team have been delighted with the level of engagement, the standard of work that has been produced, and the commitment shown by children and their families. Your positivity and feedback are hugely valued and appreciated, but mostly thank you for continuing to support your children in their learning, and the school community as a whole, throughout the pandemic.

We are excited to see the day that all children can be welcomed back into school, and as a Governing Body we are committed to supporting Mr Lloyd and the Senior Leadership Team in making this happen as soon as it is allowed and safe to do so. In the meantime, we wish you a happy half term and hope you stay safe and well.

Bridgett & Colin – Joint Chairs of Governors

School News – Staffing Update

We are fortunate to have a great team here at Sauncey Wood and you are all aware that both **Miss Donnelly and Mrs Byford** will soon be leaving to go on maternity leave. After half term, Maple Class will be taught by **Miss Constable**, who has been working with the class since before Christmas and Friday lessons for Rowan Class will be taught by **Mrs Wiltshire** and this works perfectly in supporting both consistency and continuity for the children.

Friends of Sauncey Wood News

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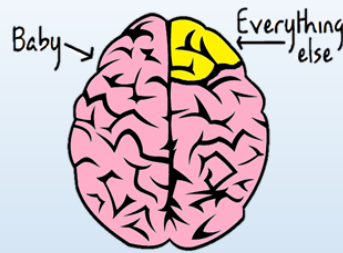
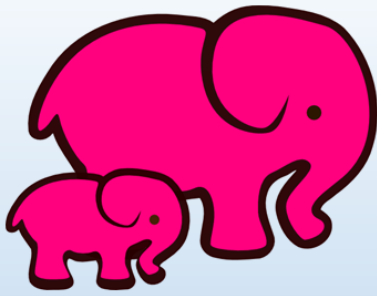
It's been a busy few weeks for us. Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who made a donation via our Facebook page for resources for planned fundraisers. This helps hugely so a big thank you! You can find our Facebook page by searching 'Friends of Sauncey Wood'. Please like and follow the page. You can also follow us on Instagram now. Search for 'friendsofsaunceywood' and follow us there too!

Some fundraisers coming up! The Valentine's Trail runs this weekend - trails are available until 6pm this evening via classlist. £2 a trail and you get some sweets and a Valentine's activity pack. We also have our sponsored 'Skip into Spring' happening over half term. Don't worry if you don't have a skipping rope to skip with, you could skip round your garden or go for a skip down the street?! Don't forget to email us your videos and photos! We'd love to see them. Finally, school have something special planned for World Book Day on March 4th and we'll be selling some lovely hot chocolate packs to accompany that. Look for more details coming soon!!

You can also email us any fundraising ideas you have - friends@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk

Have a great half term everyone and have fun skipping.

Clare and Gemma



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Are you a parent with a child under 6?

Research needs you!

We're carrying out research into memory and sleep in parents.

You would be required to complete a memory game on your phone and answer some questions about your daily activities.

You would be entered into 3 prize draws if you complete the study.



DESIGN COMPETITION

Create a poster to discourage littering in Harpenden and your design could be made into a sign and put on permanent display in Harpenden's green spaces

Design a poster that will encourage people to think twice before leaving their rubbish behind

Create your poster on A4 paper and write your name, age, school year and school/organisation on the back. All Harpenden primary & secondary students are invited to participate

Drop off or post your design to Harpenden Town Council, Town Hall, Leyton Road AL5 2LX

Deadline: Friday 27 March

