



## **Sandprint- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

Dear Parents/carers,

What started out as a daily update in response to the sudden closure of the school due to Coronavirus has now become a main method of communicating all the many activities taking place at Sandringham. Feedback from students is that they would like to be kept up to date with news, so, from now on, this Newsletter will become the SandPrint and issued each Tuesday and Friday to everyone.

The first topic is to explain further the implications of the latest update on Covid-19 from the Government. We now understand that secondary schools will not open for students until July, and that only year 10 and 12 students are likely to attend school at this time. This means that our lovely year 7, 8 and 9 students probably won't be back until September. There is also some confusion about rules on return, and social distancing guidelines so we will need to wait for further clarification before finalising our plans. The newsletter on Friday will outline greater detail on the way forward.

We are very fortunate that staff are able to provide a comprehensive curriculum for students. From all the feedback it is clear that students have been busy keeping on top of their subjects from home, so we are very well-placed to manage a return, when it happens. For now, keep up the amazing work at home as it will definitely stand you in good stead for the future.

### **School Reports**

All students will be receiving an end of year report later this term. The lock-down and virtual learning has presented new challenges, and whilst we have some data on progress being made by each student, a decision has been made to report comments from teachers on these reports with less emphasis on grades achieved. Parents probably have a much greater knowledge and understanding of progress than previously, and the reports will supplement your own observations on progress.

### **Kirkland-Rowell Survey - 2020**

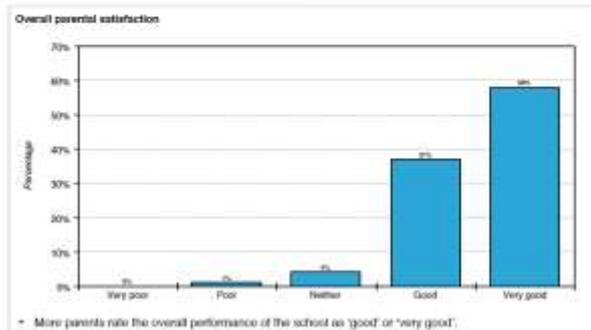
The school has received the reports back from the Kirkland Rowell survey, carried out in the spring term. This involves feedback from students, parents and staff.

As a starting point, the two tables below show the overall responses from parents and students on satisfaction with the school. The responses are very high in comparison with schools across the country, so we are glad that you are happy with the quality of education being provided. Of course, there is always room for improvement and we have already identified some areas to work on. Future newsletters will feature other aspects of your feedback.

### Overall parental satisfaction

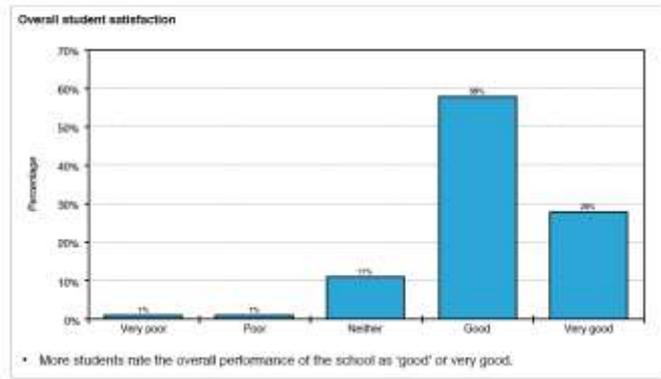
	This survey (%)	Previous survey (%)	Change (%)
Overall, rate the performance of the school	87.8	87.5	+0.3

	Rating 'poor' or 'very poor' (%)	Previous survey (%)	% Change	Rating 'good' or 'very good' (%)
Overall, rate the performance of the school	1.2	0.8	+0.4	98.2



### Overall student satisfaction

	This survey (%)	Previous survey (%)	Change (%)
Overall, rate the performance of the school	77.3	78.0	-0.8



## Herts Chalk Walk

Here are some more images of latest editions to the Herts Chalk Walk that have appeared recently. There are also some from Ben in year 9 – thank you for sending these in, Ben.



## School Resources



As school closures continue, it has become apparent that students are beginning to fill their exercise books. We remain committed to ensuring that there are no barriers to students accessing learning throughout their period of closure. With this in mind, starting on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**, families will be able to collect resources required from school on **Mondays and Thursdays from 9am to 11am**. Exercise books will be available to collect from **Student Services** where a member of staff will be present.

We would kindly ask that just one family member comes onto the school site. There will be social distancing measures in place and we ask that these are respected at all times. Should you have difficulties getting to the school to collect, please email Louise Turner ([louise.turner@sandringham.herts.sch.uk](mailto:louise.turner@sandringham.herts.sch.uk)) who will be able to offer assistance.

## New School Website

The new Sandringham School Website is now live and I am sure you will agree that it looks great. A lot of hard work has gone into getting this up and running so thank you to everyone involved. Please see below for more details.

Have a good few days, everyone.  
Best wishes, Alan Gray

## GIFT OF TIME: SANDRINGHAM IN THE COMMUNITY

Well done to Tristan S in Year 7 who has been using his spare time to keep creative and design a logo for ITV. His brilliant artwork is shown here and you can see it featured on air through the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-F2GRQxG7Fo&feature=youtu.be>



James P in 9J has also been using his time in a creative way by designing his own prosthetic hand. *"I wanted to design a prosthetic hand, so if someone was born without a hand or had a disease or accident that meant they had to have their hand removed they would still be able to continue with life It needed to be flexible, easy to use, moveable, long lasting, comfortable, strong and cater for a range of disabilities."* James spent over 6 hours making his hand and used tough biodegradable PLA

for its eco-friendly properties and elastic/2m screws to hold the different parts of the fingers together. It looks amazing James. A future in design beckons!

Frimley Health Endoscopy Team were hugely grateful for the donation of PPE made by our DT Faculty. Thank you so much to all of those who were involved in making them. You are making such a difference to our hard-working NHS.



We would love to hear what you have been up to in the community. Please send any details to [Melissa.holian@sandringham.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Melissa.holian@sandringham.herts.sch.uk)

## NEW SANDRINGHAM SCHOOL WEBSITE LIVE!



After a lot of hard-work, the new Sandringham School website is now LIVE and packed with lots of useful information. It is now even easier to navigate and has a fantastic new calendar feature where you can click on any event, whilst on a mobile device, and add it directly as an entry in your phone's calendar.

## LIVING SUSTAINABLY DURING LOCKDOWN COMPETITION



Are you growing your own vegetables during lockdown, or trying new recipes? Are you making bird tables or having a family Sunflower growing competition? Sustainable St Albans would like to celebrate the ways in which families are living more sustainably during lockdown. They would love students to send their artwork, creative writing or photos on the theme of sustainability. Ideas are suggested here. The closing date is 5<sup>th</sup> June. Prizes include vouchers and the chance to be included in the Herts Advertiser. For more details go to their website: <https://sustainablestalbans.org/get-started/sustainable-lockdown/>

## LETTERS OF KINDNESS



Thanks to families who have supported students in writing their letters of kindness, the initiative launched in last week's newsletter. We have been very impressed with the ones received so far and Ms Quinn is arranging for their distribution accordingly. We look forward to receiving further letters in the next week.

## DRAMA NEWS: WIND IN THE WILLOWS



Last week the Drama Faculty finished their Wind in the Willows project. KS3 Drama students watched the show at home and completed various tasks with the final being a Theatre Review explaining what they thought about the production overall. Well done to all students for working so hard. Each review was awarded a star rating and those that achieved 5\*s included

**Year 7:** Natalie E, Charlotte H, Rhia H, Aditya R, Elizabeth S, Zoe H, Jack L, Huwie M, Fraser M, Kaela W **Year 8:** Catherine C, Beckie C, Sarah H, Livia K-H, Dhanu G, Rosie K, Bea K, Alice S, Harry L, Jessica L, Jack R, Abigail V **Year 9:** Beth B, Emily D, Henry D, Theo D, Fin E, Lily H, Lydia I, Grace M, Jamie L, Olivia L, Angus T, Samantha S, Ellen P.

Feedback included *'My favourite aspect of the show was the set and costume design. Each set perfectly mirrored the mood of the action and effects such as smoke and low lighting really enhanced the atmosphere.'* - Grace M - Yr9 and *'The play's main message is that you should never be afraid to help your friends out and that loyalty is very important'* - Sarah H Yr8

Every week, the National Theatre are streaming their productions for a limited time so if you get a chance, head over to their YouTube page and watch one of the shows. Let the Drama Faculty know what you've been watching and what you thought using the #thoughtsontheatre or @DramaSandringham1. Or if you'd like to get more practically involved, why not join Virtual Drama Club every Thursday at 1:30 or share your "Thoughts on " at Google Classroom: rfvfxw

## ART NEWS: LOTS OF EXCITING PROJECTS TO GET INVOLVED IN



Being creative is a great way to keep yourself occupied during these difficult times and the Visual Arts Faculty have lots exciting ideas you can get involved with. There is:

- The Maltings Art Prize for Year 7, led by Jill Owens
- The “Our Quilt Project” which is open to all years (led by Sara Button and Jill Owens)
- The Photography Competition launched by the Duchess of Cambridge (being promoted by Jane Barnett)

<https://www.harpersbazaar.com/uk/culture/culture-news/a32398459/duchess-of-cambridge-national-portrait-gallery-photography-competition/>

- The Rainbows of Hope and Thanks Enrichment Project, again open to all years (led by Trudi Barrow).
- The Herts Chalk Walk. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/hertschalkwalk>. They would love to see your own responses to this inspiring community project.

You can find more details of these projects and other enrichment opportunities by contacting the lead teacher directly via sandstorm and follow Sandringham Visual Arts Faculty on Twitter or Instagram. [https://www.instagram.com/our\\_quilt\\_2020/](https://www.instagram.com/our_quilt_2020/)



## MUSIC NEWS:

Today we are inviting you to watch our first lockdown lunchtime recital. This is a short concert featuring several students from across the school. It's the perfect way to spend your lunch break or when you need some respite from your busy day! Our first recital features Zac P (Y10), Jack P (Y 9), Elena K (Y13), Megan K (Y10) and the GCSE Music Class of 2020. We hope you enjoy their wonderful music making from home.



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If your son/daughter would like to be included in the next concert, please email a video of them performing at home to [beatone@mysandstorm.org](mailto:beatone@mysandstorm.org) or share via google drive.



In other Music news- we would like to say a HUGE congratulations to Oliver W in Year 7, who has just been offered a place at the Junior Department of the Guildhall School of Music. All being well, he will begin travelling to London in September to receive tuition on the double bass, jazz piano and general musicianship. He will also have the opportunity to take part in bands and orchestras. This is such a fantastic achievement as very few places are awarded each year and we are all extremely proud of Oliver! Congratulations!

It was also lovely to see Finlay Stephenson in Year 9 who performed The Last Post as part of the VE Day Virtual Celebrations with his family on Friday.



## **SANCTUARY CLUB: MAGAZINE AND SUPPORT AVAILABLE**



During term time, Sandringham School runs a Sanctuary Club every Tuesday and Thursday where students can go and mix with other year groups and enjoy activities such as crafts, games, and mindfulness activities. During lockdown, the TAs who run it have compiled a brilliant magazine with ideas of things to make, ways to stay calm and fun ways to keep the brain active. If you would like to be included on the email list, please contact [tara.hawkins@sandringham.herts.sch.uk](mailto:tara.hawkins@sandringham.herts.sch.uk)

## **SHARE A STORY MONTH**



Reading is not only a great way for improving students' literacy skills, but it can also help them to relax, thus improving their mental well-being and be a real source of adventure. During Share a Story Month, the Library Team are leading by example sharing pictures of them reading at home to their pets! Feel free to share any photos with [Kirbyj@mysandstorm.org](mailto:Kirbyj@mysandstorm.org) and check out the Library section on MySandstorm for new books, quizzes and ideas.

## **LIFE DRAWING CLASS- BBC iPLAYER TUES 12<sup>th</sup> MAY @ 8pm**



On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm BBC iPlayer will be showing 'Life Drawing Live' which provides a fantastic opportunity to gain some experience of drawing the human form. This can help with both students' observation skills and technical drawing skills. Since the show is being aired at 8pm, we would hope it will have appropriate content for students however, with life drawing there may be some elements of nudity which may be unsuitable for your child- so please bear this in mind if tuning in. Happy sketching!

## **FREE DANCE CLASS LIVE ONLINE**

Sarah Strachan from DDMIX is running free dance/exercise classes every Wednesday morning 8.30-9.00am on Zoom. Families/ individuals/ teachers are all welcome for a 30 minute session of fun dance routines that is suitable for all ages and levels. Please click on the link below to join and get those feel good endorphins flowing.  
<https://bookwhen.com/sarahstrachan>



### CAREERS ADVICE: ARRANGE A CALL WITH NICKY HONEYWELL

Nicky Honeywell, Personal Adviser from YC Hertfordshire, will continue to provide one-to-one careers information, advice, guidance and support to Sandringham School students in Years 9-13. This will be done over the phone or via a face call through Microsoft Teams, which is the closest they can get to a real 1:1 guidance meeting in school. There will be another adult present on the call (another colleague on their side) for safeguarding purposes, who just sits in on the call.



If your child is interested in this service, please contact Nicky directly to arrange a mutually convenient time: **Nicky Honeywell (07580 743746)**

E: [nicky.honeywell@herfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:nicky.honeywell@herfordshire.gov.uk) W: [www.ychertfordshire.org](http://www.ychertfordshire.org)

### EVENTS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 11<sup>th</sup> MAY



- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> May: **NEW SANDRINGHAM WEBSITE LIVE!**  
1.25pm Virtual Choir (every week)
- Weds 13<sup>th</sup> May: 3.15-4pm Striding Out, Junior Dance  
3.15-4pm Boys Dance Club  
4pm: Year 13 Quiz
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May: **9-11am SCHOOL OPEN FOR RESOURCES**  
1:30pm Virtual Drama Club (every week)  
3.15-4.30pm Triple Edge and Junior Dance
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May: 1.20-1.55pm Contemporary Dance club