



UPDATE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

I am so impressed by the efforts of the children in raising money for the Haiti Appeal.

The 5-aside football has been a great success. I believe there are 4 staff teams that are battling it out on the pitch next Friday. Friday has been chosen in order for the more inexperienced players to have half-term to recover!!

We look forward to seeing you at our Music Concert next Thursday when children will be showing off their musical talents.

I have had cause to talk to a number of children about their behavior to and from school. As Representatives of Sandham I expect all pupils to be good ambassadors for us.

Have a good weekend

Gary Booth

ATTENDANCE

Attendance Shield Winners

5Rd	96.8%
6Fs	95.2%
7Mn	96.1%
8Ld	94.5%

Improved End of Autumn Term

Certificates and Chocolates

5Ws	5.1%
6Sd	1.9%
7Mn	0.9%
8Ln	1.9%

Well done to all.

NEW YEARS RAP

"Da" New Years Resolution
Is "gonna" be the solution
To stop all this pollution
To the worlds evolution

Were not "gonna" have gas filled cars
Nor waste our electricity at cinemas
We are "gonna" send our agent on
A secret mission
To cut down on
people's carbon emissions

We can only do this with all of you,
It's not just us
It's your world too!

By: Will Streets, Matt Miselbach
and Sam Dean — 7C1

IMPORTANT DATES

Half Term Holiday	15th February - 19th February
Easter Holiday	2nd April - 16th April
May Day Holiday	3rd May
Half Term	31st May - 4th June
KS2 Test Week	10th May - 14th May
Year 8 Test Week	17th May - 21 May
Term Ends	Tuesday 20th July

HEADTEACHER SURGERY

Monday

5.30 - 6.30

No appointment
needed

HALF TERM HAIR CUTS

Cutting Edge a well known hairdressers in Sandown are now offering half price hair cuts for children. This offer is only available for the half term holiday.

SPRING HALF TERM MARDI GRAS

Create and perform a "Carnival Parade in a Day" to celebrate Shrove Tuesday and world wide pre-Lenten "Carnevale".

For children over 8 years
(younger if accompanied by a participating adult).

To be held on

Tuesday 16th February 2010

10.30am - 3.00pm

at the Carnival Learning Centre in Ryde.

(Bring your own packed lunch)

£5.00 per child - Adults FREE

Telephone 817288 to book

KUMON MATHS & ENGLISH TUITION

Harry Vernon (an ex-maths teacher at Sandown High School) will be offering a free two-week trial if you enrol your child at either Sandown or Cowes

Kumon Maths and English study centres.

For further information please telephone

Harry Vernon on 853643

or visit

<http://www.kumon.co.uk/sandown/index.htm>



By Sandham's PE Department



Last Friday afternoon saw our Year 7 boys take on Upper Shirley Secondary School in the last 16 of the County Cup. The teams were evenly matched but Sandham managed to take the upper hand by winning the match 1-0. This means that the boys are now through to the Quarter-finals and will face Wyvern Secondary School next.

The Year 7 boys had another 'fight on their hands' on Wednesday when they faced Ventnor Middle School in the Quarter Finals of the Local Cup. Again a very closely fought match that went to extra-time. This time the boys were unlucky and walked away with a 1-2 defeat. In the local league they fared better, and are now through to the league finals on 5th March.

Moving down an age groups takes us to the Year 6 boys. They beat Christ The King College 3-1 in the semi-finals of the league and will join the Year 7 boys in the finals on 5th March. Year 6 have also been playing exceptionally well in the 6-aside competition. Not only did they represent the Island in the recent Hampshire Competition but they went on to win the Hampshire round and will now represent Hampshire in the Regional round. This takes place on Saturday 6th March in Kexnsham near Bristol.

Next week the Year 8 boys will be battling it out with Nodhill Middle School in the Quarter finals of the local cup. We wish them the best of luck and hope that they will be joining the Year 6 and 7 teams in the finals.

And finally for the boys we go to the Year 5's who played on Wednesday against Solent Middle School. Solent used to be renowned for its footballing prowess but lately Sandham has been taking their place. Unfortunately on Wednesday Solent decided to level things up a little by beating the Year 5's 2-0.

As you know – football isn't just for the boys. The U13 girls have been fairing reasonably well in the league too. The start of the league wasn't one that they had wished for, losing 0-5 to Bishop Lovett, but the girls redeemed themselves by later beating Lake 5-1. They played their final match of round 1 on Tuesday which was against Mayfield Middle School. It went down to the final few minutes and Sandham were very pleased to be walking away the champions of that match, winning 2-1. They are now through to the semi-finals and will face Osborne Middle School next week.

The Under 13 Girls Netball Team travelled to Christ The King College on Thursday to take part in the Island Middle School Netball Championships. They were drawn against Downside, Solent, West Wight and Somerton. Well – this tournament was full of surprises for all teams involved. Games that teachers and coaches thought their teams would win were lost and vice versa. Sandham lost their first game to Downside by 2 goals. They then went on to beat Solent by 1 goal. West Wight – who Sandham half expected to lose to due to the other results in the league ended up winning the match. To progress any further Sandham had to beat Somerton to get to the semi's – on the assumption that Somerton would naturally beat Solent. Well, it all began to go pear shape. Sandham lost to Somerton, which we had calculated. Somerton needed to beat Solent – and were odds on to do that considering Sandham beat Solent and Somerton managed to beat Sandham. Unfortunately this was not to be and Sandham missed out on their spot in the semi-finals by one place. Considering Sandham's team very rarely trains together (hint hint – *come to training girls!*) they played exceptionally well. One has to ask though... if they turned up to training more frequently would they have gone further!?!



Ella Payne – 8Wk
On Tuesday Ella Payne represented the Island in the Hampshire Indoor Rowing Championships. She rowed extremely well and has been selected to represent Hampshire in the National Indoor Rowing Championships in London in March. **Fantastic!**

The teachers & staff will be displaying their footballing talents on Friday 12th February, again to help raise money for the Haiti Appeal. Pupils are invited to watch at a request of a small donation of 50p.



This week saw the start of the Haiti 5-a-side football tournament. 32 teams entered in total with 4 sections – Key Stage 2 boys, Key Stage 2 girls, Key Stage 3 boys and Key Stage 3 girls. With 32 teams and almost 200 pupils we have nearly reached the £200 mark with raising money for the Haiti Earthquake Appeal. So far this week a staggering 87 matches have either been won or lost by the enthusiastic teams and there are many matches still to be played. The KS3 boys tournament has nearly drawn to a close and the KS3 girls tournament will finish today. The Key Stage 2 pupils will still be putting their footballing skills to the test on Monday, when we'll find out who the winners of that age group will be. Many pupils and staff have been coming down to watch and support the players and I would like to congratulate the children on their excellent behaviour during these lunchtimes and also thank the players for being in the right place at the right time! I would also like to express thanks to the parents for helping their children to support this cause.