



SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS



Friday 20th January 2017

The attendance winners for this week are Year 2 with 100%



Number of lates in each class this week:

Reception & Year 1	2 lates
Year 4 & 5	3 lates
Year 2	4 lates
Year 3	7 lates
Year 6	8 lates



Very poor punctuality this week Sandridge; especially Years 3 and 6. This is very disappointing after such a promising start to the term.
Please try to improve on this next week!

'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Thank you to those of you who have already returned your parent surveys; responses have generally been very positive so far and some of you have made some very good suggestions.

Already, homework appears to be an issue – please note that we will make changes to our Homework Policy for the Summer Term as we can see that the projects are rather unpopular!

You have another week to get your surveys back to us – after next Friday, we will spend time analysing the responses and compiling a report that will be sent home to you. Thank you for the time you have taken to complete these; it's much appreciated.

This week, Senior Leaders and myself have carried out a Maths book scrutiny and looked at Early Years learning journals for evidence of Maths. There was clear evidence of differentiation and challenge to suit a wide variety of pupil needs and feedback marking has really improved. Children are responding to marking suggestions which is having a positive impact on their progress. All teachers had individual feedback from this exercise to ensure they continue to deliver good quality lessons and make the improvements that were identified.

Next week, I will begin to carry out my termly observations of teachers focusing on Maths and English. Again, feedback will be given focusing on strengths observed and any areas for development to be worked on in terms of planning and/or delivery.

As you know, Parents Evening is fast approaching. Please look out for letters coming home about this on Monday next week. Times will then be sent home to you the week beginning 30th January.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Have a great weekend and wrap up warm ☺



Music at Sandridge



On Wednesday Mrs Taylor held a special Music Assembly where children listened to performances by staff and children on the clarinet, flute and trumpet. These are instruments which are great for children to learn as you can progress very quickly on them. We are very keen to have more of these instruments in the school band and any children learning them are invited into the band almost immediately! Many of our ex-pupils playing these instruments are now in secondary school orchestras. Mrs Taylor will be sending out a letter on Monday to assess how many parents would be interested in their children learning these instruments so that she can then approach County Music to try to get lessons arranged. Please look out for the letter and let us know if you are interested as soon as possible.

Driving and Parking around the School

You may have noticed our Community Police Officer on Woodcock Hill yesterday checking the speed of drivers as they approach the school. This is, apparently, as a result of residents' concerns that have been fed back to local Councillors, who in turn have fed this to the local police who will be making speed checks a priority around the village. The CPO is also aware of issues with parking at school drop off and pick up time, so please make sure you are parking in a conscientious (and legal) manner! Thank you.

Alban Arena Pantomime Cast Interviews

On Wednesday 4th January, Izzy, Joseph, Rosie, Josh and Amy went to the Alban Arena in St Albans with Mr Sherwood and Mrs Teakle to interview some of the cast of this year's pantomime, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The pupils had to research and prepare questions for each of the four cast members: Brian Wheeler from Star Wars and the Harry Potter films, who was playing one of the dwarfs, Jonny Godbold playing Prince Charming, Dave Bibby playing Muddles, and Lauren Cocoracchio playing Snow White.

The cast were very impressed with our pupils' questions and their behaviour, politeness and the professional way that the interviews were conducted. The pupils also got special signed autographs from each of the cast members to add to the growing collection on our studio autograph wall!

The pupils will be editing the interviews over the next few weeks, and once the editing process is finished, Mr Sherwood will upload the final version to the school website, under our Radio & TV Station page and our social media sites.

We would like to thank the Alban Arena Marketing team who have made this possible over the last two years.

It was a great trip and the pupils really showed Sandridge School in a very good light.
Well done everyone!



**This week's awards for
Neat Presentation go to:**

Year 6: Sophie
Year 5: Isabelle
Year 4: Jamal
Year 3: Charlie
Year 2: Owen
Year 1: Scarlet O



**This week's awards for
Star Writer go to:**

Year 6: Eugene
Year 5: Isaac
Year 4: Tiffany
Year 3: Maisha
Year 2: Reuben
Year 1: James
FS2: Lois



Certificates

New found confidence in Maths! Freddie B

Working methodically through algebraic equations and staying positive when faced with a challenge: Caleb

Excellent and well-presented co-ordinates work in maths: Matisse

Working hard on her reading and progressing to a free reader: Josephine

Settling in so well in class and making friends despite a language barrier: Eya

Making sensible choices in his behaviour over the course of the week: Brody

Working extremely hard this week to learn key English words and impress Miss Hobbs: Muhammed

Researching and retrieving lots of information about sharks during our learning on non-chronological reports: Megan S

Working so hard on her reading at home: Isla C

Trying super hard with her writing in all lessons this week. Making it smaller and using her phonics to sound out her spelling: Small One

Showing enthusiasm and perseverance in his writing lessons: Kye

Being the class story teller and doing so beautifully: Aaron

House Points

Children with 25 points receive a pencil:

Alex L, Reuben, Ben, Max PG, Harry M, Martha, Mehde

Children with 50 points receive a pencil sharpener:

James T, Mira