



SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS



Friday 25th January 2019

The attendance winners
for this week are
Year 5 with 98%



Number of lates in each class this week:

Year 3	No lates – well done!
Recep, Year 2	1 late
Year 5	2 lates
Year 6	4 lates
Year 1, Year 4	5 lates



“Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Thank you for all your comments on the parent surveys. These will be analysed by the Governing Body and a report written and shared with you in due course. If you have not returned your survey to us and still wish to do so, feel free to drop it in at the start of next week. Though it won't be included in the analysis, we are still keen to know your thoughts. Thank you.

I have been pleased to observe so many high-quality lessons across the school this week. My observations have focused on Maths and English teaching and learning. The children have been keen to talk to me about their learning and what they enjoy about Maths, Reading and Writing and I have observed some really great progress in each class. Well done everyone!

Next Wednesday is 'Maths Day'. In this week's staff meeting, Miss Pratchett worked with teaching staff to plan the day for all classes, with a particular focus on cross-curricular Maths.

I'm sure it will be a really fun day when children can further develop their Maths skills and apply these in other subjects. Look out for photos and a description of the day in next week's newsletter.

Was it just me that was surprised to see it snowing on Tuesday evening?

I'm not sure if there is more snow forecast in the next week or two but, please be assured, we will let you know if we have to close the school should there be a *heavy snowfall* and staff are unable to travel in. I hope that this won't be the case and normal routine can be maintained.

Wrap up warm and have a good weekend ☺

Dropping off and Collecting Children

Please **do not park** in the staff car park, even when picking up from Energykidz. Yesterday evening a parent reversed into Miss Roberts' car (and drove away immediately!). Fortunately, there was no real damage, but this has served as a reminder that the parking area is school property and is for staff only, not for parents.

We have received complaints from a number of parents about other parents smoking/vaping at the school gates. Please wait until you have moved away from the school premises.

Thank you.

ZONES of Regulation Workshop: Tuesday 29th January 2pm – 3pm

We are running our Zones of Regulation workshop on Tuesday 29th January in the hall.

If you would like to attend, please email admin@sandridge.herts.sch.uk to let Mrs Virji or Mrs McCallum know.

Snow!



Early Years made the most of the snow this week – there was just enough to make a tiny snowman! If you look closely, you will see he even had a carrot for a nose!



Calling all Birdwatchers!



This weekend is the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch.

The Big Garden Birdwatch began almost 40 years ago and hundreds of thousands of people have taken part. It provides the RSPB with valuable information – they can see what's thriving and what's under threat and then they can find out why. It is also a relaxing and interesting way to spend an hour!

To take part you need to watch the birds in your garden (or your local park) for one hour at any time that's convenient for you. You can do this through a window so there's no need to sit outside in the cold! You should only count the birds that land in your garden, not the ones that fly overhead. The same birds may land more than once in that hour so to avoid counting any twice you need to submit the highest number you see of each bird species at any one time in the hour and not the total number you count in an hour.

You then record the number of each bird species you saw on a spotting sheet. There are three different spotting sheets for different age groups and these are attached, ready to be printed off (if you don't have a printer at home, you can jot the information down on a sheet of paper).

Any completed forms can be given to Mrs Hardie next week who will submit everyone's data (or you can submit your own data online at www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch, if you prefer).

We will also be taking part in the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch next week with each class spending a short amount of time counting birds.

If this interests you, please look at the RSPB's website for more information:

www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch



H.A.N.D. News

The January edition of HAND News (Hertfordshire Additional News Database) is now available online. This contains news and information for parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs. You can find details of free courses, inclusion activities for children, support groups and much more.

<https://handsendnews.hertfordshire.gov.uk/january-2019/latest-news-and-updates/welcome>



PTA News

Film Week



Tuesday 5th February to Friday 8th February 2019



Tuesday 5th February - **INSIDE OUT (U)**
Collect at 5pm



Wednesday 6th February - **INCREDIBLES 2 (PG)**
Collect at 5.15pm



Thursday 7th February - **EARLY MAN (PG)**
Collect at 4.45pm



Friday 8th February - **PADDINGTON 2 (PG)**
Collect at 5.15pm

Please take note of the time the film ends and your child's concentration span!

£3 per child per film, to include popcorn and drink. Please notify us of any allergies when booking.

Booking online via www.pta-events.co.uk/sandridgeschoolpta or please see separate letter to pay with cash.

The booking deadline is Friday 1st February

Please note, for safeguarding purposes, we are not able to accept bookings on the day of the film.

Sporting Certificates



Participating in the Daily Mile really positively: Alex E

Great tackling skills during hockey: Daniel C

Controlled balances and rolls in her gymnastics work: Kara

Showing her gymnastic skills, especially her balancing abilities while keeping an object on her head: Emily

Very confident passing and catching of the ball in rugby: Alyssa

Showing great skills in hockey and listening to instructions: Noah H

Showing perseverance to run even further in the Daily Mile: Thomas R

This week's awards for
Neat Presentation go to:

Year 6: Bjorn
Year 5: George
Year 4: Rachel
Year 3: Isla
Year 2: Leila
Year 1: Florence



This week's awards for
Star Writer go to:

Year 6: Tiffany
Year 5: Oscar
Year 4: Reuben
Year 3: Lucia
Year 2: Lily-Anastasia
Year 1: Denitsa
Recep: David



Phenomenal Phonics awards this week go to:



Year 2: Lacey
Year 1: Anabelle
Recep: Charlie

Certificates

Always listening well and having exemplary manners: **Raya**

Being keen and enthusiastic during all lessons (especially when he can tell me about the different learning objectives!): **Louis**

Using a wide range of fabulous vocabulary in her written work: **Abigail H**

Playing his guitar for the class and performing in front of an audience for the first time ever: **Oliver K**

Being a kind and helpful member of the class this week: **Jack M**

Being a fabulous superstar around the classroom and a caring friend: **Kimi**

Continuing to work on this week's topic of doubles at home and showing good understanding of the concept: **Albert**

Doing extra work on doubles and recording an amazing sum all by herself: **Mollie-Mae**

Great participation in whole group learning in maths and English with our Gingerbread Men focus: **Hannah**

Online Safety Policy including ICT Acceptable Use

If you have not already done so, please return your signed part of the Online Safety Policy.

You can collect a spare copy from the office, if you need one. Thank you.

