



# SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

The attendance winners for this week are Year 6 with 96.6%



Number of lates in each class this week:

Reception	no lates – well done!
Year 2	3 lates
Year 3, Year 4, Year 5	5 lates
Year 1, Year 6	7 lates



## “Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

On Monday this week, we had our ‘Annual Review’ with our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner, Lisa Massey. Lisa and I discussed attendance, data and performance. We also carried out a learning walk and comprehensive book scrutiny. In the afternoon, Lisa met with two groups of children to talk about safeguarding and writing across the curriculum.

However, the one issue that is letting us down significantly at the moment is ATTENDANCE. Our whole school attendance figure for the academic year so far is: 94.8% which is very poor indeed and will be a significant area for discussion with Ofsted when they come to do the next inspection.

All pupils should be aiming for 97% or 98% attendance as a minimum.

Please see the chart below – if your child is at the bronze or red levels, it is imperative they attend more regularly from next half-term. We have our Attendance Improvement Officer in at the beginning of next half-term who will be contacting a large number of families.

Attendance level	Percentages are based on 190 school days in an academic year
Gold	<b>Your child’s attendance is 98.5% or higher</b> Your child has had less than 4 days absence so far this academic year. Your child has every chance of achieving to the best of their ability.
Silver	<b>Your child’s attendance is between 96.1%-98.4%</b> Your child has had less than 10 days absence so far this academic year. Your child has the potential to achieve to the best of their ability.
Bronze	<b>Your child’s attendance is between 90% - 96%</b> Your child has missed more than 10 days of school so far this academic year. Further absence may make it difficult for your child to achieve their best.
Red	<b>Your child’s attendance is below 90% and is classed as ‘Persistent Absence’</b> Your child is missing so much time from school that it will be difficult to make up the learning they have lost. Continued absence at this level could result in legal proceedings and financial penalty.

Mrs Virji and I will be monitoring attendance even more closely next half term so, hopefully, we will see a significant improvement.

I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break ☺

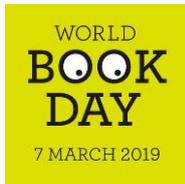
**Anxiety Workshop – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February  
7pm to 9pm  
at Sandridge School**

We have had a good response to our Anxiety Workshop, which is being run by Vista and held at school. There are still plenty of spaces, so if you would like to attend but have not yet signed up, please let the school office know. This is free for parents.

## World Book Day and Dress Up Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March and on that day we are asking all children (and staff!) to come to school dressed as their favourite book characters!

You don't have to spend a fortune on fancy dress clothes – homemade costumes are often the best! If you need some ideas, click on the links below:



<http://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up/>

<https://bookaid.org/support-us/world-book-day/world-book-daydress-up/>

We are looking forward to seeing your outfits and hearing all about your favourite books!



## Valentine's Day Assembly



Yesterday was Valentine's Day and Mrs Hardie treated us to a special assembly all about the heart! We all thought about where our heart was... not on the left hand side of our chest but more in the middle of our chest. We thought about how our hearts worked and looked at a human heart.

We tried to watch the BBC Science clip but, sadly, it didn't work. Here is the link so, hopefully, it will work at home: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01198ld>

Then Mrs Hardie told us that she had found out that our maximum heart rate after 1 minute of vigorous exercise is 220 minus your age, e.g. if you are aged 45 it will be 175.

So, we all counted our heartbeat when resting for 1 minute, then we all jumped up and down for exactly one minute (which was so impressive as no-one talked and everyone took part!). Then we sat straight down again and counted our heartbeat for 1 minute. We told each other our results – we have some quite fit children! Perhaps you can try this with your family.

Of course, we also thought about people we love and how we need to tell them how much we love them as much as possible!

## Sporting Certificates

Lovely ribbon dancing to Chinese music in Dance this week: **Arisha**

Always trying hard in PE: **Henry**



Being a fantastic fox and keeping her tail away from the other children in our game: **Isla N**

Being a very supportive teammate and working hard to get goals: **Mehde**

Controlled cartwheels and a successful routine in her gymnastics work: **Rachel**

Trying his best in all areas of sport. Mrs Hull was particularly impressed by his pace and stamina during the Daily Mile: **Charlie**

Being a good team player and showing real enjoyment in lessons: **Darcy**

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

Year 6: Izzy  
Year 5: Srijan  
Year 4: Aimee  
Year 3: Oliver  
Year 2: Hooriya  
Year 1: Izabelle



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

Year 6: Max  
Year 5: Aishah  
Year 4: Griff  
Year 3: Toby  
Year 2: Jasmine  
Year 1: Katie  
Recep: Thomas



**Phenomenal Phonics awards this week  
go to:**



Year 2: Keenan  
Year 1: Olivia  
Recep: Kai

**Congratulations to  
Phoebe who passed her  
Bronze Music Medal for  
violin**



### **Certificates**

**Nursery Superstar Award, for showing great creativity and artistic ideas: Alex**

**Being really sensible, kind and helpful and persevering to do her best. Well done  
Olivia L!**

**Showing great friendship and kindness whilst helping a classmate achieve her best in  
history: Olivia C**

**Listening carefully to feedback and using this to go back and edit her work: Molly M**

**Noticing when a friend was upset and helping to accomplish their goal: Ella**

**Planning and writing a successful persuasive paragraph: Phoebe**

**Being a delight to teach; he works hard in all lessons! Sam**

**Always putting a HUGE amount of effort into all he does: Harry R**

### **School Dinner Reminder**

**School dinners for KS2 are £2.45 per day, payable in advance.**

**Our preferred method of payment is via School Gateway.  
The minimum payment is for 5 meals but they do not have to be taken consecutively.**

**Dinners for Reception and KS1 children are free of charge.**