



SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS



Friday 28th February 2020

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Number of lates in each class this week:

Reception, Year 4	no lates
Year 3	1 late
Year 2, Year 5	2 lates
Year 1, Year 6	3 lates



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Reception's reward is a non-school uniform day on Friday 6th March!

'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Thank you to those of you who attended the RSE (Relationships & Sex Education) parent consultation and information session on Wednesday evening. I know many of you would have liked to come but could not make it.

Therefore, we are sending out, with the newsletter today, a copy of the PowerPoint presentation that I used to facilitate the session and a copy of the proposed RSE curriculum (including health education) for EYFS up to Year 6.

You will see for each year group it lists out the learning intentions for the three half terms that cover health, relationships and sex education. For years 1-6, you will also see the vocabulary that will be taught and used within each unit each term.

Please note, that this the only a proposed curriculum at this stage. Staff will be consulted next week as will selected pupils from across the school (any pupil selected will only be consulted if parental permission is granted beforehand).

Parents do have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from some or all of the sex education delivered as part of statutory RSE. This must be done in writing followed by a meeting with myself to discuss.

However, children cannot be withdrawn from relationships or health education or any part of RSE that is covered within the national curriculum e.g. Science, PSHE, PE.

We are keen to know your thoughts about what you would like to see taught within RSE lessons. Ask yourself *'What do I want my child to know, what skills do I want them to have, what do I want them to understand in terms of RSE by the time they leave Sandridge School?'*

Please feel free to email your responses and/or any questions you may have regarding the proposed RSE curriculum.

Please be assured that before any sex education is delivered to any year group, you will always be informed of the content, when it will be taught and the vocabulary that will be introduced.

Once all stakeholders have been consulted, a curriculum and RSE Policy will be written and shared with you. It will also be published on the website.

Have a good weekend ☺

World Book Day and Dress Up Day – Thursday 5th March



World Book Day is next Thursday 5th March. We will be having a **dress up day** for children and staff! Please can children come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book (they do not need to bring in any money)!

We will also be having a special World Book Day **lunch menu** on Thursday. Children can choose from Horrid Henry's BBQ Chicken Fillet in a Bun or Moody Margarita Sweetcorn Pizza, both served with a selection of vegetables or salad, followed by Perfect Peter's Chocolate Orange Cookie (there will be no yellow/school packed lunch option). Children just need to order their lunch in the morning in the usual way.

Please bring in books for our **book swap** from next Monday onwards – children should take them into class and hand them to their teacher or TA. All children will be able to bring home a “new” book next week.

We will be having a **book fair** on Thursday 24th to Friday 27th March. Books will be on display to view and buy before and after school on these dates.

Create a Tree for British Science Week



We have entered a fun problem solving competition for British Science Week, which is 6th to 15th March.



Our challenge is to:

- ★ Create a tree using only 4 sheets of plain/coloured A4 paper (from your recycling bin, if possible)
 - ★ Use only scissors and engineering skills to create your tree
 - ★ No glue, sticky tape, staples or paper clips to be used
- ★ Take no longer than an hour, including practicing techniques
 - ★ Recycle your tree at the end of the competition

Children will be working on their trees in class next Friday but might want to have a go at home first. Mrs Hardie, our Science lead, will be happy to see your finished trees!

Snow!

On Thursday, Nursery children (and staff) were delighted to see heavy snow falling as they entered school! The children didn't even take their coats off - they went straight outside to explore and investigate this white new world. For some, it was their first experience of snow and so was an opportunity not to be missed! The children enjoyed playing in the snow, catching the snowflakes, scooping up the snow, making footprints and drawing in the snow.

Back inside the warm classroom, the children painted snowy pictures, cut out tree silhouettes and finger painted white snow on the trees, counted snowmen and sang '5 jumping snowmen'. It was great fun – and a good job we celebrated the snow, as by lunchtime when they all went home, the snow had already melted away!



Junior Bake off

Applications for the 6th series of Channel 4's **Junior Bake Off** are now open and close on Sunday 5th April. They are looking for budding bakers between **9-15 years old**. Filming would take place from July 2020.

We know we have some fantastic bakers at Sandridge after our own Bake Off competition last summer, so do click on the link below to apply if you are interested:



www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk



Cross Country

On Tuesday, some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in our 4th Cross Country heat at St Columba's College. They performed well in challenging conditions and this is what they had to say about the event:

"The field was in a horrible condition but I still carried on like a champion! I was freezing so it was hard to breathe. I felt so bad for the people that tripped and fell." **Daniel**

"I'm proud of myself for carrying on and still getting a decent place despite any injuries. However, I wouldn't have got anywhere without my teammates and Sonia and Lolly." **Lulu**

"It was a very challenging course that pushed me to the limit." **Harry**

"The course was tough because most of it was uphill or muddy. Everybody persevered well, due to the encouragement of our team mates." **Edward**

"The course was extremely muddy, but we were stronger than that." **Aishah**



Individual Points

Children with 25 points receive a pencil:

Olivia F, Sorcha, Jennie, Keenan, Nathaniel, Mason, Henry, Mollie-Mae, Albert, Reagan

Phenomenal Phonics awards this week go to:

Year 2: Olivia
Year 1: Courtney
Recep: Lilly



This week's awards for Star Writer go to:

Year 6: Edward
Year 5: Rachel
Year 4: Megan
Year 3: Adam A

Year 2: Jemima
Year 1: David
Recep: Roxy



REPS Certificates (Respect, Equality, Perseverance, Self-belief)



Becoming so confident at telling adults what she likes and doesn't like and standing up for herself! Well done! Olivia S

Really persevering in his maths lessons this week: Sayfoddine

Showing great perseverance and resilience during sewing: Chloe M

Showing great self-belief in maths this week and challenging himself with his learning:
Nathaniel L

Showing respect and supporting others when demonstrating swimming techniques: Tommy

Being incredibly positive and persevering when things get tough! Salma

Always demonstrating respect for all and working hard to ensure everyone is treated equally:
Sam

Certificates of Merit



Nursery Superstar Award for resilience and perseverance at activities this week: Aliza

Going to write his book straight away in Literacy this week! Albie

Excellent presentation in her written work: Reagan

Doing such an amazing job in sewing this week: Michael

Working hard on learning your times tables - you are getting better every week: Adam R

Good observations and thoughtful predictions in science: William

Wanting to continue a piece of writing and being so engaged in what we are doing: Reuben

Making positive choices and being a hard working young man this week: Leo

Sporting Certificates



Using every piece of the apparatus this week so confidently: Hannah

Developing her skills in gymnastics this week by finding different ways to travel along the bench: Arisha

Fantastic, confident climbing of ropes in gymnastics: Amy B

Having a wonderful attitude to PE. You listen to advice given and show great enthusiasm: Lily

Good effort to produce his best stroke when swimming front crawl: Ethan

Putting 100% effort into the tennis lesson this week: Abigail

Persisting during our first tennis lesson this year and working so hard that you finally cracked it! Molly D