



SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS



Friday 16th October 2020

The attendance winners
for this week are
Year 4 with 100%



Number of lates in each class this week:

Year 1 & Year 2
Early Years & Year 5
Year 3 & Year 6
Year 4

No lates – well done!
1 late
4 lates
5 lates



Attendance figures do not include those children having to self-isolate/quarantine due to Covid.

'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Our virtual parent consultation meetings were completed this week with Early Years and Year 1 and 2 parents discussing their children's progress with their class teacher. Thank you to everyone that took the time to log on (or pick up the telephone) to engage in conversation about your child's achievements and how well they have settled back to school life. Though we have had very positive feedback about the School Cloud platform, we hope that by next term we can meet face to face for the Spring consultations. Fingers crossed...

We now have a full contingent of class representatives for our Parent Forum. They are as follows:

Early Years – Shannon Prendiville & Daniella Penny
Year 1 – Jan Kenner
Year 2- Toni Neil
Year 3 – Natalie Tomkins
Year 4 – Liz Bailey
Year 5 – Clare Fenwick
Year 6 – Martha Dunlop

We will set up a virtual meeting soon and let you know when it is taking place so you can pass on any feedback and/or comments to your class rep.

There are still a large number of children arriving late to school each day/week. Children need to be inside the classroom by 8:30a.m/8:45a.m or 9:00a.m depending on which class they are in. Please ensure you leave plenty of time to get to school – whether you are travelling by car or walking – so your child does not miss out on the first activity of the day. Mrs Virji and I are meeting next week to analyse and report on the first half-term's attendance and punctuality.

Letters will be sent out to targeted families following this.

Let's aim for 100% punctuality and attendance (Covid symptoms excluded) next week!

Have a good weekend 😊

Current Year 6s

Secondary School Places for September 2021

The deadline to apply for secondary school places for next September is **Thursday 31st October** BUT Herts County would prefer applications to be submitted before 23rd October. If you have not already done this, please do so as a matter of urgency.

Children travelling to school

We have had a number of complaints from parents and local residents who are concerned that children are not being supervised on the way to school.

Children are scooting and running very near to the road – especially down Allen Green which leads onto Woodcock Hill, right by the school where there is a lot of traffic. One driver was concerned the children were not going to be able to stop before they got to the road. Please talk to your children about slowing down and being more careful near roads.

Thank you.



PTA News



Christmas Cards

Children have designed Christmas Cards again this year which will be available for parents to order. Personalised order forms will be sent out to parents after half-term.

Wreath Making

This year we won't be able to hold our popular wreath making evening due to Government restrictions, but Kath and Emma will still be providing the opportunity for you to make a beautiful wreath for your front door.

We will be selling wreath making kits that you can make in the comfort of your own home. We will provide everything you need, including a video detailing exactly how to put your wreath together.

Booking will be online and we will let you know when this is available. Keep your eye on future newsletters for further details!

Christmas Trees

We will be selling Christmas trees again this year. Collection will be from the school so you can avoid having to go to the garden centre – friends and relatives can also order from us.

Further details will be sent out nearer the time.



Hygiene Bank

Vista are able to provide bags of hygiene items for families in need via the Hygiene Bank. This is an ongoing service which they are keen to support. If you would benefit from a goody bag of hygiene products, please email the school on admin@sandridge.hert.sch.uk, who can make the arrangements. Bags will be sent to the school and passed on discreetly to parents.



If you would like to find out more about the Hygiene Bank, including where donations can be made should anyone wish to contribute (the nearest drop off point is at Budgens in The Quadrant) please go to <https://thehygienebank.com/>.

Science in Year 5

Mrs Barrasso set us a challenge of building a boat for Percy Jackson to cross the Sea of Monsters. We had to think about our understanding of forces and materials to make them. Last Thursday, we brought in our vessels and they were tested in the paddling pool outside.

Our boats had to: hold three passengers (we used glue sticks); move themselves forward; remain intact when the rainstorm came (the hose); survive the attack from the sea monster (in the form of Mrs Barrasso) and, of course, float.

During the tests, we all held our breath while each boat was loaded and launched. Some did very well and managed to escape the wrath of the Barrasso Beast, but others floundered at various stages.

After the testing we all discussed what forces were acting on our boats and how the designs impacted the outcome. Some of us noted that the boat was too heavy with the passengers, did not have deep enough sides, was top heavy or didn't have any balance in the water. Others noticed that the mechanisms for moving forward were most effective when there was a larger surface area and the weight was evenly distributed.

We had a great time investigating but did end up a little damp!



This week we celebrated the birthdays of:

Malak – Year 1
Kai – Year 2

HAPPY 🌸
BIRTHDAY!

Phenomenal Phonics awards this week go to:

Year 2: Olivia
Year 1: Hannah
Early Years: Imogen



This week's awards for Star Writer go to:

Year 6: Rachel
Year 5: Erin
Year 4: Noah
Year 3: Jemima

Year 2: Sayfoddine
Year 1: Emily
Early Years: Harrison



REPS Certificates (**R**espect, **E**quality, **P**erseverance, **S**elf-belief)



Persevering and trying hard this week, caring for others and being helpful in the classroom: **Aras**

Believing in herself and completing all of the maths work independently: **Alice**

Showing fantastic perseverance and self-belief with your writing this week, remembering finger spaces and working hard on letter formation: **Andrew**

Showing fantastic self-belief and perseverance when filming your geography video: **Elsie-Rose**

Showing the perseverance and self-belief to produce her best work in writing and maths this week: **Erin T**

Showing real self-belief this week across all subjects: **Donny-Lee**

Persevering with his writing when he found it challenging: **Aidan**

Certificates of Merit



Early Years (Nursery) Superstar Award for being more independent in class and persevering with his own needs. He also helps his friends to find their names when registering: **Casper**

Trying hard with her phonics and having a positive attitude to work: **Stephanie**

Being superstars and fulfilling their jobs as art monitors this week so well! **Roxy & Isla**

Listening carefully to our new strategies in maths and using them to complete calculations perfectly: **Mason**

Working really well this week in geography when researching a European country: **Melis**

Showing excellent reading comprehension skills: **Jennie**

Engaging fully in school life and being so positive every day! **Summer**

Working hard in all subjects and having thoughtful ideas in guided reading: **Reuben**

Sporting Certificates



Participating so well in the bean game in Mr Sinclair's PE lesson: **Matilda**

Using both feet interchangeably when moving the ball in football: **Immy**

Fantastic control of the football when dribbling, you were able to use both feet and move quickly to different targets: **Thomas**

Scoring a great solo goal in football on Monday: **Olivia H**

Showing great technique when throwing and catching a rugby ball: **Keenan**

Showing great understanding of music structure when choreographing a group dance: **Scarlet**

Trying hard to show a variety of skills in football this week: **Sorcha**