



# SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023



The attendance winners for  
this week are  
Reception & Year 5 with  
96.7%



Number of lates in each class this week:

No lates	Reception, Year 2, Year 3
1 late	Year 4, Year 5, Year 6
8 lates	Year 1



## 'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

I can't believe it's the end of the first half-term already!

This week, we had the fourth of our parent/child reading sessions – this week it was the turn of Year 3. We have had some lovely feedback about these sessions and, I have to say, that we agree! It's such a great atmosphere and really nice when parents offer to read with a child whose parent hasn't been able to come. Thank you for that.  
It will be Year 2's turn on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 8:40a.m.



We had a good turnout at this week's parent consultations.  
Lots of smiling parents and children leaving after their appointment so I'm confident everyone was happy and pleased to see their child's progress, so far, this term.

If you were unable to make the consultations evenings, this week, please speak with your child's class teacher after half-term to arrange a mutually convenient time before or after the school day.

Following these consultations, in the second week back after half-term (on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November) there will be consultation appointments specifically for parents of children on our SEN register or those children that we are monitoring closely. Specific families will be emailed a letter in the first week back with details of a similar online booking system. This is an ideal opportunity to discuss your child's support plan and/or the reasonable adjustments/interventions that are in place.

All that leaves me to say, is 'happy half-term'! ☺  
Have a great week off and enjoy a donut after school today.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 8:40a.m.

## **School Absence Procedure**

If your child is unwell and is unable to attend school, please contact the school office **with a specific reason for absence by 9am on the first day of absence** and keep us regularly informed of their progress and expected return date.

A message can be left on the school absence line (01727 850576, opt 1) at any time or an email may be sent to [admin@sandridge.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sandridge.herts.sch.uk).

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school for 2 days after their symptoms have gone. For further advice on whether to keep a child away from school and for how long, please see the NHS guidelines (linked below):

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Holidays taken in term time will not be authorised. Requests for leave can only be granted in exceptional circumstances – a holiday is not considered exceptional. The school does implement Penalty Notices for unauthorised absence. More information can be found in the Attendance Policy on the school's website.

## **A Message from FOSS**

### **Donuts**

After this week, donut sales will take place on the last Friday of every month on the school playground. Donuts will be £1 and all profits will go towards helping to fund school trips for our children.

Should you wish to help with the donut sales, please email the FOSS Committee:  
[FOSS@sandridge.herts.sch.uk](mailto:FOSS@sandridge.herts.sch.uk)

### **School Discos**

The FOSS Committee are busy organising some school discos for the children and we look forward to advertising them when we return from half term!

### **Raffle and Auction Prizes**

If you would like to donate any prizes or gifts towards the Raffle and Auction that shall be taking place at the Christmas Fair on 18th December, please do make contact with Jess King, via email: [FOSS@sandridge.herts.sch.uk](mailto:FOSS@sandridge.herts.sch.uk)

### **Christmas Fair – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

As the Christmas Fair is fast approaching, the FOSS Committee are already starting to think about the stalls. If anyone would like to donate any of the following, in brand new or excellent condition, we will be collecting and taking donations after the October half term:

Toys  
Games  
Books  
Cuddly Toys (washed please!)  
Sweets/chocolates (wrapped)

Thank you for your support!

## Sports Ambassadors

Last Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October, Olivia H, Max E, Amy, Lizzie, Timothy and Rufus from Year 6 went to Hertfordshire Sports Village. We arrived at 9.30a.m and left at 2.30p.m. Lizzie and Rufus are activity leaders, Olivia H and Max E are sports ambassadors and Timothy and Amy are eco-warriors. To start the day we met Ella Beaumont, who represented Great Britain in wheelchair basketball at the Under 25 World Championships in Canada, where they won a bronze medal.

Our first sporting activity was a circuit in which we took part in archery, seated volleyball (without a net), real life Buckaroo and a competitive netball-type game with a tennis ball where we had to knock cones. After a break, we took part in a leadership training event. This was another circuit using various fun games to test our leadership skills and to fill our recommended 60 minutes of exercise a day. Next, we had lunch and had our picture taken with Ella.

Our final activity was learning how to be eco-friendly when making our own activities for school to keep everyone fit. We also learnt some horrifying facts that 47% of school children don't get the right amount of exercise and 92% of children play video games from the age of 4.

To finish the day, we wrapped up with a speech from Tanya Angus, who is the School Sports Lead.

By Max E and Olivia H



## Football

Last Wednesday, our team played at home against St Albans and St Stephens. We lost 6-0, but despite that we kept on playing until the final whistle. Well done to Joel, Max E, James, Marius, Toby, Henry, Thomas, Spencer, David and Sebastian, who kept on trying. We hope that we can improve in our next match and get a better result!

By Joel (Year 6)



## Year 6

In music, we were put into groups of seven or eight. One person was the conductor and the others sang or played tunes. We wrote on our whiteboards what we were playing and drew it in many different ways. If we wanted to, we could perform our rhythm in front of the class! The conductor told us how loudly or quietly we should play and how high or low we should go. We played instruments or sang with our voices. We really enjoyed it!

By Deni and Elsie



## Year 5

In computing this half term, we have been learning about how we can work together to get a successful outcome. We have learnt how computers share information across networks and carried out practical tasks to help us understand the different concepts involved. Over the last couple of weeks, we have worked collaboratively in pairs to create a presentation about zoo animals. The challenge was that it had to be achieved with both partners working on a different computer and sitting on opposite sides of the room. We used Google slides – the same document was open on both computers allowing editing by both partners and communication was achieved using the message option.





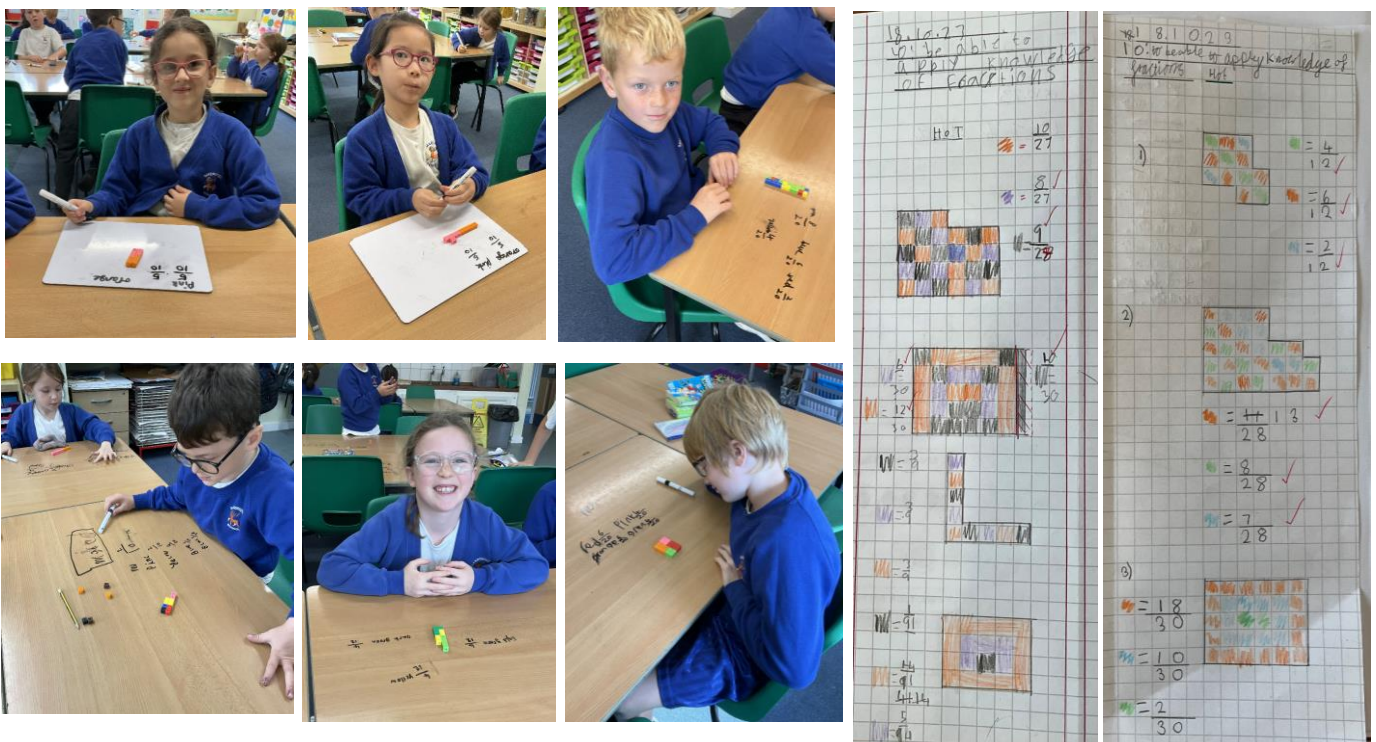
## Year 4

In art last week, Year 4 had to recreate a piece of work they had already completed onto a prepared wax and paint surface. A few weeks ago, we used oil pastels to colour a piece of card. We then went over the card with black paint, which had a bit of washing-up liquid in it. Then, using a range of different tools, we had to scratch away the paint to reveal the colours underneath. We used a collage we had created the week before as our inspiration.



## Year 3

This week in maths we have started to look at fractions and spent some time familiarising ourselves with the language around the topic. We used cubes, pictures and diagrams to identify the denominator, numerator and then write the fraction of each colour within a shape. We then had to explain how to find a fraction of a shape using the vocabulary we had learnt.





## Year 2

This week we finished our DT unit about cooking and nutrition by making our own healthy wraps. We designed three different wraps and chose our favourite fillings based on our taste testing session. We then had to prepare ourselves for cooking. We washed our tables and our hands to make sure that we were being hygienic and then we learnt how to use our knives safely using bridge and claw grips and roll our wraps. We worked on our tables to prepare all of our vegetables then we collected our protein and dairy ingredients to add to our wraps before finishing them. We had a lot of fun and couldn't wait to eat them!



## Year 1

This week in art we had a go at observational drawings. On our tables we had an autumn squash/pumpkin and were challenged to draw the vegetable in one long line, without taking our pencil off the page. We had a few goes but it was quite challenging! We then tested out three different mediums to colour our drawings with. We tried felt tip pens, oil pastels and crayons. We kept the ones we wanted to use and then got to work colouring, adding texture and details. Miss White and Mrs Baker were very impressed.





## Early Years

This week we have been enjoying 'Handa's Surprise'. This story is set in Kenya in the continent of Africa. We looked on the globe to see where it was and where Africa was. We watched some videos of African animals in the wild too. We enjoyed role-playing the story and developing our Literacy and comprehension skills by thinking about the characters and 'What comes next?'



After all those vegetables (!) we have enjoyed observing and trying some different healthy fruits, many from the story e.g. mango, pineapple and kiwi and even avocado pear! Bananas still remain popular!

We played 'I Spy' with the fruit and then we used our fine motor skills to chop them up and put them on a kebab stick before eating them!



We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Mr Di Fonzo for replacing some cracked bus/train/boat seats outside with some newer green ones...from chairs that were no longer needed (we still thank Mr Poole for the original creation too)! He also put some new builders shed hooks up, repaired our stand up driving wheel and a shed roof.

Here we are using our new chairs and singing 'The wheels on the bus'...!





The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:

Malak, Mohamad, Faris



#### Phenomenal Phonics awards

Reception: Ted  
Year 1: Archie  
Year 2: William



#### Star Writer awards

Reception: Cherry  
Year 1: Henry  
Year 2: Sophie

Year 3: Aliza  
Year 4: Kamron  
Year 5: Kai  
Year 6: Henry



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



Persevering in all he does and showing lovely respect to adults and his friends: Oscar W

Persevering in her writing and making sure she finishes all her work: Annie

Showing such self-belief in maths when finding fractions: Oscar T

Showing resilience when faced with challenges: Georgia

Showing wonderful perseverance when swimming this week: Jerome

Showing perseverance with all her learning this week: Michelle

Respectfully listening to instructions and working hard to achieve the aim: Michael

#### Certificates of Merit



Early Years Superstar Award for being so enthusiastic to come to school and take part in all activities and try his best! Gio

Trying her best with everything she does and for being a lovely friend! Giovanna

Really trying her hardest this week and producing an amazing Autumn poem: Olivia W

Working so hard in maths when finding fractions of amounts: Evie

Being a kind and helpful member of the class: Matty

Always being such a happy and supportive member of the class. When swimming this week you have constantly had a smile on your face and you have helped to cheer on other members of the class: Lilly

Excellent contributions to our whole class discussions: Jayden

Being an exceptionally hard worker and setting a great example for others in the school: Abi

#### Sporting Certificates



Some brilliant superhero moves and spins and for following instructions so speedily: Nancy S

Playing excellently with a good technique in 'roll a ball' in PE: Ettie

Such fantastic accuracy when throwing the ball in our dodgeball game: Daniel

Being a great team player and looking for ways to improve your skills: Imogen

Working hard in swimming this week, focussing on technique and already showing improvement: Meral

Great work during our game of 'destroy the hut': Harry

Listening carefully to Mr Smith and being an excellent tag rugby player: Marius