



SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 10th November 2023



The attendance winners
for this week are
Year 1 with 98.7%



Number of lates in each class this week:

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



'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Children, this week, have been thinking about 'Remembrance'. I started the week with an assembly focusing on how the poppy came to be the symbol of remembrance and how many poppies are made and distributed nowadays; a hundred years after the end of the First World War. We ended today's assembly with each class bringing their wreath to the front and having a minute's silence.



Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week and this year's theme is 'Make a noise about bullying'. Children will be focusing on the theme several times during afternoon lessons and, as always, we will be reminding children of what bullying is and what bullying isn't.

We will be starting the week off with 'Odd Socks Monday' – children must come in their school uniform (or PE kit) but can wear odd socks if they want to.

Watch this space for children's learning about this important topic, next week...



Have a great weekend ☺

Sport

On Tuesday, the Year 5/6 netball team competed in a match against Aboyne Lodge. The participants were: Henry, Cherry, Reagan, Indiah, Olivia C, Olivia H, Lizzie, Alexa, Deni and Rufus. Each of them played very well and made the school proud. Although we didn't score this time and lost the match (Rufus almost scored but it bounced off the rim!) overall, we had an amazing time. The player of the match was... Rufus!

By Lizzie and Rufus

FOSS

Christmas Fair - Monday 18th December 5pm to 7pm

Plans are well underway within the FOSS Committee for the Christmas Fair that will take place on Monday 18th December from 5pm to 7pm.

In assembly today, a school council rep from each year group pulled a stall to run on the night, out of Santa's hat! This means each year group has been given a stall they are responsible for running between 5-7pm, which are as follows:

Adopt a Teddy, plus toys/books/games sale - **Year 5**
Chocolate tombola - **Year 4**
Tuck shop/glow accessories – **Early Years**
Xmas crafts - **Year 6**
Knock the Elf off the Shelf! – **Year 2**
Guess the number of baubles & name the Reindeer - **Year 1**
Cake stall - **Year 3**

The FOSS committee will be in touch with all year groups via WhatsApp with more information about these and to start drumming up volunteers to help; sadly, if we don't get enough helpers then we might not be able to run everything which would be such a shame as they all look so much fun! Thank you in advance for your support.

In the meantime, we are asking for donations of the following items:
Chocolate varieties (NO NUTS) - wrapped chocolate only for a chocolate tombola.
Sweets - wrapped sweets only for a sweets tombola.

Toys, soft toys, games and books - for a toys tombola. (These can be used, but in good condition with no missing pieces please).

Lucky dip donations.

Second hand school uniform - branded cardigans and sweatshirts, branded polo shirts, and any grey shorts, trousers, skirts and pinafores. All washed and in good condition please.

All of the above donations can be handed into the school office starting from today!

Raffle Prizes

Another small plea to all parents - as you know we have previously raised a lot of money through our raffles and auctions at our Christmas and summer events. All of the prizes are kindly donated by local small businesses, but collating them is not an easy task! This is extremely hard work for the committee members, and is becoming increasingly harder! We wondered whether there are any parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, carers etc. who may be able to help donate a small prize from within their own companies, or the companies they work for? Any help would be greatly appreciated to enable us to continue the successful raffles and auctions at our fundraising events. Please contact us via email: foss@sandridge.herts.sch.uk.

Friday 15th December – Non School Uniform Day

Friday 15th December will be a non-uniform day at school, in return for a bottle of any description (unopened and in date) for the bottle tombola that we are running at the Christmas Fair. (This will be handy for those KS1 children wishing to attend the school disco, as they will already be in their non-uniform on this day!)

Christmas Cards

The deadline for the ordering of your children's personalised Christmas Cards is SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER. Please ensure all orders are placed by this date to avoid disappointment! Thank you to all those who have already placed their orders!

Should you have any queries regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact either Michelle Poole or Jess King: foss@sandridge.herts.sch.uk

We thank you for your continued support!

Year 6

In English, we wrote cinquain poems which have a structure of 2 syllables for the first line, 4 syllables for the second line, 6 syllables for the third line, 8 syllables for the fourth line and then 2 syllables for the last line.

On slips of paper we wrote a topic, e.g. poppies, then a description, e.g. scarlet, blood-red, then an action, e.g. swaying in the wind, dancing. On the penultimate slip, we wrote down our feelings/thoughts about the subject, e.g. the men laid poppies row on row, and finally we wrote a conclusion slip, e.g. hope, love. By Max M



Year 5

To create a piece of art for our Remembrance Day assembly, we took the work of Georgia O'Keeffe as our inspiration and made poppy pictures that fill the frame of the piece. We sketched the petals of our poppies, ensuring they overlapped the edge of the paper. Then, using a red wash, we used watercolour paint to lay on the first paint tone. Using less water in the mix, we then added darker shades to add shadow and give the flowers a 3D effect. Our finished work is to be combined to make a class wreath of poppies.



Year 4

This week in Science, Year 4 have started looking at Solids, Liquids and Gases. We started by grouping objects under the correct heading based on what we thought we knew. We then learnt about some of the properties of solids, liquids and gases before looking at how the particles are arranged.

We then did a fun experiment involving raisins and lemonade. First, we predicted what would happen when we dropped the raisin into the lemonade. Most of us thought that the raisin would sink as it is a solid and heavier than the lemonade.

We were amazed at what actually happened, even though the raisin initially sunk, the gas bubbles in the lemonade stuck to the solid raisin and lifted it up through the liquid lemonade!



Year 3

This week we learnt about the different jumps and how to do these safely, both on the floor and off a piece of apparatus. We learnt about bending our knees and how to support our balance when landing. Once we worked through the different types of jump, we worked on combining these into a sequence with a partner using a bench and mat. Lots of us remembered the balances we did last week and used these to inspire us. Our favourite part was showing everyone our finished sequences.



Year 2

We couldn't believe our eyes when we got back into our classroom after break on Wednesday and King Louie had gone missing from our classroom! We noticed that our book corner had been littered with copies of *The Jungle Book* and there was a note left on our board. We followed clues of shapes, bananas, crowns and even selfies around the school until we finally found him sitting just outside the office (wearing a borrowed coat from lost property) about to press the button to go out in the rain! What a cheeky monkey!



Year 1

This week we created paper plate faces in science to show off how much we have learnt about our senses. We labelled our eyes, ears, mouth, nose and hands/skin.



In PE we played some ball skill games together. We worked in groups to collect the most treasure from our opposing teams treasure chest. We practised dribbling the ball, bouncing the balls and balancing them on our heads!

On Wednesday morning, we went into the hall to read books with our parents/carers. It was a lovely treat to share some books and stories we have been enjoying with them, and impress them with our great reading skills!



Early Years

After the fireworks this weekend, the children have enjoyed creating firework pictures using chalk, paint, shiny paper and glitter.



This week, Early Years have based their learning around the story 'Whatever Next?' They have talked about night-time routines and enjoyed dressing up as the little bear with his colander helmet and welly boots and flying to the moon in a cardboard box. We extended this by role-playing going to the moon in our own space ship in the classroom too!



In Maths, Reception children began to think about time with how day and night continue. In groups, we sorted some day-time and night-time activities and we discovered that some people brush their hair at night time and some in the day. We also found out that we brush our teeth in the day and night too.



Reception children drew pictures to show their own bedtimes and told an adult the sequence of these.



We enjoyed the stories 'Nandy's Bedtime' and Charly and Lola; 'I am not sleepy and I WILL NOT go to bed!'

We all made day and night clocks.

Nursery children have enjoyed counting backwards and singing 'Zoom zoom zoom we're going to the moon...'





The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:

Isla, Taliyah, Lilly, Giovanna, Hadley



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Reception: Cherryrose
Year 1: Isabelle
Year 2: Charlie



Star Writer awards

Reception: George
Year 1: Ettie
Year 2: Oscar

Year 3: Sara
Year 4: Aaron
Year 5: Andrew
Year 6: Fred



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



Persevering to listen more and having self-belief with his reading now! Reuben

Always treating your friends with respect and kindness and pushing yourself in lessons: Henry C

Having a fantastic attitude towards all of your learning, persevering and challenging yourself: Daniel

Your persistence and self-belief in maths this week: Freddie

Such wonderful resilience and perseverance this week in all your learning: Meral

Showing determination and perseverance with all her work: Olivia

Being a respectful member of the class and working hard in lessons: Chloe

Certificates of Merit



Early Years Superstar Award for being a lovely friend and becoming more confident to speak: Elliot

Being such a lovely friend and role model! Liam

Having a great week in Year 1! Lucien

Showing such focus in lessons and working on your independence: Sofia

Being very kind and helping a peer who needed a friendly face: Stephanie

Showing such a brilliant understanding and using the correct vocabulary in our science lesson when describing what happened to the raisin in the lemonade: Henry

Making a big effort with his learning this week, particularly in English: Sebastian

Always putting her hand up and offering articulate answers to continue class discussions: Lizzie

Sporting Certificates



Following instructions beautifully in PE this week especially for our active 'Bop-it' game! Tilly

Being a great team player in PE yesterday: Nancy

Working well with your team in our pirate's treasure game: Ann Teresa

Excellent control and skill in gymnastics this week when learning different jumps: Matilda

Having such a wonderful attitude to your PE this week and working hard: Cece-Blue

Working well with his group to create and perform a range of different balances in gymnastics: Kai

Showing excellent dribbling skills in hockey: Amr

Being voted player of the match by the opposition in the netball match against Aboyne Lodge: Rufus