



SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 24th November 2023



**The attendance winners
for this week are
Reception with 100%**



Number of lates in each class this week:

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



'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

We are approaching one of the busiest (and most exciting) times of the year and there are a lot of things happening over the next few weeks. See below for a reminder:

Monday 27 th November – Friday 1 st December	Y6 Bikeability Week	Details have been sent to Y6 parents
Friday 1 st December	Non-uniform day for Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies	Donations via Arbor (instructions to be sent out next week)
Tuesday 12 th December	EYFS nativity	9:00a.m in the hall for EYFS families
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas lunch & dress-up day	Children and staff come to school dressed up as something Christmassy!
Thursday 14 th December	KS1 Christmas concert	2:00p.m and 6:00p.m in the hall for KS1 families
Friday 15 th December	Non-uniform day followed by KS1 and KS2 discos	See FOSS section of previous newsletter
Monday 18 th December	Winter Fair and Carol Concert	5:00p.m in the hall for children, families and staff
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas service at St Leonard's Church	Pupils in two groups attending a special Christmas service led by Rev Wendy

I said, in last week's newsletter, that I would let you know of fundraising activities in response to the crisis in Gaza and Israel. Headteachers have decided to raise money for The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies instead of UNICEF.

We have decided to have an additional non-uniform day next Friday – next week we will send out instructions for making your donations via Arbor. Please do not send in any cash. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend ☺

Sport

Netball by Deni and Olivia C

We had another netball match and, although we lost, we know that we have improved! It was against Fleetville and everyone tried their best. Deni scored 3 goals! We won the fourth quarter of the match as two of the goals were scored then. We felt really proud!

The player of the match voted for by the opposition was Olivia C.

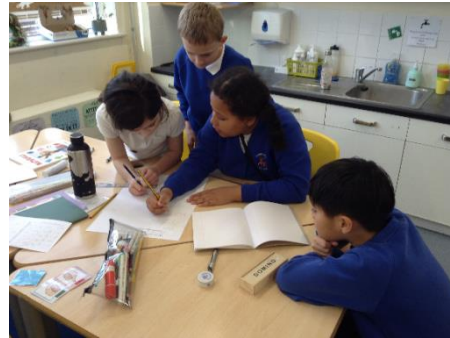
Football by Marius and Max E

On Monday we had a cup football match at home against Fleetville. The score was again 6-0 to Fleetville. We had a few chances on goal and one was from the halfway line. The team was Marius, Max E, Joel, Timothy, Fred, Noah, Toby and Amr. The player of the match was Joel who was brilliant in goal and saved so many goals.

Year 6

Year 6 made a school website on paper. They were split into groups of four and had half an hour to make their website, not only to be usable but beautiful as well! After that they scored how many times they mentioned key words like 'lessons' and 'uniform'.

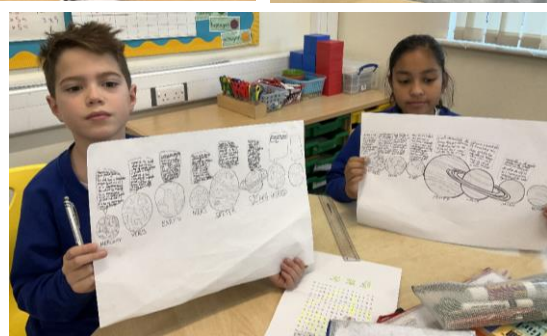
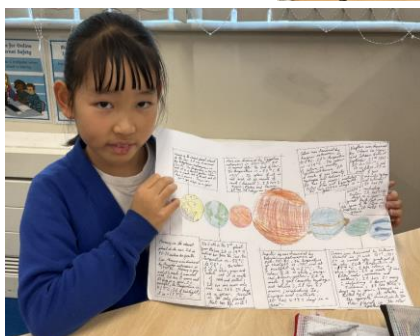
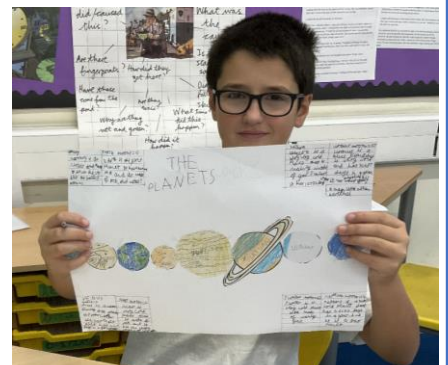
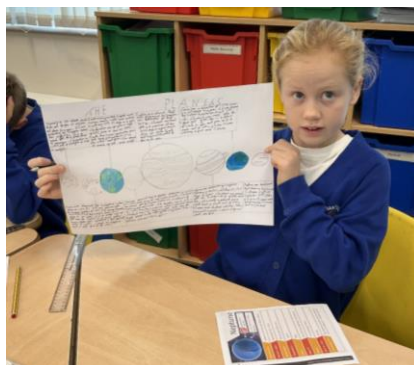
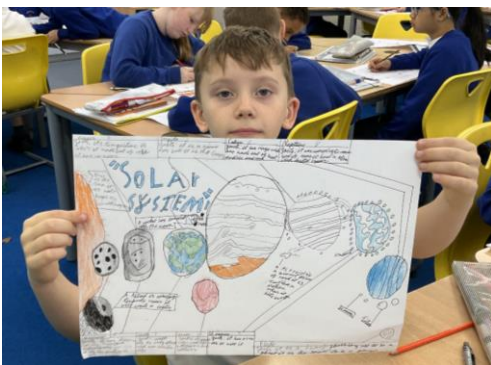
By Rufus and Alex



Year 5

In our learning in Science, we have been finding out about the planets in our solar system. We have learned how many there are, the order they are in and a lot of key facts about each one.

After researching and finding out about each of the planets, we demonstrated our understanding by each designing and making an information poster. This has helped us to be able to describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun and how they move in the solar system.

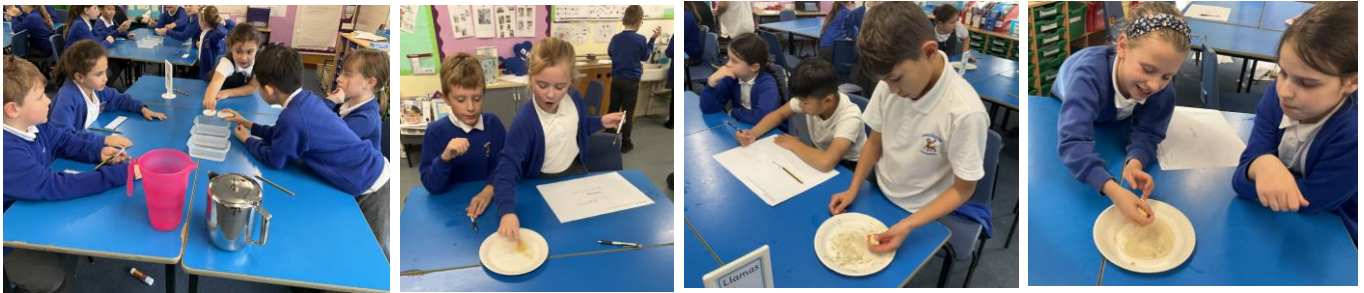


Year 4

In science over the last couple of weeks, Year 4 have been looking at melting and freezing. We learnt that all materials have a melting and freezing point. When something melts it turns from a solid to a liquid, when something freezes it turns from a liquid to a solid.

Last week we did an experiment with chocolate buttons and different temperature water. We had to put a chocolate button inside a metallic cupcake case and float it on the water. We had water temperatures were 60, 40 and 20 degrees. We predict how long it would take for each button to melt and then timed it to see how close we were to our predictions. We learnt that the melting point of chocolate was 40 degrees.

This week, we looked at lots of different liquids that had been frozen; we had to observe how they were different from their liquid state. We looked at water, salt water, washing up liquid, hand soap, olive oil, honey and golden syrup. We were surprised at how similar some of the frozen items were, like the honey and golden syrup, they were still really sticky!



Year 3

This half term the Year 3 geography topic is 'Countries of the World'. So far the children have learnt to identify the seven continents and locate some countries in each continent. This week they went fact finding around the classroom to complete a table with information about the tallest mountains, largest and smallest countries and longest rivers within each continent.



Year 2

In our science unit about animals including humans we have been learning all about keeping healthy and we learnt about hygiene and why it is so important. We conducted a glitter bugs investigation to see how easily germs could spread if we didn't wash our hands. We started with five children and covered their hands in glittery germs. Then, we let them move around the room, playing games, high fiving, touching objects and saw how quickly they spread.

Within 2 minutes every child was covered in glittery germs! To support our learning we practised correct hand washing techniques and the importance of using soap.



Year 1

This week in RE, we learnt about the Christmas Story. We discussed why Christmas is a special time to Christians and learnt about the birth of baby Jesus. We were lucky enough to explore some of the gifts that the wise men gave to Jesus and enjoyed the smell of a myrrh candle. To our surprise, a little baby also came in to visit us and she was only 5 weeks old! We discussed why babies are special and asked her parents any questions we had. We then relaxed and watched a video of the Christmas Story.



Early Years

Early Years loved the night time stories of 'Owl Babies' last week and the story of 'Peace At Last' this week (continuing their light and dark topic). We thought and learnt more about nocturnal animals and wrote some owl facts.

We found out that owls can turn their heads all the way around and their claws are called talons. We also found out that some owls have feathers that stick up that look like ears and their ears are actually lower down and you can't see them easily.

We really enjoyed creating owls using cylinders inside and also during our outdoor learning using freezer bags and leaves...



We have also mixed colours to make dark and light blue and yellow to recreate Van Gogh's Starry Night picture.



We enjoyed investigating dark places and boxes with torches as well.
This is what some of us said:

"When it is night time we use a torch", Giovanna
"So you can see lovely things in the dark", Matty
"It [a torch] sees when it is dark", Nancy
Ewan said a torch is for... "looking in the dark."





The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:

Ted, Henry C, Michael



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Reception: Anna
Year 1: Olivia
Year 2: Evie



Star Writer awards

Reception: Giovanna
Year 1: Minnie
Year 2: Parker

Year 3: Aliza
Year 4: Lilly
Year 5: Arisha
Year 6: Amr



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



Showing lovely respect and equality whilst playing with his friends: Liam

Persevering in English lessons and being self-motivated: Lenny

Persevering with maths this week & working hard to complete tasks with more independence: Emma

Being such a hard working, thoughtful and caring member of the class: Georgia

Showing resilience, perseverance and self-belief: Oscar P

Showing self-belief and perseverance with her learning: Ariella

Persevering with her learning and mastering a range of new skills: Deni

Certificates of Merit



Early Years Superstar Award for writing numbers so well on his rocket! Harrison

Continuing to be a role model for creativity in her own learning time and for being a lovely friend: Tilly

Being so kind to your classmates this week: Nancy N

Always pushing yourself to complete your work to a high standard in every lesson: Sophie S

Focus and determination this week: Imogen

Being such a wonderful member of the class and a pleasure to teach: Orla

Making a big effort with her maths learning this week: Yan Ting

Listening to instructions and focussing on tasks set in lessons: Melis

Sporting Certificates



Enjoying PE more this week - well done! Sophie K

Working really well with his partner in dance: Mohamad

Thinking carefully about how you could change levels in our circus dance: Oscar T

Working well with your partner to come up with the routine in gymnastics: Harry

Showing wonderful hand-eye coordination in PE this week: Lizzy

Successfully performing different rolls in gymnastics and linking them using balances: Rory

Being enthusiastic about any sport and brilliantly representing the school: Timothy

Player of the match as voted by the opposition in the netball match against Fleetville: Olivia C

For scoring 3 goals in our netball match against Fleetville - the team's first goals of the season! Deni

Player of the match as voted by the opposition in the football match against Fleetville: Joel