



SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 3rd November 2023



The attendance winners
for this week are
Reception & Year 5 with
100%



Number of lates in each class this week:

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



The attendance champions for this month are Early Years with 97.3%
Early Years' reward will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 10th November!

'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Welcome back everyone – I hope you all had a lovely half-term.

Just before the holiday, we welcomed our new caretaker; Mrs Lynne Ewen to the team. She has been incredibly busy weeding, gardening, painting and fixing lots of resources and other bits and pieces. I'm sure the school site will begin to come to life again and look better and better over the next few months. Thank you Mrs Ewen.

Today, we say goodbye to Mrs Hickman who has been teaching Year 6 two days a week since September. We wish her well for the future.

You will see, below, the links for our revised Amazon wish lists. For those of you new to the school, these are lists of resources and other items that teachers would love but that the school can't afford to buy. If you are able, and would like to purchase anything for our children, please use the links below. Items will be sent straight to the school, addressed to the relevant teacher.

We appreciate your ongoing generosity and could not do half the things we do without your donations to things like this as well as at PTA/FOSS events. Thank you in advance.

Year 6: <https://amzn.eu/bgg0IS7>

Year 5: <https://amzn.eu/1Szlp8o>

Year 4: <https://amzn.eu/bnhqDf6>

Year 3: <https://amzn.eu/aUBy091>

Year 2: <https://amzn.eu/1ksJNL3>

Year 1: <https://amzn.eu/dq2hysF>

Early Years: <https://amzn.eu/8ZgWtt2>

SEN (whole school provision): <https://amzn.eu/00HbA03>

These links can also be found on our website, under the 'Parents' section.

Have a lovely weekend 😊

Photographs – Thursday 9th November



Individual and sibling photographs for children in Nursery to Year 6 will be taken next Thursday 9th November.

All children should come to school wearing normal school uniform, even if it is their PE day.

FOSS



Help raise free funds for the school when you shop online by signing up to easyfundraising. This short video explains how easyfundraising works: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T9_XwaxfG94

[Click here to start fundraising today!](#)

Thank you for your support.



School Disco – Friday 15th December

We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting a School Disco on Friday 15th December! We will host this across two sessions:

KS1 - 3.15pm - 4.45pm

KS2 - 5.00pm - 6.30pm

The Super Star Sports club will be held in the studio on this date, so should you wish your child to attend Super Star Sports rather than the disco, this will go ahead as usual. However, there will be no Dance Club, as the hall will be in use for the disco.

KS1 children attending the disco will be taken straight into the hall at the end of the school day. Collection of all children after the disco will be from the playground door of the Year 4 classroom.

Tickets are £5 per child, and are purchased online, via: [Sandridge School PTA](#)

Water will be provided for the children to drink, and they will also receive a glow stick.

We look forward to welcoming your children to the disco, and a big thank you in advance to those parents who are volunteering their time to help make this happen, and to the teachers who have agreed to stay at school whilst this is running!

Netball

On Thursday, we had a netball match against Bernards Heath Junior School. It was our first match and we lost, but we had so much fun! We were very proud of ourselves for being the first Sandridge netball team in years to play a match. We really enjoyed it and we have so many matches in the upcoming weeks to enjoy as well. We are so excited to play against other schools. The weather was wet but we persevered. Even though we lost, we are so grateful for our amazing teammates!

By Indiah, Deni and Alexa



Cross Country

On Thursday 19th October, a group of children from Year 5 (Henry, Thomas, Albert, Mollie-Mae, Reagan) and Year 6 (Alex, Ben, Hayley, Amy) represented Sandridge in Cross Country at Fleetville School. They all really pushed themselves and did stunningly well with three slots in the top 20 across the boys and girls.

By Ben

Year 6

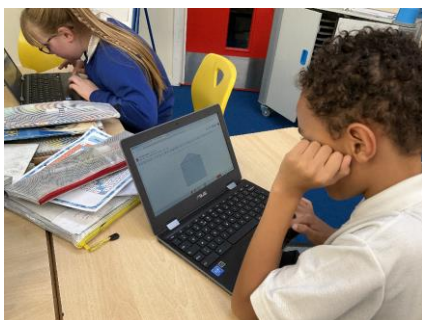
On Tuesday, the Year 6 scientists wrapped up their 'Living Things and their Habitats' unit by investigating an important microorganism - yeast! They planned, predicted and executed a range of yeast mixtures, which included sugar, salt and different water temperatures. Resident science expert, Mrs Hardie, dropped in to observe the yeast bubbling out of the containers and ask the class what had happened. The students concluded yeast has a sweet tooth and sugar was its favourite food alongside a warm environment.



Year 5

We were back on the computers on Monday to make a start on our new unit of work for this half term. We discussed and investigated the world of logos and symbols which are everywhere in our lives (branding, icons etc.). After studying how they are created, we have begun to learn and acquire the skills needed to make our own.

We used the Google Drawing program to develop our skills at drawing shapes, making lines and using colour. We started to combine different shapes and lines to make one overall picture.



Year 4

Every afternoon for the last two weeks, Year 4 have been swimming. Each day we got on the coach and travelled to Hatfield Swim Centre. We then swam for a whole hour. We have been working hard on a variety of strokes including front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke and even butterfly. We also had a go at playing water polo and learnt some important survival skills.

Hugh, "I really enjoyed it and it was really fun, I enjoyed playing water polo."

Roxy, "I have really liked the teachers and how we have done dolphin as it is fun."

Oliver, "I have enjoyed playing water polo and the free time to dive to the bottom and to swim around."

Emily, "I am now not scared of the water and feel more confident."

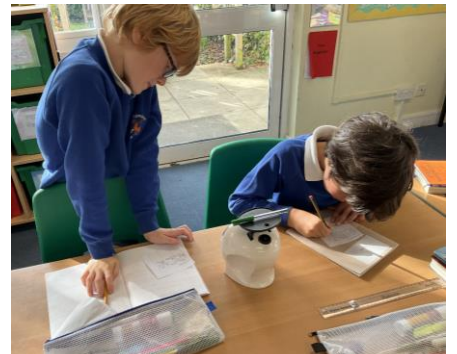
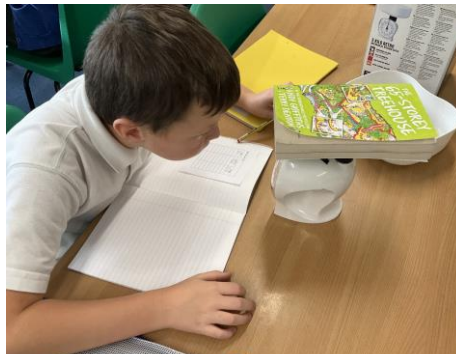
Eve, "I can now swim without goggles on."

Thank you to Mrs Kenner, Mrs Penny, Mrs Littlechild and Mrs Everall who have all given up their time to come with us.



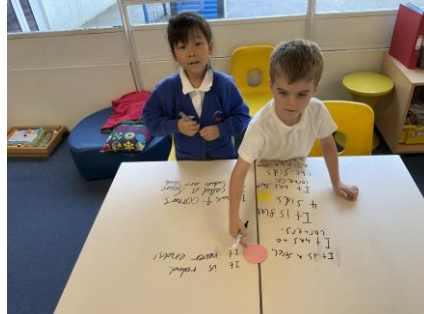
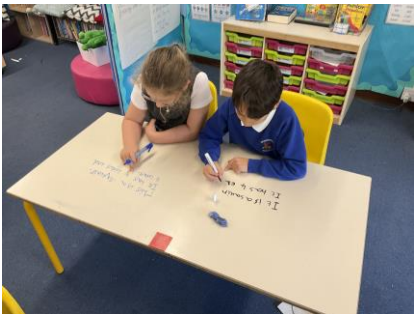
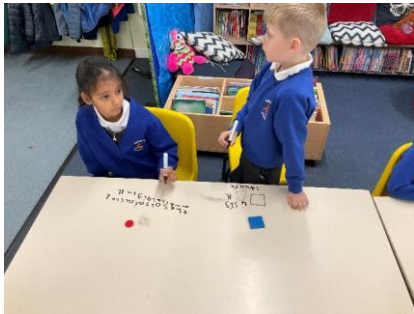
Year 3

We have been looking at measures this week and when we moved onto measuring weight, we investigated the different weights of items in the classroom. First, we estimated (predicted) the weight of our chosen item and then used our new knowledge of reading scales to find the actual weight. Once we had done this, we put some items in order of lightest to heaviest and recorded the differing weights in grammes.



Year 2

Today we worked in groups to explore everything that we already know about shapes. We talked about their names and the amount of sides and vertices they have. Then we worked in our teams to sort the shapes into different groups.



Year 1

This week in maths we have been learning about addition. We played a game in the hall together where we all had our own number written on card and ran around the space. When Miss White shook the bells, we had to quickly find a partner and add our numbers up together.

We used our fingers to help us. Once we got the hang of adding two numbers together, we had to get into groups of three and add our numbers together! This was a little bit more tricky but we worked together to help each other.



We also had some fun looking at pumpkins this week. We looked inside them and felt the slimy seeds and discussed how we could dry them out and try to grow them. We then had some fun decorating our pumpkins with felt tip pens.



Early Years

We have been embracing Autumn outside recently...

The Friday before half term all of Early Years made some lovely leaf kebabs and also had great fun learning with mud!



Reception also enjoyed some Autumn sunshine creating very sophisticated dens with our buddies on Monday afternoon this week.



A big thank you to Mr Riley for bring in many pumpkins and old sunflower heads from 'The Pop Up Farm' (junction 9 of M1) for us to investigate and learn about. We will also keep some seeds to plant next year too!



This week we have been enjoying the story 'Room on the Broom'. We acted it out and created our own potions outside too...

Cherry, "Look at my potion it has rainbow bubbles, it has a secret ingredient which is unicorns."

George, "Look mine is tea flavour!"

It gave us opportunities to mix colours:

Ted, "I'm trying to make some yellow."

Anna: "Do you know what colour makes pink...red and white!"

Oscar: "I need to tell you something, Mrs Hardie, the red bottle mixed with the blue to make purple!"

Cherry "All the colours mix to make brown!"





The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:

Alice, Olivia C, Franklin



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Reception: Austin
Year 1: Hunter
Year 2: Jack



Star Writer awards

Reception: Anna
Year 1: Lenny
Year 2: Amelia

Year 3: Aras
Year 4: Hugh
Year 5: Jayden
Year 6: Abigail & Lizzy



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



Joining in more confidently and loudly with conversations and having self-belief: Sophie K

Persevering when finding your work challenging and being respectful to your classmates: Lacie

Always being such a kind and respectful member of the class: Seth

Consistently demonstrating all of our school values and being a pleasure to teach: Aliza

Showing such outstanding perseverance, resilience, and self-belief in swimming: Malak

Showing determination and perseverance with all her work: Reagan

Being an understanding member of Year 6 who supports other class members: Elsie

Certificates of Merit



Early Years Superstar Award for showing a fantastic attitude in all his learning: Harrison

Really persevering with writing numbers and adding them together: Ewan

Always being helpful around the classroom, trying your best and being kind to your classmates: Charly

Being so confident when naming 2D shapes: Yunus

Showing a really good understanding of the story of Rama and Sita: George

Having such a wonderful attitude to your maths this week: Soulayman

Excellent contributions in science to our whole class discussions: Buzz

Focussing in class and working hard to achieve the most difficult challenges: Alex H

Sporting Certificates



Super ball rolling and catching in PE this week: Matty L

Making an excellent start in dance: Minnie

Thinking of so many lovely movements for our secret garden dance in PE: Alexa

Coming up with different ways to balance in gymnastics and showing good control: Karen

Having such an amazing attitude to your swimming for the last 2 weeks. You have all done your best and we are so amazed at the progress you have all made: All of Year 4

Working well with others to perform gymnastic partner balances: Jinane

Participating and excelling in the new Year 6 PE topic - dance: Hayley

Representing the school in our first netball match of the season, playing really well, keeping on trying, & encouraging each Olivia H, Olivia C, Indiah, Rufus, Alexa, Lizzie, Deni, Henry, Reagan, Cherry

Being voted player of the match against Bernards Heath by the opposition: Olivia H