



# SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023



The attendance winners  
for this week are  
Reception with 100%



Number of lates in each class this week:

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



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

Well, we have had a very Christmassy week, this week. Early Years and Key Stage 1 performed their amazing nativity plays for their families and were absolute superstars (see below for photos). It's always particularly lovely to see those children who are very shy come to life on the stage and shine. Everyone was brilliant and made their families proud – thank you to the staff for their hard work in putting these concerts together. It's not easy but the children always rise to the occasion and make us all smile!

We had our eighth annual Christmas dress-up day on Wednesday and enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch prepared by Mrs O'Keefe and Ms Parfitt. Thank you to them – I would struggle to cook a Christmas dinner for 4, never mind for 184!

This evening, we have the Christmas discos – thank you to FOSS for organising these. The children are hyper already and it's only 11:15a.m!

Next week, the 'festive flow' continues...

Our Winter Fair takes place inside from 5:00-7:00p.m (see FOSS section for more details). We would love to see you there. Please note each class will be performing a Christmas song (rough timings are below):

Early Years	5:10p.m
Year 1	5:25p.m
Year 2	
Year 3	5:40p.m
Year 4	5:55p.m
Year 5	6:10p.m
Year 6	6:25p.m
Choir	6:40p.m

On Tuesday morning, we are visiting St Leonard's Church for a Christmas service/assembly. As mentioned last week; if you do not wish your child to go to the church we must know on Monday morning at the absolute latest.

Finally, on Wednesday – we collapse in a heap, most probably (!) but a reminder that we finish for the Christmas break at 1:30p.m.

Have a great weekend ☺

*Don't forget to send in any photos you have from the advent challenge in memory of Mrs Beard – these will go in next Wednesday's newsletter. Thank you.*



## FOSS



### **School Disco – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**EYFS & KS1 – 3.15pm to 4.45pm / KS2 – 5pm to 6.30pm**

So, the DISCO is tonight and we are very pleased and proud to announce that this has made £600 for the school funds. This is an amazing amount and we really hope all the children have a great time later. Thank you for supporting this event.

It's now only 3 sleeps until the Christmas Fair on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 5-7pm. Please note the event is CASH ONLY.

A small donation on arrival is very welcome and we would love all children to take an activity sheet to complete around the fair as you visit all the exciting stalls/games we have on offer (then pop it in the postbox to be entered into a free prize draw).

The hall, as always, will be home to the main stage for all the class and choir songs, plus the famous bottle tombola! You will also find raffle ticket sales here plus various drinks and food to purchase alongside the cake stall.

Venture into Year 1 for the tuck shop, lovely Christmas craft making and some fab face painting! Next door, in Year 2, you will be able to 'Adopt a Teddy' and purchase toys/games/books for Christmas presents maybe! Look out for Willy Wonka in Year 4 as this is where you will find the chocolate tombola, which has lots of yummy treats to win! Get your aim ready and knock the 'Elf off the Shelf', think about what you want to call the reindeer and see if you can work out how many baubles there are in the box! These three games can win you a Christmas family goodie bag, so get playing!

We would like to thank everyone for their support to date, in whatever capacity this may be, and we really look forward to seeing you all on the night with your families and friends.

## Year 6

On 1<sup>st</sup> December, we were set the optional homework to create a winter scene. Everyone used their imaginations! Some people painted pictures, some made spectacular snowy scenes in a box. Someone made a festive house and someone else made a creative illusion.

Year 6 are clearly a very talented class and we can't wait to see what other people make!

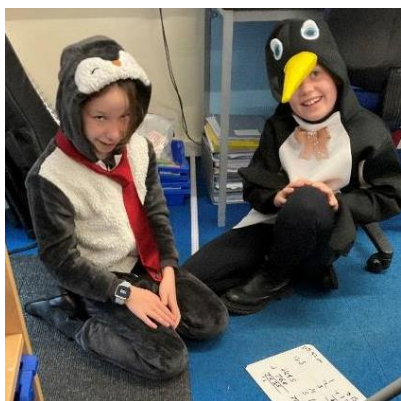
by Olivia H and Olivia C



## Year 5

If you had happened to walk into the Year 5 class on Wednesday, you might not have believed your eyes as you would have seen the strange sight of penguins and Santa on their hands and knees measuring the classroom!

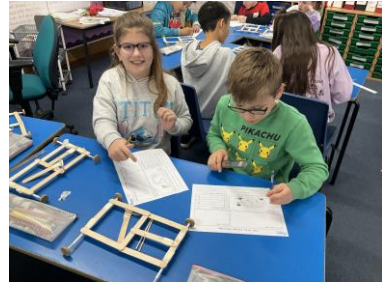
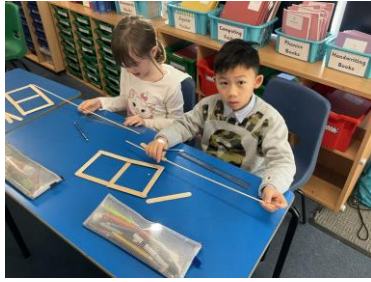
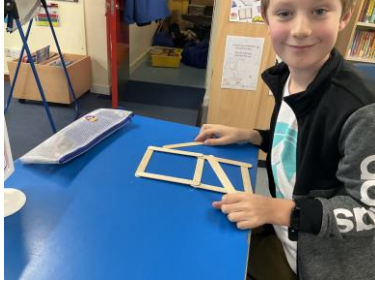
On our Christmas dress-up day, Year 5 were converting units of metric measurement in our maths learning (km, m, cm and mm). One of the challenges was to find the perimeter and area of the classroom and to give their final measurements in metres, cm and mm. Converting skills were tackled successfully but we found it tricky getting an accurate measurement using metre sticks. It was eventually decided that we wouldn't be using our measurements to order a new carpet for the classroom!



## Year 4

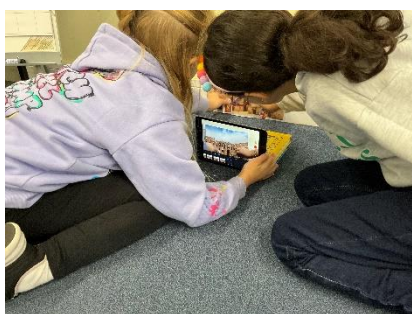
Last week, Year 4 spent the day working on their Design Technology unit and making our sling shot cars.

We started off building the chassis out of lolly sticks, we then threaded a wooden dowel in a straw for our wheels and attached them to the chassis. Then we went onto to make our launch mechanism using a lolly stick, paper clip and elastic band. We then learnt about how cars are aerodynamic to help them travel faster. Finally, we designed the body of our cars and in the afternoon we drew our design onto card before cutting them out and adding tabs to attach it to the chassis of our car.



## Year 3

In computing lessons this half term, Year 3 have been learning about stop frame animation. They created a storyboard and took photos to create a short film. The children learnt about a technique called 'onion skinning' which helps them see where the characters are so that they only move them slightly before the next picture is taken so that the animation looks smooth and shows consistency.



## Year 2

This week, in maths, we have been learning all about statistics. We started learning about tallies and how we can use them to collect data in an efficient manner that can be counted quickly. We decided that we could use tallies to collect data about the most popular Christmas presents in the class. Once we had collected our data, we presented it in a pictogram. We will be interpreting our graphs and use them to find out what are the most and least popular presents in the class.



## Year 1

As part of our learning about animals including humans, we consolidated our knowledge and learnt more about animal groups. We focussed on exploring the question, 'Do fish have fingers?' and we looked at real sardines!

We found out that fish are similar to us with eyes, a body, a head and a mouth and also blood. We found out that they are different to us because they have fins instead of hands/fingers, gills instead of lungs, they have tails and they are cold-blooded.

Afterwards, we did an observational drawing and labelled the differences and similarities we had discovered.

Annie said, "This is awesome!"

Isabelle said "They swim underwater."

Lucien said, "They have scales not skin".

Lenny noticed that the blood on the fish looked like "rust", so we discussed how older blood can look like that because it contains iron – a great discussion point!



## Early Years

Early Years put on a professional performance for their nativity on Tuesday... one of the Wise Folk even had real frankincense! All children were brave enough to take part and we were very proud of them!



As part of our topic of dark and light, we talked about Hanukkah, the Festival of Light for Jewish people, which is celebrated in December. We talked about the miracle in the Hanukkah story where there was enough olive oil to last for eight days when they thought it was going to only last for one day. This is why Jewish people light eight candles, one for each night of the festival, on a hanukkiah (or menorah) using a feeder candle (the shamash). We sang a Hanukkah song called 'one little candle burning bright' and increased the numbers.





The following children celebrate their birthdays this week and over the Christmas holidays:



Soulayman, Henry D, Charly, Elizabeth, Elsie-Rose, Amr, Noah, Karson, Meral, Amelia, Evie

#### Phenomenal Phonics awards

Reception: Matty  
Year 1: Lucien  
Year 2: Parker



#### Star Writer awards

Reception: Liam  
Year 1: Annie  
Year 2: Daniel

Year 3: Charlie  
Year 4: Alice  
Year 5: Ellie  
Year 6: Melis



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



Demonstrating such amazing self-belief to say her line so confidently during our Nativity: Giovanna

Believing in yourself despite being nervous about performing in our Nativity: Minnie

Persevering with your writing and thinking about how you could make improvements to your work: Ralph

Always putting 100% effort into her work, she is a polite and respectful member of class: Hadley

Showing such brilliant perseverance and resilience this term in all of your work: Isla

Showing perseverance and self-belief in all his work: Henry D

Being a respectful member of the class and always persevering with her work: Amy

#### Certificates of Merit



Early Years Superstar Award for joining in with all our activities and tidying up so cheerfully! Gio

Being absolutely fabulous in our Nativity! All of Early Years

Such an amazing performance in our Nativity - well done! All of Year 1

Such a dazzling performance of our Nativity - we are so proud of you! All of Year 2

For being determined to show your best handwriting: Harry

Always trying your hardest in every lesson. It has been fantastic to see you grow in confidence this term: Jerome

Having such a positive attitude to her learning and always trying her hardest: Jinane

Consistently trying her best in all lessons and striving to achieve her potential: Abi

#### Sporting Certificates



Good control of his body during Christmas cosmic yoga this week and for lovely angel dancing too! Ewan

Focussing and trying really hard in yoga: Charly

Doing such a fantastic job of joining in with all our dances in the Nativity: Reggie

Excellent gymnastic sequence in our final lesson: Sara

Working well in a team in PE. You communicated successfully and had wonderful results: Roxy

Successfully working with his partner at passing and moving and defending the court during basketball: Jayden

Being a fantastic shooter for the netball team this term: Deni