



SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS



Friday 26th April 2024

The attendance winners
for this week are
Reception with 98.3%



Number of lates in each class this week:

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



'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

New weekly award

In Celebration assembly, this morning, we launched a new whole class award – for TT Rock Stars. As of this week, the class that does the most amount of hours on Times Tables Rock Stars (proportionate to the size of the class), will get a TTRS certificate and an inflatable guitar to have in their class for the week ahead.

We are hoping this will promote the use of this platform along with motivating children to spend an increased amount of time learning their tables.

Parent survey report

Along with the newsletter, today, you will also receive a copy of the annual parent survey analysis and report.

A few parents mentioned that the survey was a little impersonal. I agree, however, we purposely aligned it with Ofsted's ParentView questions so that we had the best possible view of parental opinion when we eventually get the Ofsted call!

For questions 4, 6 and 7, governors used the information supplied to create an outcome that we could draw some conclusions from. I think some of the columns caused a little confusion for these questions so they were harder to interpret.

I think you'll agree; it reads very positively – it's great to know the large majority of you are extremely happy with our care and provision.

Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete the survey and for providing lovely comments and/or suggestions for improvement.

Have a lovely weekend 😊

Sport

Year 6 Football

On Wednesday, our Year 6 football team played in their 6-a-side prelims. They came up against Prae Wood, How Wood and Bernards Heath Junior. It was wonderful to see the improvement the boys have made this season and how well they worked as a team.

Year 5 Football

On Saturday, the Year 4 and 5 boys took part in the finals of the Year 5 6-a-side tournament. The boys played against a variety of schools, in their group was St Columbus, Wheatfields, St Peters, Garden Fields, and St Albans and St Stephens. They drew three of their games and lost two, but all played incredibly well. Everyone is so proud of their achievements and looking forward to next year.

FOSS Update

FOSS Treasurer

Sadly, Alan has decided to step down as the FOSS Treasurer, due to current work/life commitments. We would like to thank Alan for his time and hard work over the past year. If you would like to know more about this role, please contact Michelle Poole or Jess King (via the school office is fine) who will be more than happy to talk it through with you.



Night at the Races – Friday 17th May

FOSS are very excited to be hosting 'A Night at the Races' on Friday 17th May. This is going to be a lively, fun evening and just for adults only, so book your babysitter and reserve your places asap!

Tickets can be purchased via the link on the attached poster and are only £5 each. There is also an option to purchase food for those of you who can't manage to fit in a bite to eat before you come (various options are available to book online). We will aim to serve food around 8.30pm after the first round of races. Alcohol and soft drinks will be available to purchase along with snacks to keep you fuelled for the fun!

The races will not be odds based so no money or chips required, you will just be asked to simply pick a winner. Those of you who 'back the right horse' will gain a point on the race board and these will (hopefully) build up over the races. There will be a prize for those who come 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall (based on total number of points/wins). In the event of a tie, a winner will be drawn at random by our compere, Mr Andy Boxer.

Doors open at 7pm so you can get yourself a drink and be sitting comfortably ready for our pre-races game to gee you up for the evening! Winners of this game will receive a bar/snack prize! We plan to start the first race off at 7.45pm so everyone needs to be seated by then in order to select their first winner!

How exciting does all this sound... we can't wait to welcome you on the night. If you have any questions please speak to Jess or Michelle.

Sandridge Lottery

The next draw will take place on Friday 3rd May; winners will be contacted and announced in the Newsletter.

Car Boot Sale Saturday 29th June 8am – midday



FOSS will be hosting a car boot sale on the school field on Saturday 29th June. This is a fantastic opportunity to have a clear out, ahead of the Summer holidays. More details to follow next week, but in the meantime save the date, spread the word to friends, family and neighbours and start de-cluttering!



Reminder – Summer Camp Out

Planning is already underway for the Sandridge Summer Camp Out 2024. This is a reminder to **SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY 13th JULY**. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

FOSS Updates

Please see the noticeboard by the school gate for more information.

Scooter and Skateboard Workshops

Last Friday the whole school took part in either a scooter workshop or a skateboard workshop. Early Years, Years 1 and 2 all had a go on scooters. They put on their helmets, elbow and knee pads before riding the scooters and learning some tricks.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 all took part in a skateboarding workshop, again they all had to put on helmets, elbow and knee pads. They then learnt various tricks and skills on to do on a skateboard.



Year 6

In their maths lessons, Year 6 have been working hard to improve their skills and revise topics ahead of their SATs. Following a number of sessions practising questions on fractions, they were asked to pool their knowledge to create informative posters that explained the processes they have learnt throughout their years in school. Working in groups of 4-5, they were tasked with making aesthetically pleasing posters that were also informative for the reader. Each group will share their posters in class next week and make sure they addressed the six areas we identified in the lesson.



Year 5

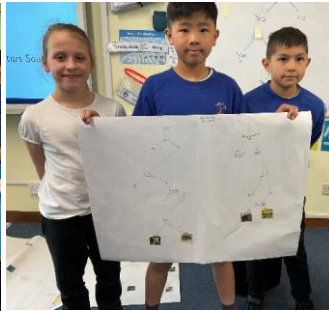
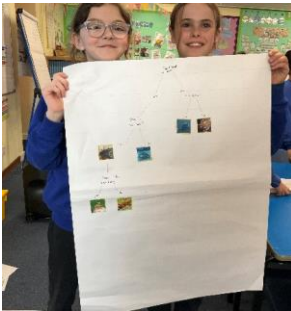
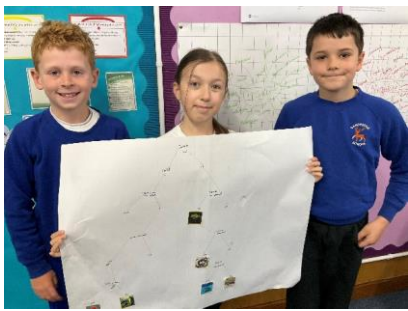
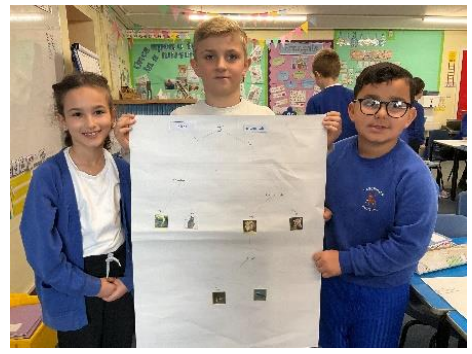
If you happened to be walking through the school on Monday afternoon, you will have been engulfed in the mouth-watering aroma coming from Year 5's cooking. Having designed a recipe for Bolognese sauce, which involved adapting a traditional recipe to suit the tastes of each group, we prepared and cooked the ingredients before decanting our finished sauces into jars.

During the design process, as well as considering the flavour and nutritional value of our product, we had each designed and printed off a label to try to make our finished designs appealing. At least one jar featured a positive review by Jamie Oliver and another proved so successful that it caused his mum to dance round the kitchen with delight!



Year 4

In science Year 4 are looking at classification keys. We started off by recapping different groups of vertebrates. We then had to think about their similarities and differences to help us think of questions which could be answered 'yes' or 'no'.



Year 3

In Science this week we investigated muscles by looking at elastic bands. We talked about resistance and strength before conducting our investigation.

First, we measured how far one elastic band would stretch, then two, then three and so on. We found that once we added more muscle 'fibres' the resistance went up meaning the muscles were stronger.

We also used our maths skills to create tables and measure length against a ruler. We even repeated our measurements to make sure our test was reliable!



Year 2

In Science we have started growing our own beans in a bag so we can observe how they grow. First, we needed to plant them. We started by folding up a piece of kitchen paper and placing it inside a clip close sandwich bag. Then we were given our beans which we carefully placed inside the bag. Finally, we added some water and then hung them in the classroom. In the first few days we noticed our beans starting to swell up and get bigger. We couldn't believe our eyes when we came into school each day to find more and more of our beans had germinated! We can't wait to continue to observe how they grow.



Year 1

This week we started our new topic in D&T, all about fruits and vegetables. We learnt that the difference between a fruit and a vegetable is that a fruit has seeds and a vegetable doesn't. This meant that a butternut squash is a fruit, rhubarb is a vegetable and peas are a fruit! We then got to touch and smell some different fruits and vegetables, before placing them into the correct category. Next week we will be thinking about what fruits and vegetables might taste nice together, in order to plan our smoothie recipe.



Early Years

This week we have been focusing on 'George and the Dragon' (as it was St. George's day), dragon and castle stories, involving good and not so good dragons, knights, princesses and princes. We have been challenging some traditional stereotypes through this too.

While our outside space is being enhanced we have been enjoying our inside castle role-play.



Reception drew and labelled some of their own dragon pictures.



We made our own shields too!



We also all looked at maps of the British Isles and practised identifying England/London /St Albans and Sandridge. Nursery explored maps.

In Maths, Reception have been revising their knowledge about 3D shapes and exploring how they can make different castles with them. Nursery have also been making castles with shapes.

We have played a feely bag game where we have used good descriptive words and really enjoyed exploring which 3D (solid) shapes roll, slide or even do both!

We also used our computer skills to complete a dragon puzzle on the interactive whiteboard.





The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:

Sara, Liam, Ben, Neta



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Austin
Year 1: Archie
Year 2: Deborah



Star Writer awards

Year R: George
Year 1: All Yr 1!
Year 2: Seth



Year 3: Artie
Year 4: Oscar
Year 5: Reagan
Year 6: Indiah

**Times Tables
Rock Stars Award**

Year 4



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



Perseverance and self-belief with blending his words: Ali

Persevering with your writing and meeting your target: Lenny

Blowing us all away with your fantastic independent maths this week! Ann Teresa

Always being the best you can be! Aliza

Amazing perseverance in extended writing using impressive handwriting and language: Otti

Showing perseverance and determination in all his learning: Sebastian

Persevering with skateboarding and supporting the others in their group to succeed: Toby, Ava, Fred

Certificates of Merit



Early Years Superstar Award for accepting rules and thinking of other's needs: Gio

Persisting with the 'balancing wobbly bridge' outside until she could do it independently: Tilly

Working so hard to improve your work and make it the best it can be: Charly

Putting 100% effort into all your learning this week: Lakshmi

Really pushing yourself in maths this week: Sara

Showing wonderful excitement in all areas of our learning! Roxy

Making insightful and considered contributions during class discussions: Kai

Working hard on her writing and asking for help to improve her work when she was unsure: Katie

Sporting Certificates



Working so confidently in gymnastics this week, especially on the apparatus: Matty

Always giving 100% effort to our morning wake and shakes! Annie

Amazing throwing and catching skills in PE this week: Disen

Being the most energetic young man and throwing yourself into all sports! Freddie

Impressing Mr Smith with your listening skills which helped you to be successful when bowling: Karson

Showing good technique when working with his partner passing the relay baton: Kuzey

Performing brilliantly in tennis and showing a natural talent for a new sport: Chloe

Wonderful effort and enthusiasm when representing the school at the Year 6 6-a-side prelims: Joel,
Toby, James, Amr, Henry D, Noah, Timothy