



# SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

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for this week are  
Year 5 with 97.8%



Number of lates in each class this week:

1 late	Reception, Year 2, Year 3
2 lates	Year 5
3 lates	Year 4, Year 6
6 lates	Year 1



The attendance champions for this month are Year 5 with 97.9%  
Year 5's reward will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May!

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

### Curriculum information – website

Teachers, this week, have been monitoring the subjects they are responsible for and ensuring that the curriculum maps are up to date following some recent revisions. They have also developed more detailed vocabulary lists per year group per subject.

Along with the termly class letters that tell you what your child will be learning and what the topics will be; please don't forget that the curriculum section of the website contains more detailed information. Each subject 'section' contains an overview of the subject, a detailed curriculum overview for Nursery – Year 6 and a vocabulary document. Some subjects have other information too. This is a great way of seeing the progression of skills in each subject and finding out, in more detail, what your child is learning.

### Bus update

This week, I have been on the bus mapping out what each floor will look like and drawing up plans for where bookshelves and seating will go. We don't want you to think that it has been parked up and forgotten about! We are in the process of designing and gathering ideas. We will then make contact with those of you who have very kindly offered your skills and services. We hope to have an 'up and running' library bus by the Autumn term.

### Drop-off and collection times

Please can I remind you that the car park is for staff only Monday – Friday. We have had particular issues, this week, with parents parking in staff spaces and staff being unable to get in or leave. Can I also ask that you leave the site at the end of the day relatively promptly. We have many clubs operating after school that use a variety of outside spaces. We need to ensure the safety of the children still in our care so cannot have parents and children hanging around using the climbing frames, sitting at the picnic tables etc. when clubs are happening. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Term-time holidays and absence

Please be reminded that children need to be in school every day. I continue to be shocked by the amount of families taking a day off at the end and/or start of term (on top of longer term-time absences).

We have a huge number of children leaving early today for a variety of 'reasons' – all of which will be unauthorised – simply because it is a bank holiday weekend. Many of the staff are going away this weekend and we would love to leave early to beat the bank holiday traffic but we can't!

Friday afternoons are not afternoons where children play. The timetable for each class is crammed and learning takes place right up until 3:10p.m on a Friday.

May I remind you that it is only a few years ago that, during Covid and the two periods of school closure, parents were desperate to have their children in school so they didn't miss a second of their learning. It is very frustrating so many parents are now taking longer holidays in term time and days off here and there for weekends away and other events.

I do wish all of you a fun-filled bank holiday weekend and hope we all experience some warmth and sunshine wherever we may be. See you all on Tuesday at 8:40a.m. ☺

## FOSS Update

### **Sandridge Lottery** (drum roll please!)

The draw for May has been done by Miss Roberts and the winners are:

1<sup>st</sup> prize £25 - Hannah, Year 4

2<sup>nd</sup> prize £15 - Claire, Year 1

3<sup>rd</sup> prize £10 - Cilla, Year 5

Congratulations to you all! You will have been contacted already about your prize but please collect from school office as soon as you can.

All purchased numbers will be included in the draw again next month.

### **School Disco**

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to the disco last Friday – all the children seemed to have a great time and made some great dance moves! We raised a fantastic £400! Thank you so much for your continued support.



### **Night at the Races – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Come on folks get your tickets booked...!

FOSS are very excited to be hosting 'A Night at the Races' on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. This is going to be a lively, fun evening and just for adults only, so book your babysitter and reserve your places asap! Remember to invite friends and family outside of our school community to join you.

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.

### **Car Boot Sale**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 8am – midday**



FOSS will be hosting a car boot sale on the school field on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June. This is a fantastic opportunity to have a clear out, ahead of the Summer holidays.

More details to follow, but in the meantime save the date, spread the word to friends, family and neighbours and start de-cluttering!

### **FOSS Updates**

Please see the noticeboard by the school gate for more information including what funds we raise and how this is spent on the children.

## Year 6

In recent weeks in Year 6, we have practising our tennis skills. From a forehand shot where you use the racket with the palm of your hand facing outwards, a backhand shot where the back of your hand is facing outwards, to a volley when you hit the ball without it bouncing. On Monday, in tennis, we first warmed up by hitting a ball up in the air for at least 10 times in a row. Then we got into groups of three and took it in turns to be the 'net' while the other two had a rally. This helped us to hit the ball at a certain height. Finally, we split into bigger groups and played relay tennis where you each hit the ball to the other group and go to the back of the line so everyone has a turn of hitting.



By Max E & Noah

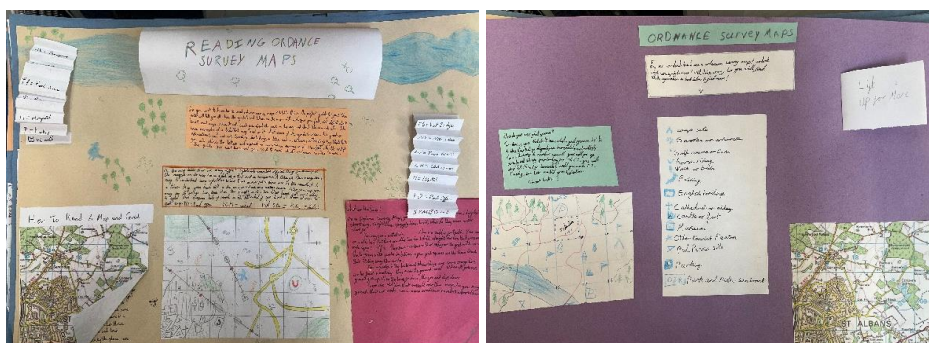


## Year 5

This week we completed our geography unit on settlements. We have been learning map-reading skills using Ordnance Survey maps and finding out about the symbols that are used.

We put our maths knowledge to good use when following grid references and learned to recognise whether places on maps were either hamlets, villages, towns or cities.

We worked together to demonstrate our learning by making information posters about how to use Ordnance Survey maps.



## Year 4

In PE, this week, Year 4 were developing their overarm bowling technique. We learnt that we had to stand sideways on, draw a number 6 with our bowling arm and step forward with the opposite foot to build momentum and speed. Then we had to release the ball with a straight arm while stepping to follow through.



## Year 3

This week, we have been looking at how to punctuate direct speech. To help us visually see all the component parts, we used coloured cards, pens and strips. We put all punctuation on purple squares, wrote the spoken sentence on white strips, and then recorded the reporting clause in red. Our rules were: Punctuation Purple and Reporting Red! It really helped us to see how to structure the sentences.



## Year 2

This week in RE we learnt that the Torah teaches Jewish people to be kind and help others who need it. We were given some scenarios and we role-played how we could show kindness in those situations. Here are the scenarios and some of our responses:

What would you do if you saw someone in the playground looking lonely?

- Go and play with them
- Play football with them
- I would ask them if they were ok
- Invite them to play with me and my friends

What would you do if you saw a stray dog that looked hungry and cold?

- Give it some food and try and find someone who could look after it
- If it had a collar on I would call the owner and return the dog
- I would take it to my house and feed it
- Get some food and blankets and a bed

What would you do if your mum or dad asked you to help tidy the house?

- I would help them tidy the house
- I would make the beds for them
- I would help my making some food
- I would water the plants



## Year 1

A few weeks ago in Science we started our new topic, Plants. We learnt about how plants grow, what they need to grow and that we have to plant a seed or a bulb. We then grew our own cress. After days of watching and waiting our cress was finally ready to eat! We cut our cress and put it on some bread, with some cream cheese if we wanted. Then we tasted it. We concluded that it had quite a strong taste and was a little bit peppery but most of us loved it and wanted more! It was so fun eating something that we had grown ourselves.



## Early Years

Last Friday afternoon our new outside luxury canopy area was completed. Many thanks to Miss Roberts for organising it for Early Years children to enjoy and also Mrs Ewen, our caretaker, and the builders too!

We are enjoying using the new space and trying out different resources in it to enhance many areas of our curriculum and our social skills. Thank you to Ted's family for the donation of a new kitchen too!

Here we are under our new canopy and also enjoying being back in our outside area...where some of us have been heavily influenced by all the recent building activities, using our 'always on hand' mud cement!

Mrs Hardie and all of us are also VERY excited to have three brand new large raised beds to plant vegetables and flowers in all year round!

Watch this (outdoor) space!





The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:

David, Jayden



**Phenomenal Phonics awards**

Year R: Sophie  
Year 1: Kira  
Year 2: Amelia



**Star Writer awards**

Year R: Ewan  
Year 1: Hope  
Year 2: Jack

Year 3: Aras  
Year 4: Phoebe  
Year 5: Cherry  
Year 6: James



**Times Tables  
Rock Stars Award**

Year 4



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



Showing tremendous self-belief and enthusiasm during all activities this week: Oscar W

Meeting all of the REPS values this week: Isabelle

Showing such perseverance in sewing this week: Alexa

Your perseverance and determination to produce more in your writing lessons: Charlie

Always demonstrating the school values. You are a role model to others in the class: Lily

Always showing perseverance and determination to produce accurate and neat work: Yan Ting

Showing a brilliant attitude in lessons and persevering with his learning, especially in maths: Noah

**Certificates of Merit**



Early Years Superstar Award for continuing to work hard during group activities: Elliot

Amazing me with her informative and knowledgeable comments in every class discussion! Nancy S

Trying really hard this week in your writing and phonics lessons: Lacie

Showing such kindness towards other children in the class: Daniel

Participation in lessons, engaging so well with your learning and always trying your best: Hadley

Coming into school with such a wonderful attitude. Every morning you have come in quickly, sensibly and ready to start your learning: Meral

Always having something insightful and knowledgeable to say that demonstrates a good understanding during our class discussions: Reagan

Always contributing to class discussions in RE and PSHE with Mrs Maddison: Alex

**Sporting Certificates**



Using super game playing and climbing skills in PE this week: Giovanna

Trying really hard in tennis lessons this week: Samuel

Being so enthusiastic in our tennis skills lesson this week: Yunus

Your determination to succeed and listening and watching carefully! Stephanie

Persevering in PE when learning different types of throws: Eve

Working hard to master the hop, step and jump used in the triple jump: Arisha

Showing a fantastic range of skills in tennis and an excellent ability to rally: Timothy