SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 10th January 2025

The attendance winners for this week are Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 with 100%



Number of late in each class this week:

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



‘Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Happy New Year everyone!

We had a very exciting and special start to the year with Tuesday’s grand library bus opening. It was amazing to have local author; Jeanne Willis with us. She spent the afternoon with the children leading an assembly and running workshops in classrooms across the school. She was delighted to be asked to cut the ribbon and officially open the bus at our special event.

We can’t quite believe it is finished and ready for children (and adults) to hop on board!
It goes without saying (but I will!), that it has only happened because of the very many PTA events over the last few years and everyone that has supported these and spent and/or donated money at them. Extra special thanks must go to the following people for their additional time, energy and/or financial contributions:

Jess & Richard King, Ollie & Michelle Poole, Cilla Brown, Mike & Sandra Walker, Rebecca Webb, Jim Wilson, Amy Dodd, Dylan Peters-King, Toni Neil, Shirley & Colin Everall, Nick Everall, Jane Sykes and Iain & Sue McNeil…THANK YOU!

Thank you to governors – Joy, Michelle, Sheenagh, Ness and Toni - for organising the refreshments and making some homemade cakes to sell too and to Rhia, one of our FOSS Chairs, for organising and taking payments.

It was a hugely successful and special event - thank you.

Our Wednesday morning parent reading sessions (8:40-9:00a.m) start again next week and…they will be taking place on the bus from now on. See below for dates and year groups:

15th January	Year 6
22nd January	Year 5
29th January	Year 4
5th February	Year 3
12th February	Year 2
26th February	Year 1
5th March	Reception

Have a great weekend and wrap up warm ☺



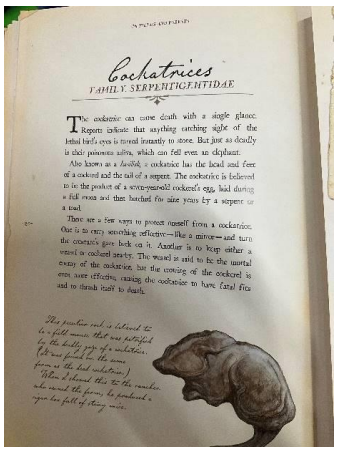


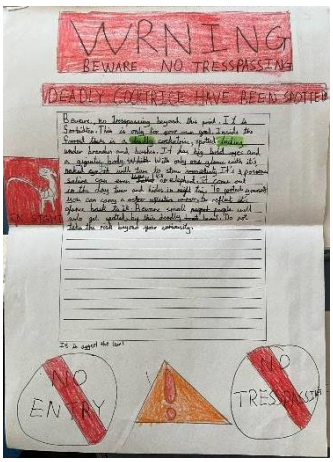


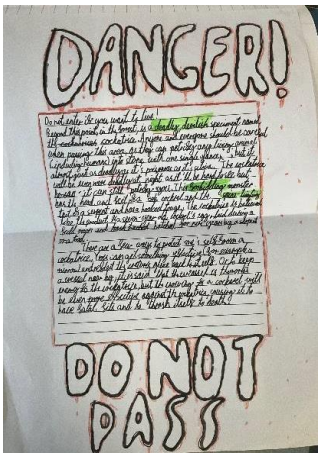
Year 6

In English this week we are doing 'mythical creatures'. At the start of this week we were learning about the Cockatrice. This creature has crimson-red feathers and a tail of a serpent (snake), it has toxic spit and if you look into its eyes you turn to stone! We have written a poster as a warning for drivers who come to the road where the Cockatrice lays.

We also learnt about the Boggard, an evil brownie that is loyal but still annoy their masters. This week they made our classroom messy which was very annoying!









Year 5

We were extremely proud this week to be the first class to use our fabulous new library bus. As part of our daily guided reading lesson, we all climbed on the bus and split up into groups. Half the class explored the non-fiction books on the ground deck and the others went up to the top deck to look through the fiction section. All the children had chosen a book to borrow by the end of the session and were amazed by the range of titles to choose from.

We have to admit, we found it difficult to concentrate on our group work this time as we were all excited by the prospect of exploring and using the library for the first time.
We are already looking forward to our next session!













Year 4

On Tuesday, the amazing author, Jeanne Willis, came to our school to tell us all about the inspiration behind her books, especially The Bog Baby. After the assembly, she showed us how to create a 'Bog Baby' using clay.
First, we had to make the body (an egg shape) and add its facial features in whatever expression we wanted. We then had to add arms and feet, snipping slits for the fingers and toes. After that, we added a tail and finished it off with wings made of feathers.









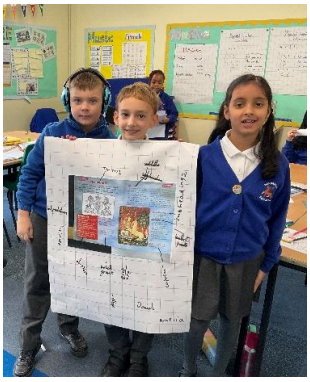


Year 3

This week we have begun our non-chronological reports unit and started by learning about the key features. We worked in mixed groups to find out about the different features, identified them in an example and then thought about the purpose of each feature. We worked really well within our groups and shared our final pieces as a class**.**





Year 2

In Art we have been learning about Romare Bearden and the amazing collages he has made. We have created our own textured paper by mixing paints and using different materials to paint the paper e.g. straws, cotton wool, corrugated paper, tin foil wool and glue spreaders. This week we finally put our work together by cutting or tearing our paper as well as tissue paper and crepe paper to create a picture of a farm. Farms were included in a lot of Romare Bearden's artwork and our geography unit about farms inspired our work. We can't wait to add the final details to finish our artwork.











Year 1

As part of the bus opening this week, Year 1 made their own Bog Babies.
Jeanne Willis showed us how to make them in the hall and then came into the classroom to get us started. We used clay, feathers and googly eyes. We were all very proud of our efforts.










Reception



Reception have been enjoying settling back in to the New Year with some lovely child-initiated learning time…We have been playing new classroom games e.g. Dobble and timed shape sort. We have been enjoying thinking about winter stories and exploring 'insta snow' and polar animals.

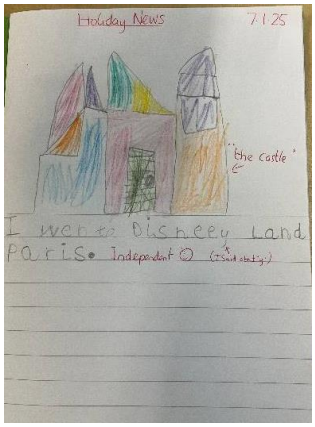


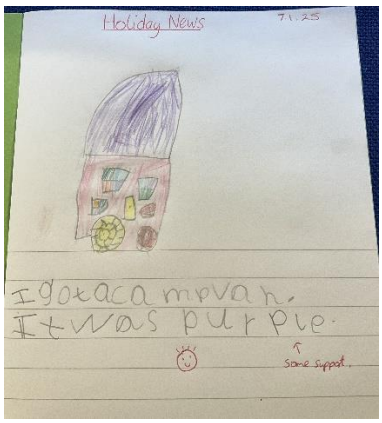
Some of us have been creating treasure maps to use inside and outside and some have been following new recipes in the home corner.

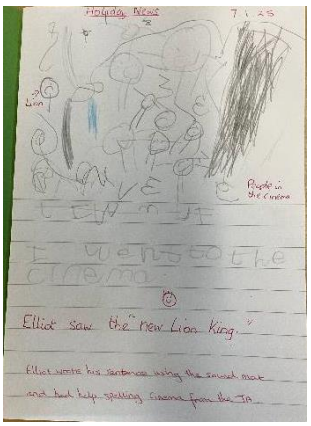




We enjoyed speaking about and listening to each other's holiday news and also writing sentences in our new writing books.









Most of all we have enjoyed Bog Baby and not only making our own with clay (as part of the Jeanne Willis workshop) but with playdough and googly eyes too!











We also had a go at making 25 using Numicon in maths to celebrate the year 2025!













The following children celebrated their birthdays this week and in January over the holidays:



Meral, Amelia, Evie, Reagan, William, Aaron





This week's Class Cup of Kindness is awarded to: Year 5



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Elliot
Year 1: Ali
Year 2: Taliyah



Star Writer awards

Year R: Oscar
Year 1: Anna
Year 2: Hunter

Year 3: Charlie
Year 4: Freddie
Year 5 Eve
Year 6: Rory



Times Tables Rock Stars award

Year 3



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



Starting this term with energy, perseverance and positivity! Pip

Showing wonderful respect & equality in PE, helping your partner by giving advice and guidance: George

Showing perseverance in maths this week: Lucien

Showing a lovely amount of self-belief and determination to succeed in maths: Oscar P

Going above and beyond to be polite and respectful to all adults and children around school: Sara

Showing perseverance with her learning, being ready to learn and challenging herself: Lilly

Persevering with her work and being a respectful member of Year 6: Casley

Certificates of Merit



Being a lovely friend to everyone this week and amazing us with his writing and maths too! Harrison

Being amazing in every lesson. You give 100% effort and join in with all class discussions: Nancy S

Really challenging yourself in maths this week: Olivia W

Demonstrating good listening this week and working with such a positive attitude: Faris

Challenging herself in maths this week: Elsa

Always trying her hardest and contributing to our class discussions: Amna

Coming back to school with a willing attitude and pushing herself with challenges: Adriana

Sporting Certificates



Moving really well and following instructions during our circle/movement songs: Hugo

Demonstrating wonderful throwing and catching skills in PE: Matty

Such amazing running during the Daily Mile! Charlie M

Working well with your partner to come up with balances: William

Creating an interesting sequence of balances with your partner: Aras, Charlie LH

Some really successful work in both PE lessons this week: Jerome

Speeding round the playground every time we do the Daily Mile: Tuba