SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 21st March 2025

The attendance winners for this week are Year 1 & Year 6 with 100%



Number of late in each class this week:

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



‘Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

It has been lovely to have some warm sunny days this week; I’m not sure the weekend will be so kind to us but at least there is a glimmer of Spring in sight!

Next week is assessment week across the school with Year 6 also undertaking mock SATs (ahead of the real SATs in May). Please ensure your child is in school every day and on time as teachers will be carrying out a wide range of activities, tasks and tests to help them assess children’s progress in Reading, Writing and Maths. It is important that children don’t miss any of the activities during the week as they all contribute to their overall assessments.

You will see below, in the FOSS section, that there will be coffee and croissants on the playground next Thursday. I will see you there!

Have a good weekend ☺

FOSS

Thank you to all the children who attended the Sparkly Spring Discos last week. We all had a blast and raised just under £400 for the school!



Coffee and Croissants

Come and join us next week on Thursday 27th March for a free coffee and croissant on the playground at drop off. Have a chat and share your thoughts and ideas for our lovely school.



Easter Fun

On Thursday 3rd April after school there will be some fun Easter activities to take part in!

Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade and Competition

Design and create your own Easter bonnet/hat and be part of the parade to display your creation. The best bonnets/hats will win a prize. This will take place at 3pm on the school playground. 'The bonnets/hats can be as simple or as elaborate as you like. Here are some ideas.

Easter Hunt

Enter the Easter hunt and join your friends to answer the questions and complete your sheet to win an Easter prize. The hunt will take place on the school grounds with refreshments available.

You can buy your tickets for both events using the link below or the QR code on the poster.

https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sandridgeschoolpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=96600#

Easter Hamper Raffle

FOSS are also organising an Easter hamper raffle. We would be really grateful for any Easter donations. If you are able to help, please give any donations to the school office – all in date and with no nuts please. Thank you for your support.

Sport at Sandridge

Football

On Wednesday, Sandridge played Mount Pleasant School. In the first half the score was 3-1 with Thomas getting 2 goals and Theo getting 1. We were very dominant in the first half but lost focus in the second half which lead to Mount Pleasant scoring. The game ended 5-3 to Mount Pleasant but it was a fun game and we all exited with a smile.

By Spencer and Albert

On Thursday, Sandridge played Abbey School. The game started with an attack by Sandridge with Thomas finishing a great high pass making it 1-0. Next, Abbey tried to stay calm but when a slip up from a defender happened Abbey was trailing as Thomas pounced at the chance making it 2-0. After that, we got a bit too confident and conceded a goal with a brilliant finish from the Abbey player. After that, we were calmer and attacked more.
When it seemed impossible, Thomas spun away from multiple defenders and shot with his left foot. The ball spun into the back of the net to complete his hat trick. After a bad goal kick Theo hit the ball on the volley and scored from a long way out. After some great play, Theo scored a second goal. Then, in a deja vu incident, Theo did the exact same goal again completing 3 goals. Then out of nowhere Henry crossed the ball in but instead the ball curved and went in completing a ghost goal. Finally, before the end of the game we conceded a penalty which Abbey scored to finish the game 7-2 to us.

By Thomas

Netball

On Tuesday, the Year 5 netball team along with Meral and the Year 4 netball team took part in a Year 5 Netball Tournament at Samuel Ryder. The first school we played was Prae Wood. After that we played STAHS. The final team we played was Cunningham Hill. Even though we lost all of our matches it was really fun and a great experience for the Year 4s. Overall it was a great tournament.

By Orla and Eve



Match Certificates

Eve, Orla, Lizzy, Meral, Isla, Harry, Charlie, Aliza for representing the school so brilliantly at the Year 5 Netball Tournament on Tuesday 18th March. You all played so well and should be proud of yourselves.

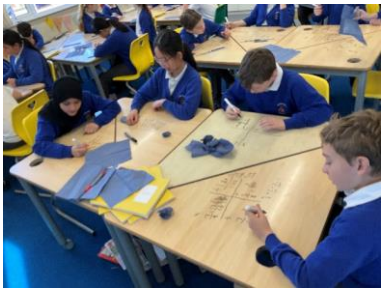
Theo for being voted player of the match by the opposition in the football match against Mount Pleasant.

Albert for being voted player of the match by the opposition in the football match against Abbey.

Year 6

This week in maths, Year 6 have been using alternative methods to revise topics previously taught. On Monday, with Mrs Hunt, they used tables to create a knowledge organiser for fractions. They had to remember how to use the four operations involving fractions and show examples they had worked with. On Thursday, the class were split into teams and they had to complete a number of rounds. The first involved a domino game which linked answers with questions on the table. They then had a limited time to answer 12 questions, which covered a range of topics from Year 6 so far. Finally, they had a relay race to work as a team and answer two questions at a time before they could move on to the next one!







Year 5

It has been an exciting day today as we have come to the making stage of our cooking project. We have worked in groups to design a bolognese sauce taking into account existing recipes and the nutritional values of the different ingredients. We have adapted a recipe to allow for taste and a balanced diet.

As you can see, we have also used our computing skills to design and create labels to go on the jars of our product. We look forward to the final tasting when our sauces are used to create a full spaghetti bolognese meal!





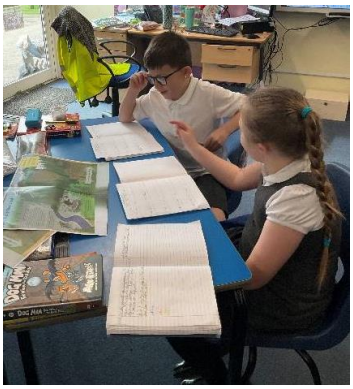





Year 4

In English, we have been looking at the book, 'Real-Life Mysteries' for our newspaper unit. We started by reading the mystery of Bigfoot. We summarised the story and then wrote questions that we could ask Bob Gimlin and Roger Patterson as if we were interviewing them. We talked about the difference between closed and open questions and which would be best to use during an interview. We then did a character hot seat, asking each other questions whilst pretending to be the news reporter and either Bob or Roger.









Year 3

This week we performed our persuasive speeches that we have been writing in English. The weather was in our favour, so we took our lesson outside. We had rehearsed the day before, thinking about how to control our voices, how to hold our bodies and where to pause for effect. Some of us read our speeches to the whole class, some of us chose smaller audiences to read to and some of us even read to the trees. As the lesson went on, the confidence in our voices was noticeably improved and some of us progressed to reading to larger audiences.








Year 2

In maths this week, we have been focusing on adding. We were showing our amazing knowledge of number bonds to 20 by playing some active maths games with Mrs Maddison. In one game, Mrs Maddison would say a number then we have to run to the matching number that made the bond to 20. In our other game we had to work as a team to create number sentences that made 20 by running and collecting number cards.








Year 1

This week in maths, we have been looking at addition and subtraction. On Wednesday, we went into the hall for an active maths lesson. The first game we played was called ladder run and the second was called number chase. We had to be really careful that we read the questions correctly and didn't confuse our adding and subtracting!








Reception

This week ‘spring has sprung’ in Reception!

We looked at spring photographs and spring flowers in the class and discussed how spring was one of the four seasons and how fortunate we are to live in a country that (almost!) has four different seasons. We also discussed how we live in the Northern Hemisphere and how the seasons are the opposite in most of the Southern Hemisphere. We talked about how Mae was on the beach in South Africa over Christmas!

When we were talking about spring:
Avraaj said, “I saw a rainbow before…I saw a duckling.” “Tadpoles grow into frogs.”
Mia said, “On the way to school I saw daffodils.”
Mae said, “I saw daffodils near a tree on the way back from my friend Libby’s.”
Pip said, “I saw ducklings on the way to the dinosaur museum. I planted some tulips.”
Oscar said, “I’ve got flower buds in my garden.”
Elliot said, “I have buds in my garden.”

At the start of the week, before the sun came out, we went on a spring walk and collected spring items e.g. daisies and catkins and buds from bushes, on our memory cards. We also noticed how our own bulbs that we planted in October were growing into daffodils and tulips that will flower soon!

We created observational pictures of spring flowers using a variety of paint/pastels/pens. We also drew the other half of daffodil pictures.
We created our own spring acrostic class poem and some of us adapted it or wrote our own poems in our writing books.
We also matched baby animals to their young as we have been thinking about farm animals and new animal babies in springtime as well.
We have loved being in our outside area in the sunshine and with newly cut grass too.
Happy spring days!










The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:

Alex, Phoebe

This week's **Class Cup of Kindness** is awarded to: Year 6 Dance Club Girls

Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Avraaj
Year 1: Anna
Year 2: Lenny

Star Writer awards

Year R: Hugo
Year 1: Liam
Year 2: Samuel
Year 3: Seth
Year 4: Matilda
Year 5 Sam
Year 6: Olivia

Times Tables Rock Stars Award

Year 3

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

Amazing self-belief and perseverance during learning this week and for showing respect when playing with friends: Harrison

Persevering with your writing: Ali

Showing such perseverance during sewing this week: Mohamad

Improved attention and concentration this week: William

Persevering in maths and being independent: Freddie

Showing perseverance and determination during his maths work: Jerome

Always being so inclusive, kind and encouraging to his peers – even when there's a competition! Albert

Certificates of Merit

Settling into your new school so well: Mahnaz

Wonderful work in science when discussing Lego and the properties of plastic: Reuben

Working hard to apply strategies that you've been taught in maths: Taliyah

Good explanation of how to use the column method for addition in maths this week: Sofia

Good contributions during group work this week: Sara

Always producing work of a high standard particularly in English: Orla

For his brilliant explanations when calculating the four operations with fractions: Kuzey

Sporting Certificates

Great balancing in gymnastics this week! Mae

Working really hard in PE when completing chest and bounce passes: Ewan

Working hard to find opportunities to score in our invasion games this week: Kira

Excellent team working skills in OAA this week: Daniel

Demonstrating good defending and movement during basketball this week: Imogen

Controlled work in our gymnastics lesson this week: Eve

Fantastic teamwork and patience during our OAA lesson this week: Neta