SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 28th March 2025

The attendance winners for this week are Year 4 with 98.5%



Number of late in each class this week:

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



The attendance champions for this month are Year 6 with 98.2%
Year 6's reward will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 25th April!

'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Well, it won't come as any surprise to know that, this week, Ofsted has been our main focus! The report will, hopefully, come out in 4-6 weeks' time and, once published, we will send out copies by email to all of you and put the report on our website.

May I take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of you that took the time to comment on ParentView. The inspector said it is rare to see such overwhelmingly positive feedback so we were really pleased about that. The children…what can I say? They have been amazing and wowed the inspector with their manners, their positivity, their hard work and progress and, of course, their kindness to one another. They have done us all proud!

Thank you. Staff are currently drooling and are utterly exhausted but we are now looking forward to a restful Easter break and lots of sleep!

Year 6 Ofsted Report

On Wednesday, seven of the Year 6 pupils went to discuss the school with the Ofsted Inspector. The Inspector asked us questions regarding our school. We brought multiple books with us to refer back to when talking about our subjects. Two of the questions were, "What are your preferred subjects?" and "What would you rate your school?" Many positive statements were made as well as a few suggestions for the future. We explained our roles within the school which included: Activity Ambassadors, Sports Ambassadors, House Captains and Bus Librarians.

We enjoyed sharing our thoughts about our village school. Henry said, "Our small friendly community adds to the welcoming feel of our school." Kai said, "I feel that this school prepares us well for secondary school with the possible problems that we may come across." Overall it was a wholesome experience and we thoroughly enjoyed it.

By Mollie Mae, Kai, Thomas, Spencer, Olivia, Henry and Harry

There was a lovely group of parents yesterday who enjoyed coffee and croissants together courtesy of FOSS. Hopefully, this will become a more regular event and give more of you the opportunity to stop and chat for 10 minutes before a busy day ahead.

Do make a note of the Easter Bonnet (or hat) Parade after school next Thursday and the Easter Egg Hunt afterwards. We look forward to seeing you then.

Have a good weekend – I know we will! ☺

For those of you celebrating Eid we say, Eid Mubarak – happy Eid!

FOSS – Easter Fun

Next 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 3:10pm on the school playground.



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 the Parade and Hunt using the link below or the QR code on the poster:

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

Football

It was confirmed over the weekend that the Year 5/6 football team are champions of League E in the St Albans Football League this year. They topped the table with 19 points, they had an impressive run of results with 6 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. They have now qualified for the Inter-League Play Off Finals on Friday 28th March.

Congratulations to Theo, Oscar, Hugh, Henry, Thomas, Albert, Stefan, Spencer, Lezon and Adriana for their wonderful teamwork and playing this year.

Cross Country

On Thursday, the cross country team went on a journey to Garden Fields. It was a tough run but everyone persevered and finished the race. The course was 2½ laps with a hill which was a very hard challenge. Everyone worked their hardest but the runners who finished in the best position were Oscar and Mollie-Mae.

By Oscar and Jerome

Families Herts Magazine



https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/families_hertfordshire_march_april_2025?fr=sNDYwYzgzMTcxOTU

The latest magazine is jam-packed with fun activities to keep you and the children busy over the coming weeks and Easter! There are articles on education, travel, food, a What's On guide, and more! Click on the link above to take a look.

Year 6

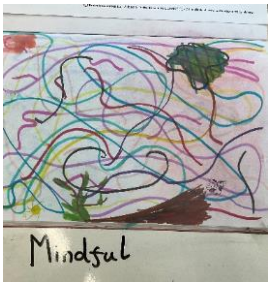
On Wednesday we studied the painting ‘Gassed’ by John Singer Sargent, which shows the effect of mustard gas from World War I. After learning about the art, we created a freeze frame in our groups. We used toilet roll as bandages over our eyes and our schoolbags as the ones that they carried during the war.

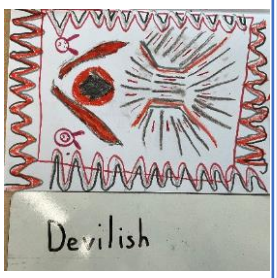
We also looked at another artist called Fiona Rae. We watched a video explaining the inside of her studio before choosing a word and creating an art piece which represent the word in Fiona Rae’s style. Some of us picked a word that described her work, while others used a word without a link. A few of us moved onto a second piece and our teachers attempted to guess the chosen word.

By Reagan and Ariella



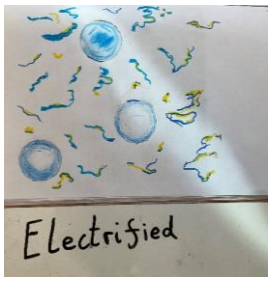












Year 5

For those walking through the school on Friday afternoon, a mouth-watering smell (not dissimilar to the smell you get when eating out at top Italian restaurants) caused them to ooh and aah with appreciation. It was 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 Gordon Ramsey and a range of enthusiastic appraisals of their products’ taste were given by the class on the following school day!





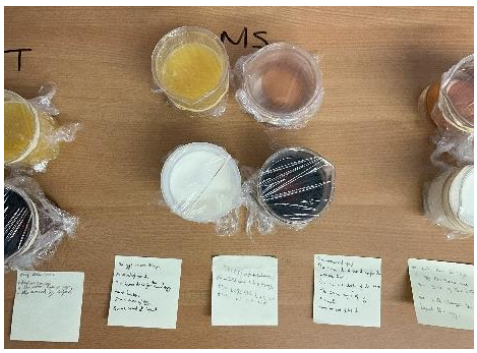






Year 4

Over the last few weeks in Science, we have been learning about teeth. Last week, we looked at what tooth decay was and how to look after our teeth. We then thought like scientists and came up with scientific questions we wanted to investigate. We decided on investigating the question, 'Which type of drink causes the most tooth decay?'
In order to do this, we used hard boiled eggs to represent teeth. We left them for a week in beakers – one had water in; one with cola; one with orange juice; and the final one with milk. After a week, we poured them out into trays to see what had happened to the 'teeth'. We noticed that although the milk had separated and the curds had stuck to the 'teeth', there was no change in colour to the shell. We also noted no damage to the one in water. The 'tooth' in cola had been stained by the colour of the cola and the outside layers were flaking off. Finally, the one in orange juice had layers of the shell peeling off and cracks in the shell. After we looked at them, we discussed the reasons for this, linking back to our previous learning on teeth. For example, orange juice is high in sugar and acid so if it isn't cleaned off teeth, it will cause significant damage.







Year 3

In PE this week we had to work in teams to transport tennis balls from one end of the playground to the other...but there were some rules.

1) We couldn't touch the balls with our hands.
2) The ball had to be touching the tennis racket whenever it was travelling/moving.
3) If the ball was on our racket, we couldn't move our feet.
4) If the ball fell on the floor, we had to start at the beginning.

The successful teams communicated with each other and quickly came up with some solutions together. Some learnt that trying to complete this task on your own was not possible and rushing actually slowed everything down even more. By the end of the lesson, we were working well as teams and really using our active listening skills.





Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed a lovely, sunny walk to Tara's Retreat, this week, to share some of their writing and artwork with the residents. We enjoyed talking to them about themselves and teaching them new information about animals and they taught us some animal facts too! We showed them the concertina books with characters that could move through them that we created using drawing skills that we have been developing this term.









Year 1

Year 1 have moved onto their new computing unit of programming and moving a robot. We started off by giving each other instructions and making sure the commands were clear and easy to understand. We then started using the Bee-Bots. We started off just thinking about how to make the Bee-Bots move forwards and backwards, we then added in right and left turns.

We had some maps and were told our starting position and the finishing position, we then had to think carefully about what commands the Bee-Bot would need to successfully make their journey.








Reception

Last week we enjoyed using apparatus for our woodland animal gymnastics lesson.
We were able to make woodland animal shapes and movements related to foxes, rabbits, snakes and hedgehogs in PE.
We did bunny hops across hoops and benches, rolled a hedgehog 'ball' around our straddle shapes, slid like snakes across benches and jumped into star shapes linked to foxes (!) off benches.
We then challenged ourselves to jump in different shapes and still managed to land with our knees bent.
We really enjoyed using the apparatus and were able to help each other put it away!





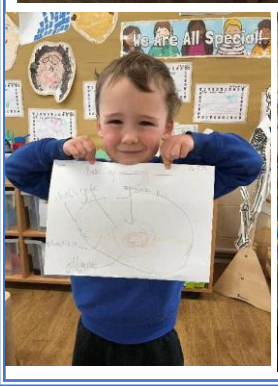

This week has been quite egg-citing… we looked at raw eggs and then hard boiled eggs and compared some of the similarities and differences between them.
Oscar said that the albumen (white) was “a liquid colour”
We drew the inside of a raw chicken’s egg and labelled it using words from a labelled diagram to help us write our words. We have remembered the word ‘albumen’ very well! We then peeled hardboiled eggs and some of us ate them in egg and cress sandwiches.
We created and explored our Easter tree with decorated eggs and eggs made from different materials.

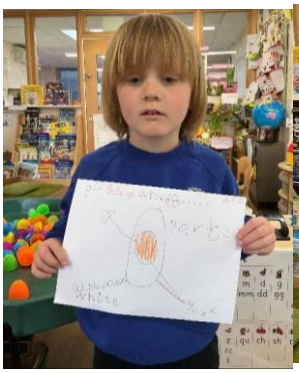
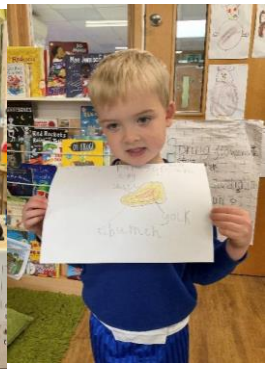
We wrote about Humpty Dumpty and also guessed who had laid our mystery eggs too! What a week!













The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:

Mahnaz





This week's Class Cup of Kindness is awarded to:
Everyone, for wowing the Ofsted Inspector!



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Elliot
Year 1: George
Year 2: Shahnaz



Star Writer awards



Year R: Harrison
Year 1: Oscar
Year 2: Charly

Year 3: Imogen
Year 4: Georgia
Year 5 Orla
Year 6: Hailey

Times Tables Rock Stars Award

Year 3



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



Self-belief (and enthusiasm) with all his learning around eggs this week, especially remembering the scientific word for egg white! Oscar D

Being such a kind friend and showing respect to other members of the class: Tilly

Showing such perseverance during our maths booklets this week: Isabelle

Beginning to show more self-belief and confidence to try work on your own: Amelia

Showing more self-belief across a range of lessons this week: Rebecca

Showing perseverance and determination during his maths work: Aaron

Being a resilient learner who always tries her best: Jinane

Certificates of Merit



Amazing confidence with all her learning this week, especially her reading! Mae

Being so helpful and sensible in class: Nancy S

Showing such enthusiasm for finding out facts and information about whales: Charlie M

Responding to action words by showing us the movements and joining in the action game: Yunus

Quickly understanding how to do multiplication and division: Zainab

Making a consistently big effort with all her learning and producing work of a high standard: Alice

For brilliant explanations and demonstrations in science to justify their predictions: Nazar, Ariella

Sport Certificates



Mature gymnastics performances: Mia

Trying hard in PE and joining in with a big smile on your face in both gymnastics and basketball: Zahra

Excellent jumps in gymnastics this week: Quinn

Listening to instructions well in PE: Reggie

Demonstrating great shooting and defending during basketball this week: Charlie LH

Performing a series of shapes and balances in gymnastics that were beautifully held: Emily

Sharing his passion for basketball with the class and displaying a range of skills: Lezon