SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 16th May 2025

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



Number of late in each class this week:

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



‘Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

This week has predominantly focused on Y6 end of Key Stage 2 SATs.
I have to say; we have been blown away by how amazing this class have been in their attitude to the tests. They have been positive, focused and enthusiastic not to mention resilient and confident. It has been a pleasure to see and we know you will have all done amazingly well – great work everyone ☺

Thank you to Mrs Hunt and Mr Riley who both came in on their days off to support the children and facilitate the tests. Thank you, as well, to Miss Roberts and Ms Loh for their excellent toast-making skills (and coming in early) each morning too!

Please note that our scheduled Art/DT Week has been moved from next week to the week beginning 30th June with the exhibition taking place on the same afternoon as our ‘Open Classroom’ event (Wednesday 9th July). Details will come out nearer the time.

Have a lovely weekend ☺



Year 6

Year 6 have worked their socks off this week and been incredibly determined to succeed in their SATs. We are so proud of the effort they have put in over their years at Sandridge. They have behaved impeccably and set a brilliant example for future years. Well done to all of them.

Mr Riley and Mrs Hunt

“We had a gourmet breakfast of toast and drinks. When we finished this, we did pages of SATs. They were testing us on how smart we are and what we need help with!” Spencer

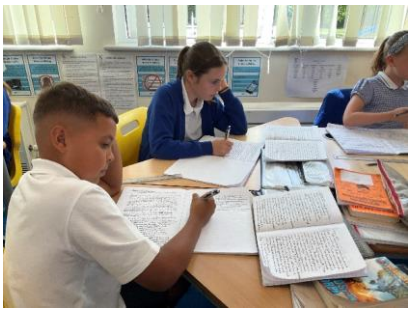
“We did 6 tests that involved English - SpaG and reading, maths - arithmetic and two reasoning” Ellie

“First we came into school early and had delicious toast. Then, we were getting ready for the SATs and revising when the other group was in the hall. In the afternoon, we had lots of fun doing our DT work and PE.” Olivia

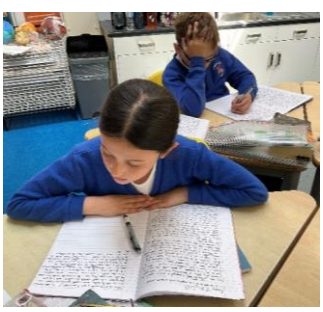
‘Firstly we got toast and juice, then we revised while the first group went to do their SATs. After the exams, we had some time outside. In the afternoon we did DT - making our own playground.” Tuba

Year 5

To bring to an end our English unit of work on the mystery and suspense genre this week, we have been completing and editing our final written piece of narrative. Having studied the books ‘The Watertower’ and ‘The Boy in the Tower’, we borrowed as many techniques as we could to help make our writing full of suspense and deliver on entertaining our chosen audience. Before writing, we agreed that we wanted our reader to have a clear image in their mind, feel part of the story, feel empathy for the narrator, and to leave them guessing and wanting more by building up the tension and suspense









Year 4

This week, in Art, we were immersed in the sights and sounds of the rainforest to inspire us to create some artwork. Firstly, we listened to the sounds and had to imagine we were there. We talked about how we felt, what we could see and what we could hear. Then, we had a look at some pictures from the rainforest and discussed what colours stood out and what textures there were. Finally, we used the pictures as inspiration to create a series of drawings using pencil, chalk pastels and oil pastels. We could either draw the whole image or zoom in on one part.











Year 3

This week in PE we looked at returning the ball accurately to our partners using our tennis rackets. We had to think about direction and how to position the racket so the ball went where we were aiming. The lesson also gave us the opportunity to think about applying throwing and catching skills learnt in previous lessons. Some of us got lots of steps in trying to collect wayward tennis balls from across the playground!








Year 2

In PE we have been learning about net and wall games. We started the unit by developing our ready stance ensuring that we are always ready to move in different directions as well a range of passing skills and we were using volleyball passes in groups to pass over a dividing line in the playground. This week we have been developing a range of racket skills and using them to return a ball to our partners.









Year 1

Year 1 have started their new art unit looking at sculpture and 3D art. We looked at investigating how rolling paper can create 3D structures. We then had to design a simple sculpture using paper cylinders which we could arrange and decorate how we wanted.












Reception

Last week and this week we enjoyed retelling and accompanying the story of Jack and the Beanstalk with instruments. It is interesting how the whole class seem to love chanting the traditional giant's 'fee fi fo fum' rhyme! They were very good at using the xylophones to play music for Jack going up and down the beanstalk and also the drums to practise rhythm to accompany the giant's footsteps and chant.








Children have also been learning to use and enjoying some new mindful morning resources and activities. These will help them to transition to Year 1 mindful morning activities smoothly when the time comes.





<u>Planting update!</u>

We observed plants closely that have naturally grown in our outside area and thought about what all the parts of a plant are called.

We are all observing how our beans in bags and seeds outside are growing…

We have also planted fresh tomato seeds too as a link to sequencing skills for computing!









The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:

Sophie I, Rory

This week's Class Cup of Kindness is awarded to: Year 6



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Pip
Year 1: Sophie, Ewan
Year 2: Charly

Star Writer awards

Year R: Elliot
Year 1: Liam
Year 2: Isabelle
Year 3: Seth
Year 4: Georgia
Year 5 Cece-Bue

Times Tables Rock Stars Award

Year 4



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

Showing amazing self-belief in her attitude and motivation to learn and also showing respect and being so helpful to her friends and adults too! Mahnaz

Showing self-belief in your maths this week. You independently counted tallies and used the information to create a pictogram: Zahra

Showing such perseverance in computing this week: Hope

Persevering in maths this week: Ann-Teresa

Always having the confidence to share her ideas and support others: Aliza

Showing excellent self-belief in all his learning this week: Franklin

Working so hard in Year 6 and in particular focussing on your assessments this week. You have been superstars and should be extremely proud of your efforts: Everyone in Year 6

Certificates of Merit

Amazing maths over the last 2 weeks: Mia

Working hard this week and contributing more to class discussions: Reuben

Working hard to show your best listening skills this week: Samuel

Your positive attitude in both English and maths this week: Jack

Working really hard in English this week: Karen

A fabulous attitude to all her learning: Isla

Sport Certificates

Working hard in PE, you were effective at changing direction quickly: Anna

Being fantastic sea creatures in our turtles and jellyfish game! Oscar D

Excellent jumping for distance in PE this week: Ellie

For your efforts to improve your jumps in athletics this week: Evie

Showing excellent sprinting skills and working well with her partner: Hadley

Trying hard to improve his skills in both triple jump and tennis lessons this week: Jerome