SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 2nd May 2025

The attendance winners for this week are Years 1, 4 & 6 with 100%



Number of lates in each class this week:

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



The attendance champions for this month are Year 1 with 100%
Year 1's reward will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 9th May!

'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

You will have received our Ofsted report earlier this week. Thank you to those of you who have said or sent in lovely comments about it. We are all very pleased with the way the report was written and the inspection process, as a whole.

On Wednesday afternoon, I was one of a number of adults accompanying Reception and Year 1 to Tara's Retreat Care Home. Whilst it was a hot and sunny walk there and back, it was also incredibly hot inside the home! Nevertheless, the children and residents had a great time singing songs, blowing bubbles, reading stories and sharing the pull-along toys they had made. See Reception and Year 1's write ups for photos!

There are always many holidays taken in term time, particularly in the Summer term. Please find attached a flyer explaining about the Fixed Penalty Fine system that we operate on behalf of the Local Authority. Children only have to miss 5 days of school now, for parents to be issued the penalty fine (per parent/per child).
Please consider this and your child's missed learning when booking your holidays.
Thank you.

Do enjoy a long Bank Holiday weekend – let's hope this fantastic weather holds out! See you all again next week on Tuesday 6th May at 8:40a.m ☺

FOSS

Don't forget to book your Movie Night tickets! The children have been having fun discussing what movie they'd like to watch and tickets are selling well.

Thursday 8th May from 5-7pm.
Children can come back to school in their PJs with their teddies for a fun and cosy movie night with their friends. Choose the movie they would like to watch from the following selection when booking their ticket:

Sing 2 (U) Inside Out 2 (U) Sonic 3 (PG)

All tickets are £5 and popcorn is included in the price.

Book your tickets via this link https://pta.events/movienight or via the QR code below.

SANDRIDGE SCHOOL

Movie Night



Thursday 8th May

5 - 7 PM

Choose from:

Sing 2 (U)

Inside Out 2 (U)

Sonic 3 (PG)

£5 per ticket

Popcorn included

Wear your PJs

Bring your teddies



Scan here to book

Football

The Year 5 football team took part in a tournament that was played at Skyswood School. First, we played against Maple and drew 1-1. In our second game, we played against Skyswood, the home side, but unfortunately we lost 3-0. Lastly, we played against Killigrew. It was a tight match and we drew 2-2.

Sadly, we didn't qualify for the finals. We all went home very tired but we all had a lot of fun!

By Oscar and Hugh



Swimming

On Saturday 26th April, we took 15 children to enter the St Albans District Swimming Gala at Hertfordshire Sports Village. There was lots of excitement from both children and parents – we definitely had the loudest support!

There were 17 races in total, 12 single races and 5 relays. A special mention to Matilda who came 2nd in her race.

We are all so proud of everyone who took part and the Year 5s have already asked us to enter next year!

Well done to Henry, Spencer, Jayden, Harry, Nazar, Olivia, Reagan, Cherry, Ariella, Casley, Alice, Roxy, Sam, Hugh and Matilda who all received a certificate in assembly today.

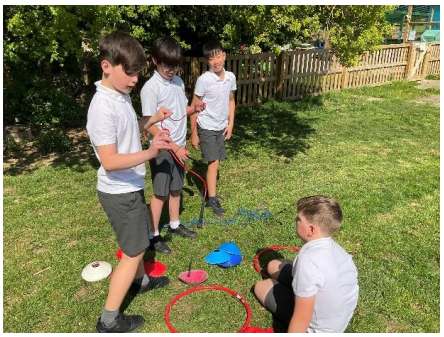


Year 6

In our new science unit, we are focussing mainly on the heart and its properties. We were looking at different blood vessels and how they carried oxygenated and de-oxygenated blood. We role played the movements of the heart pumping and blood travelling around the body. Reagan said, “This is very interesting!” when observing another group’s creation.

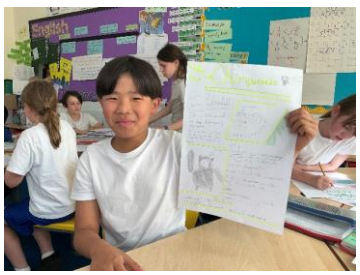
We really enjoyed this lesson and look forward to learning more.

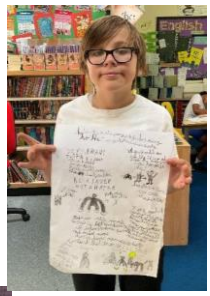
By Mollie-Mae and Jinane

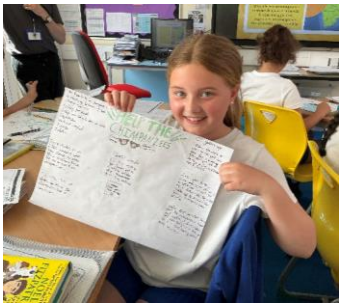
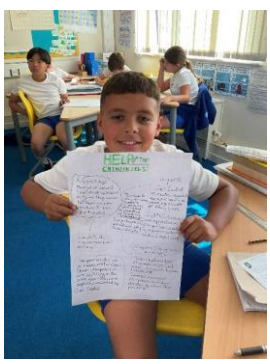
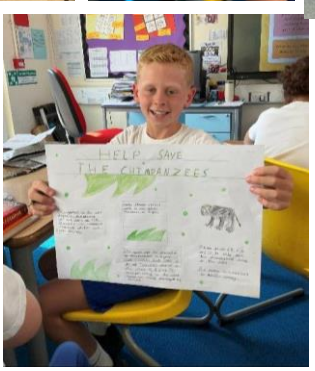
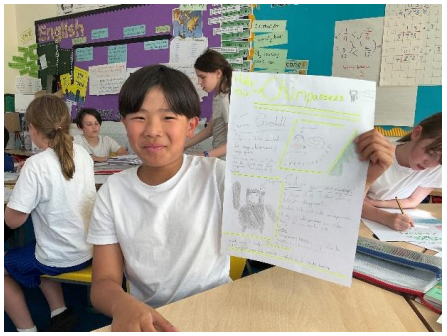
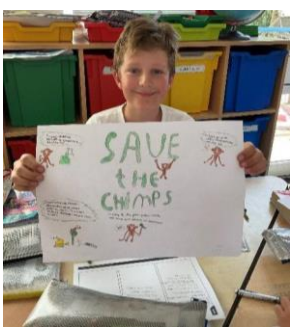




Year 5

We have been learning about the life cycles of animals and plants in our science work in Year 5. Whilst finding out about the process of reproduction and the life cycles of mammals, we have explored the British scientist Jane Goodall’s incredible work with chimpanzees.
We discovered that chimpanzees are an endangered species, and that they face many threats in the wild. Human actions have caused many problems that impact on the chimpanzees’ life cycle and have caused their numbers to decrease dramatically.
We designed posters that explained our knowledge of the threats they face, our learning about Jane Goodall and the institute set up in her name to try to protect chimpanzees.





Year 4

In DT for the last half term, we have been learning a basic biscuit recipe and adapting it for a new audience. We had to consider the cost of ingredients and other expenses against a set budget. In the first lesson, we had to do some market research and test biscuits currently on the market whilst marking them against the design of the packaging, the taste, texture and smell.
We then learnt and made our own biscuits in groups following a basic biscuit recipe. This taught us skills such as measuring, creaming, sieving and a range of mixing skills. We also had to consider food hygiene. After this lesson, we designed a new biscuit by adapting the recipe for a chosen audience. For example, some of us chose to make a 'healthier' biscuit for the health conscious or some of us chose our audience to be children.
Yesterday, we made our new biscuits and designed packaging with our group's logo on. We recapped on and developed all of the skills we had learnt last time which ensured this time we were quicker, more thorough and more successful when baking. During the afternoon, we got to try each other's creations, giving each other feedback, and, of course, got to eat our own – they were delicious!





Year 3

This week we set up our investigation to see how the mummification process would work on a tomato! We cut off the top and then scooped out the insides. After that we cleaned it (embalmed it) with anti-bacterial wipes before filling it with bicarbonate of soda and salt. We changed the amount of salt in each bag so we can compare the different outcomes and look for patterns when we observe over time. We need to wait for a long time now but will share our findings when they are ready!










Year 2

In science, we are learning all about plants. This week we have planted our own seeds. We could choose between beans or peas. Instead of planting them in the ground, we have planted them in bags with kitchen towel so we can watch them closely as they grow. We have put water in the bags and enjoyed watching the tissue paper absorb it. We are excited to see what will happen as they start to grow.













Year 1

On Wednesday, Year 1 and Reception walked down to visit the residents at Tara's Retreat. They sang 3 songs for the residents before sharing stories that they had written and Year 1 also shared their pull along toys that they made in Design & Technology. It was lovely to see everyone showing off their work and interacting with the residents.






Reception

We had a lovely time at Tara's Retreat!

Reception created bubble wrap printed dragons, with extra special party fire blowers (!), to take to show the residents.

We sang 'There was a princess long ago, 'I like the flowers, I like the daffodils' and an old favourite, 'I'm forever blowing bubbles!'
It was lovely to see the residents enjoying blowing bubbles.
We even sang a few encores including 'If you're happy and you know it!'
Well done all!




This week, we focused on Jack and the Beanstalk and began to think about how plants grow. We planted beans in bags to see what will happen and also a variety of vegetables including pepper, rhubarb, artichokes, Brussels sprouts, broccoli, onions, beetroots, carrots and celery to germinate in our seedling trays in our mini greenhouse… When (if!) they grow bigger we will plant them out into our planters.



We thought about 3D shapes this week and created 3D shape castles.





The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:

David, Jayden



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Mae
Year 1: Ali
Year 2: Uma



Star Writer awards

Year R: Avraaj
Year 1: Anna
Year 2: Lucien

Year 3: Amelia
Year 4: Imogen
Year 5 Alex
Year 6: Albert



Times Tables Rock Stars Award

Year 4



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



Persevering & showing self-belief with reading and creating junk models in his own learning time: Elliot

Showing such wonderful respect when at Tara's Retreat and being so lovely with the residents: Year 1

Showing such perseverance and self-belief in computing this week: Minnie

Having so much self-belief in maths: Imogen

Having a really positive week, working hard, showing self-belief and lovely manners: Rebecca

Showing perseverance and self-belief during her independent learning this week: Phoebe

Working so hard this week and showing great perseverance in his writing and maths work: Nazar

Certificates of Merit



Wowing so many of us with his recitation for his family wedding recently! Oscar D

Being so engaged and enthusiastic in history and science this week: Tilly

Listening and following instructions well when we have been outside: Hunter

Participation in French this week: Sophie I

Working brilliantly in a group in DT: Artie

Being an active learner and working independently to complete all tasks given: Amna

Brilliant effort during SATs booster club this week and working so well with her partner: Casley

Sport Certificates



Using super travelling, shape making and balancing routines in gymnastics: Harrison

Showing excellent understanding of the ready position in tennis: Matty

Working on your sprinting technique so you can run as fast as possible in athletics this week: Quinn

Taking part so nicely in our sprinting lesson this week: Reggie

Improvement in tennis: Stephanie

Successful work in our tennis lesson this week: Hugh

Brilliant knowledge and guidance helping others during our cricket lesson this week: Harry J