SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 20th June 2025

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



Number of lates in each class this week:

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



‘Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

We have had an incredibly active and sporty week and in the hottest week of the year so far! Well done to everyone who represented our school and competed at District Sports. The children did so well, especially in the heat, and did their very best in every event they were in. The children received certificates in assembly, this morning.
Thank you to Miss Everall for being there at all events and to Mrs Allard and Mrs Kennedy for attending too.

Yesterday, Herts Young Homeless came in to do an assembly about the work they do. FOSS have made links with this incredible charity for the summer fair and, of course, this supports our work on citizenship and the importance of charity work.
The children were really inspired and were still talking about the charity and the things they had learnt during lunchtime.

Please remember that next Thursday is our annual Sports Day for Reception – Y6. Children will be participating in a range of activities on the field in their houses throughout the morning. Parents are invited to attend from 12:00 onwards, beginning with a family picnic. The picnic will last an hour and then children will go back to classrooms to be registered before coming back out to the field for the afternoon of races (of which there are many)!
The front gate will be opened at 12:00 and, if the weather remains hot, we will use the grassy area near the studio and playground where there is more shade for the picnic.
Children will sit in the shade on the field next to the running track. Please make sure your child is wearing their correct colour T-shirt (see below), has a hat and water bottle and has applied sun cream. Thank you – we look forward to seeing you next Thursday.

Enjoy the hot and sunny weekend ahead 😊



House Colours for Sports Day

Air – white
Earth – green
Water – blue
Fire – red



If you are unsure which house your child is in, please check on Arbor. The house name appears in the child’s profile at the top of the screen. For the app, please click on the child’s photo and the house will then be displayed next to it.
Siblings are always in the same house.

FOSS

The Summer Fair – Exciting News!

Miss Roberts will be on local radio Mix 96.2 this week talking about the Summer Fair and the Festival of Colours Powder Party… and they want to come and do a live broadcast on the day!

We have also confirmed a youth brass band who will let the children try out all their instruments after their performance. Any curious trumpeters out there, come and have a go!

We have a fish and chip truck that will be there all day and we will have a bar open all afternoon. Please keep in mind that this is not a camp-out, so please don't bring your own food or drink! There will also be an ice cream truck coming down.

Five people have kindly agreed to have estate agent boards put up outside their house to promote the fair. Even if your house is not in the most prominent spot, it is still a really effective way to promote the fair to your neighbours, so please let Tom know on 07805333591 if you are willing to have one outside your house.

We also need donations for the raffle. Do you have something you haven't opened or used at home? Do you have a skill or a session of some kind you are willing to donate? Or how about cakes, cookies, chocolate or sweets? Anything big or small makes a huge difference.

Yesterday in assembly, the children welcomed Nicola from Herts Young Homeless. She explained to them about homelessness and how donations of toys, books, and teddy bears for the school stall would help. The proceeds of this stall will be split between the school and the charity. Miss Roberts wants to work closely with FOSS to raise awareness of the importance of charity work, donating and good citizenship. Please go through your things at home with your children and work with them to agree on what they are willing to donate to help others. Please drop those donations to the school office.

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Herts Young Homeless

Friday 4th July will be a non-uniform school day for anyone who brings a bottle (alcohol or soft drinks) for a donation to the bottle tombola.

With all that said, the most important thing you can do to help this fair to be a success is to invite friends, families and neighbours. Please collect flyers from the school office and hand them out on your street or leave them in shops where local flyers are displayed.

It is set to be a beautiful day. Your help getting the word out is hugely appreciated!



Bubbles, Beer and Bingo!



Friday 27th June at 7.30pm

Last chance to book your tickets!

Join us for a fun-filled evening of Bubbles, Beer and Bingo on Friday 27th June.
There are some fabulous prizes including gift vouchers from DJs Jungle, Thrive Fitness and Nadya Giffen Therapies.
The event starts at 7.30pm and takes place in the school hall.
All money raised goes to supporting Sandridge School.

Book your tickets by Monday 23rd June to secure your place https://pta.events/eg34gfyi

Sports News

Cricket

On Monday, we played against Oakwood School in a cricket match. We both started on 100 points and we were batting first. Albert hit a 4 twice! To end the batting, we finished on 166 points. Then we went to fielding and held off pretty well with Albert catching a mid-air ball. Isla hit 2 stumps! Unfortunately for us, one of their players hit three 6s which led them to a win with 182 points. Although we lost, we all played really well and everyone left with a smile on their face.
by Casley and Albert

On Monday, we also played against Skyswood in a cricket match. We played an excellent and fun game involving a few great hits and some brilliant fielding. Even though Skyswood's score was higher, we enjoyed the match and everyone played really well.
by Reagan and Olivia

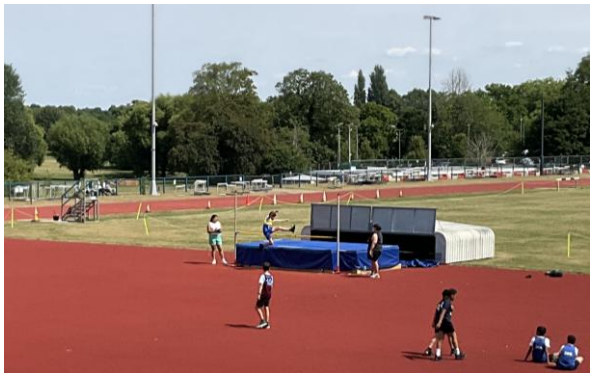
District Sports

On Tuesday, Year 5 and 6 took part in District Sports. The order of events was: girls' relay heats, boys' relay heats, boys' high jump, girls' throw, girls' long jump, girls' high jump, boys' throw, boys' long jump.
We came first in the girls' relay heats so qualified for the finals. Stefan won the boys' high jump – well done Stefan for such brilliant jumping! Yan Ting came 4th in the girls' throw. Reagan came 6th and Hailey came 7th in the girls' high jump. In boys' throw, Henry came 7th and Spencer came 9th.
by Harry and Spencer

On Thursday at District Sports, we took part in multiple events including the girls' relay final that we previously qualified for. Considering the sweltering heat, we participated in many finals and although we didn't make the podium we did incredibly well. Despite not winning any trophies we were extremely proud and left with smiles on our faces.
by Albert and Mollie-Mae








Year 6

Last Wednesday, most of the Year 6s arrived at PGL in Hailsham. Over the three days we took part in many different activities including: zipwire, rock climbing, Jacob's Ladder, archery, rifle shooting, orienteering and a sensory trail. We also had different activities each evening.

We left on Friday at 2pm and arrived at school at 5.30pm. We had all had a wonderful time at PGL but were happy to be back home in our beds!

Albert said, "I thought the activities were very exciting!"
Nazar said, "The activities were extremely good!"

by Jayden and Nazar













Year 5

We have continued our self-portrait work in art this week. After creating pencil portraits by trying to draw quickly using one continuous pencil line, we used tracing paper to turn the lines into poems portraits. We have now made backgrounds using torn, coloured paper, which we will use to complete our pictures. This unit of work involves creating interesting portrait drawings using words, experimenting with materials and techniques, and constructing self-portraits that represent aspects of ourselves.








Year 4

This week in History, we were learning about how the Mayans lived their lives. In groups, we had to research different areas of Mayan life such as: clothing, children and homes. We used a range of secondary sources to gather our information. Then, like in a museum, we walked around to different areas and learnt from what others had researched.







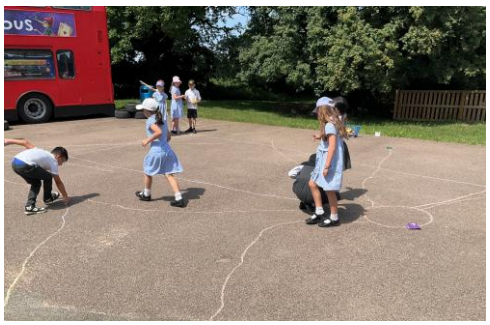
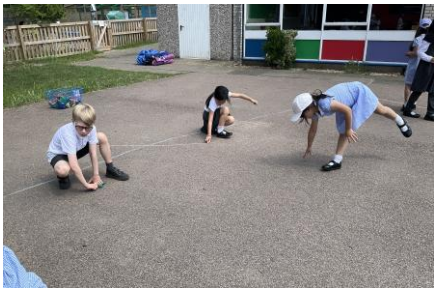
Year 3

This week we looked at seed dispersal in science and the different ways seeds are spread. We looked at why seeds need to disperse and the things plants need in order to grow. After completing a sorting activity, we focused on exploding seeds and had a go at dispersing our seeds outside in a practical way.

We stood in a circle and then threw a beanbag (representing a seed) outwards. We made a note of where it landed and then counted the number of steps the seed travelled. Once this was done, we discussed which seeds would have had the most chance of germinating and made a reflection in our books about what we learnt.







Year 2

This week in computing we have been continuing our digital music unit. We discussed that music is full of patterns and used chrome music labs to create some pattern songs. Then we thought of an animal and created a digital rhythm to represent that animal thinking about the instruments, tempo and pattern that we could use to represent our animals. Finally, we created a sequence of notes in a pattern to add to our compositions and saved them.
We hope you enjoy listening!

Baby bunny falling over - https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Song-Maker/song/6556165642780672
Woodpecker - https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Song-Maker/song/6369872610721792
Kitten meowing - https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Song-Maker/song/5947660145655808
Komodo Dragon - https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Song-Maker/song/6417329616977920
Crocodile swinging his tail at the end - https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Song-Maker/song/4687638845587456






Year 1

This week in PE, we looked at developing our throwing for accuracy. We practised our underarm and overarm throws by aiming for different hoops.
In teams we then played tic-tac-toe. We had to aim and throw our beanbag into a hoop; this developed our throwing skills and our thinking skills to try to block our opponents from winning!








Reception

We have been enjoying talking about the Explorify Science zoom-in zoom-out activity to guess what the picture was…many of us worked it out from the second clue e.g., a snail after originally thinking it may be baked beans!

We have created clay snails using our fine motor and art and design skills.
We have really enjoyed learning about the butterfly life cycle and have enjoyed dressing up as the Very Hungry Caterpillar, observing our class caterpillars growing so quickly and watching information PowerPoints about life cycles of butterflies and moths.
We found out that the pupa stage of a moth is called a cocoon and for a caterpillar it is a chrysalis!
We have also been introduced to the long word ‘metamorphosis’ through information books that we have looked at.

Finally, we really enjoyed creating fruit kebabs using some of the healthy fruit that the Very Hungry caterpillar ate!











The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:



Harry P, Freddie



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



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Harrison
Year 1: Sophie
Year 2: Charlie



Star Writer awards

Year R: Lennie
Year 1: Reuben
Year 2: Hope
Year 3: Oscar T
Year 4: Zainab
Year 5 Eve
Year 6: Thomas



Times Tables Rock Stars Award

Year 3



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



Showing lovely respect to others, being helpful and for persevering with his work: Hugo

Working well in a team in PE and showing equality to each other: Anna, Matty, Austin

Showing such perseverance in maths: Lacie

Demonstrating our REPS consistently and working so hard in lessons: Imogen

Having the confidence to share her knowledge in RE: Sara

Showing respect and thoughtfulness on our class visit to Tara's Retreat: Cece-Blue

Brilliant confidence and self-belief making his sports club advert in science: David

Certificates of Merit



Continuing to be a role model for diligence! Avraaj

Practising and performing so well in English: Tilly

Being so enthusiastic during our computing this week: Kira

Using a word publisher to produce a fantastic start to your instructions quest: Sofia

Brilliant work during English this week: Karen

An excellent attitude to all her learning: Lizzy

A creative and thoughtful sculpture in art to represent himself and for working hard in science: Nazar

Sport Certificates

Being a brilliant rhythmic caterpillar and butterfly in dance this week! Elliot



Using both overarm and underarm throws in PE according to distance: George

Excellent accuracy when rolling during our target games lesson: Minnie

Encouraging others, being supportive and making progress in the rounders lesson this week: Parker

Showing excellent golf skills and precision during golf this week: Harry P

Striking the ball well in golf: Alex

Brilliant tennis skills this week and working hard to improve: Hailey

Representing the school brilliantly at District Sport this week and performing well despite the heat! Imogen, Alexa, Matilda, Georgia, Hadley, Sara, Meral, Emily, Eve, Reagan, Hailey, Mollie-Mae, Casley, Yan Ting, Olivia, Daniel, Faris, Artie, Harry, Oscar, Hugh, Stefan, Albert, Harry, Henry, Spencer, Thomas