SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 27th June 2025

The attendance winners for this week are Reception with 98.8%



Number of late in each class this week:

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



The attendance champions for this month are Year R with 99.4%

As we already have a non-school uniform day on Friday 4th July (in exchange for a bottle for the bottle tombola at the Summer Fair) Mrs Hardie will think of a suitable reward!

‘Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

We had a fantastic Sports Day yesterday and, whilst we experienced a short rain shower during lunch, the sun shone and everyone had a great time. Thank you to all of you for coming and supporting your child/ren and, most of all, thank you to Miss Everall for her hard work in planning and organising such a great day.

It is that time of year where we begin to think of the academic year ahead.
Below are the classes for next year and the staff in each year group.
Children will spend an hour with their new teacher on Thursday 10th July where they can start to get to know each other a little before September.

Year group	Teacher	Teaching Assistant *Predominantly in the classes below – there may be some flexibility on a need-by-need basis*
Reception	Mrs Hardie	Mrs Di Fonzo
Year 1 / 2	Miss Everall	Mrs Lewis
Year 3	Mrs Barrasso	Mrs Woolard
Year 4	Mrs Allard	Mrs Sykes Ms Littlechild
Year 5	Mr Riley & Miss Loh	tbc
Year 6	Mrs Kennedy	Miss Roberts

Miss Loh, who has been working here as a teaching assistant for the last couple of years, is an experienced qualified teacher and has been waiting to obtain Qualified Teaching Status in the UK. This was completed last term, so Year 5 will have both Mr Riley and Miss Loh teaching them Mon-Wed and Miss Loh teaching them Thursday & Friday. We are looking into recruiting a part-time teaching assistant to support in Year 5 next year.
You will have noticed that Mr Robbins’ and Mrs Hunt’s names do not appear. Sadly, Mr Robbins, will be leaving us next month to ease himself (slowly) into retirement. He has worked at Sandridge for eight and a half years and taught Years 3-5 during that time. Mrs Hunt is moving on to a new position in an Early Years setting. She has worked at Sandridge for four and a half years in Years 4-6. Both will be greatly missed by us all and, of course, we will give them a proper ‘send-off’ at the end of term.
Mr Robbins may even return to do some supply cover in the future so he doesn’t get too bored!

Next week looks set to be a hot one! Please ensure your child puts sunscreen on before school and brings a hat and a water bottle. We are always mindful of how much time they spend outside on very hot days so please be reassured we will make sure they experience plenty of shade and will be encouraged to drink a lot of water.

Enjoy the weekend ☺

Sports Day

In the morning, KS1, Reception and Year 3 participated in the first sports carousel of the day. There were 7 stations in total and the class leaders, Mollie-Mae, Henry and Reagan, took each class round the stations while the other members of Year 6 demonstrated the activities. Once the younger children had finished the carousel, Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in a slightly more competitive series of events. With the Year 6s getting very competitive, it made for an exciting announcement of the Sports Day winners!
by Mollie Mae and Kai

During the afternoon, we completed races such as skipping, obstacle and sprints. At the end, Year 5 and 6 ran a 400m lap of the field as long distance. “My favourite race was the long distance,” said Mollie-Mae. “My favourite was skipping,” said Kai.
In the end Earth claimed the cup and everyone thoroughly enjoyed participating.
by Reagan and Henry











World Games

Last Friday 20th June, six Year 4s and the Sports Ambassadors participated in the World Games Sporting Event. This year the theme was the Women's Euros so every two schools were given a competing country. Sandridge and Garden Fields were given England.

Throughout the event we completed various activities, ranging from netball and rugby to dance and Drumba. Stephanie in Year 4 said, "My favourite one was Drumba because it was very energetic." "I enjoyed cycling because it was the most free activity" said Henry, also in Year 4. We found that Drumba and cycling were the major favourites, but every activity had its pros. Henry, a Year 6 Sports Ambassador liked Football Freestyle where you performed tricks with a football.

During the lunch break, the Sports Ambassadors took part in a quiz involving questions related to sport and the Euros.

Everyone enjoyed the day and felt glad to take part!

by Reagan and Henry













Year 6

In art, we chose five different materials to create a sculpture that represented ourselves. They could be abstract or literal sculptures. It was lovely to see such a range of ideas and to then hear the reasons behind the creations.

“My sculpture represents kindness, love and people hearing my voice. I am loved by my mum, family and friends. Kindness because everyone is kind and respectful to me and my voice is heard by my teachers, classmates, friends and my mum!” Tuba

“My sculpture represents the love I have for my family and friends. The two straws are me and my family and they are bound together by the pipe cleaners because we are bound together by love. The pom-poms represent my family and the pipe cleaners are my love!” Andrew

“My sculpture represents my bedroom. In it is a bed because I love sleeping and there is food because I love to snack and eat food. The blue square represents a TV.” Kai

“I made a monster to represent my inner anger but I made it fluffy on the outside because my family say I'm fluffy.” Ellie

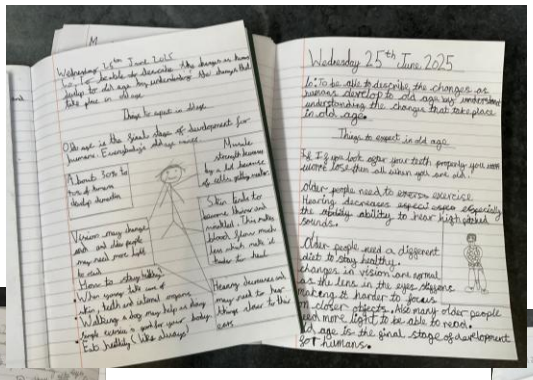


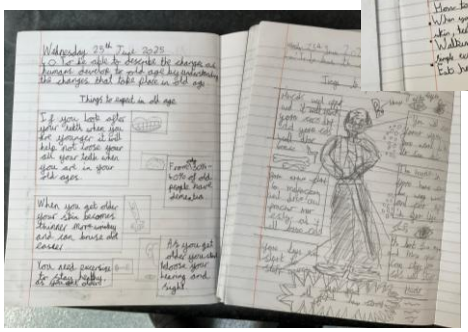
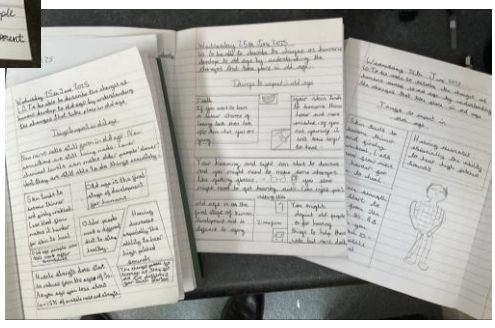





Year 5

In science this week, we have continued our work about lifecycles. We have moved on from insects, plants and amphibians to learn about mammals and in particular humans. Having investigated human growth in infants, this week we looked at the final stage in the human life-cycle - old age. We discussed and researched the facts and assumptions that we make about what happens to us as we get old and produced a page in our science books titled – ‘What to expect in old age’.



Year 4

This week in Maths, we have been learning about measures – finding missing lengths and perimeter. On Wednesday, we had an Active Maths lesson. Firstly, we had to run and get a rectangle. We then had to measure the sides and add to find the perimeter. Once we had done that, we had to find the matching perimeter measures card. For our next task, we had to find different rectangles around the classroom and use rulers and metre sticks to measure the perimeter, recording this in a table.









Year 3

We have been completing some artwork ready for the art gallery and have been really proud of our achievements. We had learnt about the Ancient Egyptians in History so we decided to create our own chalk pastel pictures of Tutankhamun. To finish the pictures, we wrote in hieroglyphs to make a border to frame our masterpieces.



Year 1

This week, we started our final artwork from our unit 3D sculptures. We used our skill of rolling paper to make lots of struts. We had to choose 10 to make 8 legs. We carried on making struts for a head and a body.
We then turned it into a giant spider!







Year 2 & Reception

We had a fantastic time on our trip to Knebworth House, Gardens and Park! We were complimented more than once for our knowledge and amazing behaviour!

We learnt about trees and saw a Californian Red Wood tree. When asked about how old we thought it might be Lennie said, “It’s over 100!” (it was 160) and “It’s very tall!”
We found out that it needed to drink 2000 litres of water a day!
Harrison knew that because it didn’t lose its leaves it was an ‘evergreen’ tree.
We couldn’t believe that one is so big a car can drive through it’s trunk at the bottom!
We looked at an old oak tree and found out that it was 300 years old!

When we went in the walled garden, we were asked why people grow vegetables and fruit. Mae said, “So we can eat the food.” Lennie (YR) said that we grow flowers “…because they are pretty.” Oscar knew there was ‘pollen’ and ‘nectar’ in the flowers and that they needed ‘pollinating’ by bees. Oscar also knew that insects carry seeds in pollination and the wind carries them so plants can grow in different places. Lenny (Y2) said, “It was funny when we saw the bunny in the garden because it ran into the bushes and the gardener told us that the rabbit wasn't allowed to be there because it eats all the veggies!”.

We learnt about some different herbs and what they were used for and we loved making and smelling our lavender bags.

We really enjoyed looking at all the dinosaurs and practising saying their names. Mrs Hardie thought that we could have all fitted in the prehistoric crocodile’s mouth but we didn’t try it!

Year 2 and Reception continued

After lunch, we went to Fort Knebworth and played on swings, zip wires, and we were even just tall enough to go on the big slides. Some of us had never been on a slide like this before and it was absolutely delightful to share their joy at this unique experience!

Well done everyone – what a wonderful day!


















The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:

Elliot, Ettie, Oliver, Alexa, Charlie M

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



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Oscar
Year 1: Ali
Year 2: Isabelle

Star Writer awards

Year R: Harrison
Year 1: Nancy
Year 2: Mohamad
Year 4: Imogen
Year 5 Phoebe
Year 6: Cherry

Times Tables Rock Stars Award

No class winner this week as only 7 children across the whole school played it!

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

Persevering and showing more self-belief when making and adapting junk models this week: Pip

Persevering in Sports Day, especially in the skipping race, you kept going the whole way following advice given: Cherry

Showing such perseverance during sports day and giving your all: Ettie

Being a consistently kind and caring member of the class who takes an active role in all lessons: Faris

Being amazingly supportive to his peers throughout Sports Day and persevering in every race: James

Showing perseverance and self-belief in his learning this week: Oliver

Being very respectful and mature during our PSHE lessons this week: Buzz

Certificates of Merit

Making us so proud for being complimented on your knowledge and fantastic behaviour on our trip! All of Reception

Working so hard in class this week: Ewan

Being so wonderful in our trip! All of Year 2

Concentrating intensely on your Egyptian art this week: Ralph

Constantly being a times tables superstar! Elsa

Being brilliantly helpful during Sports Day and competing successfully in the races! Meral

Always trying his hardest in lessons and having a respectful manner: Kai

Sport Certificates

Great skills in all our sports day activities and lovely 'team player' behaviour too! All of Reception

Having a fantastic attitude in the Sports Day races. You tried so hard in every race: Ted

Being so amazing in the races at Sports Day and giving 100% in each race! Archie

Your focus and control in golf this week: Oscar P

Representing the school brilliantly at District Sport this week: Artie

Striking the ball well in golf, even though she was playing one-handed and participating successfully in the Sports Day carousel of activities in the morning! Otti

Being brilliant in the cricket match this week and representing the school perfectly: Jinane