SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 17th October 2025

The attendance winners for this week are Year 1/2 & Year 5 with



Number of late in each class this week:

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



‘Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Halloween discos

Thank you to FOSS for organising and running this year’s Halloween discos. There was a great turn-out and children, staff and parents had a SPOOK-tacular time!

Harvest visit to St Leonard’s Church – next week

On Tuesday morning, next week, we are going to St Leonard’s Church for our annual Harvest Festival celebration. Children will learn about harvest around the world and sing some songs that we have been practising in assembly for the last few weeks.

If you are able to donate any of the items below, please send in with your child on Tuesday. They will take them to the church and put them on the harvest display and, afterwards, these donations will be distributed to those that need them within our community.

Tinned meat/fish/fruit/vegetables/soup/meals, sponge/rice puddings, coffee (small jars), long-life juice, UHT milk, pasta sauce, jams/spreads.
Shower gel, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, toilet rolls, washing up liquid, laundry detergent pods.

If, for religious reasons, you do not want your child to go to the church, please let the office know by the end of school on Monday.

Parent Consultations

Just a reminder, if you haven’t already done so, to book a parent consultation meeting with your child’s class teacher. Consultations are taking place in the hall next Tuesday (3:30-5:30p.m) and Thursday (3:30-7:00p.m). Please use this link to book: https://sandridge.schoolcloud.co.uk/

Primary Science Quality Mark – well done us!

And finally, we are proud to announce that we have been awarded the **Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM)**, a nationally recognised accreditation that celebrates a commitment to developing excellence in science leadership, curriculum design, teaching and learning.

In the feedback report, the assessor said:

‘Effective teaching and learning in science are supported by relevant professional learning’
‘Children’s work shows that the strategies introduced last year have positively impacted child-driven questioning, with children showing greater focus and more confidence in using the correct vocabulary to express ideas and ask questions that can be investigated.’
‘The school has a high proportion of EAL and SEND children, so it is great to read that the school’s focus on adaptive teaching, enrichment activities and cross curricular links has made science accessible and enjoyable for every child, and all can experience success. There is much to celebrate and enjoy. The school is well-placed to build upon this year as it continues to develop science in the future.’

Thank you to all staff who contributed to this award but a very special thank you and well done to Mrs Hardie, our Science Leader, whose drive and passion for Science and her leadership on this project has resulted in a fantastic award (and another badge) for our school. Mrs Hardie had to write many essays and self-evaluations, lead staff meetings and monitor various aspects of Science throughout last year on top of her teaching and leadership responsibilities, so – THANK YOU!

Have a good weekend 😊

FOSS

Last night, the Halloween disco was a great success. Lights, lasers and lots of fun was had by all. There were some amazing costumes and we made about £400.

Next Tuesday, after drop off, we have a parents' 'coffee and croissants' morning. Do come by and say hello. Miss Roberts will also be joining us.

Next Thursday, we will have a fancy-dress sale on the playground after school – we can continue to accept donations – please drop off at the school office.

The Winter Fair is on Tuesday 2nd December. It will, weather permitting, be outside with festive lighting, fireworks, food and drinks, performances from every class, and the school choir and lots of festive craft and games stalls.
Please donate toys, books, clothes, gifts, chocolate, sweets, cakes on the day, raffle prizes and games prizes.
You also have a chance to have a stall to sell arts, crafts, household items. Think car boot sale without the car!

We are also really pleased to say that we have a few new volunteers which is amazing. It makes everything so much easier. We are still hoping to grow the group so, if you are willing to help us make the FOSS events more amazing, please join our WhatsApp group by clicking on the link below or scan the QR code.

https://chat.whatsapp.com/JhyYmH6fo15HzS63Rf96dS?mode=wwc

Cross County

On Thursday, Oscar, Theo, Harry, Kam, Hugh, Jerome, Eve, Meral, Matilda and Amna all took part in the cross-country run at Fleetville. The highest finishers for the boys and girls were Oscar in 4th place and Meral in 14th place. Everyone tried their best and had lots of fun.

by Oscar and Theo



Year 6

This half term, in PE, we have been doing dance and OAA. Over the last three weeks in dance, we have been focusing on 70s disco dance. We have used the song, Car Wash by Rose Royce as our inspiration and used a range of disco moves e.g. grapevine, disco finger and rolling hands, to come up with a dance.

In OAA, we have been focusing on working in teams to solve problems. We have had to think carefully about strategies and cooperation in order to solve problems. Last week, we worked in teams to make bridges across a 'river' and fish for items using limited equipment. This week, we had to read a map to create a calculation, then use our maths skills to solve the problem.







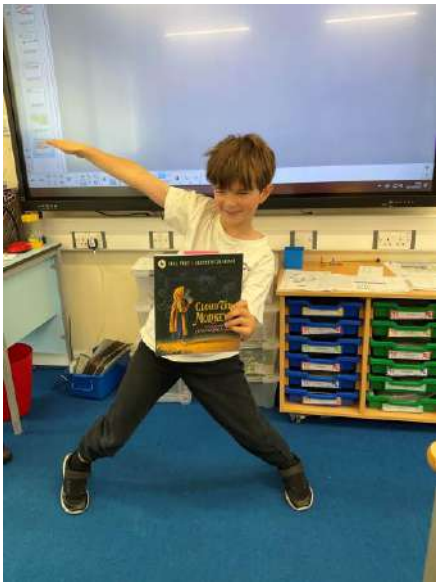




Year 5

This week in English, we continued our learning on writing to entertain using the book "Cloud Tea Monkeys" written by Mal Peet and Elspeth Graham. We identified language features for writing a setting description, and learnt how to write a short scene using correctly punctuated dialogues. In the lesson introducing the use of dialogues, children were invited to act out a scene in the story to spark ideas for creating a conversation in the speech.



Year 4

Recently, in science, we have been learning about food chains. During this learning, some of us asked about what would happen if an animal disappeared from the food chain. We decided to dive deeper into this idea and learnt about trophic cascades and the impact that a top predator has on its prey and how this can affect the entire food chain below. We were fascinated by the impact of reintroducing wolves into Yellowstone National Park and how this not only affected all of the animals but also the plants and even the rivers! We worked in a group to think of the positive and negative impacts as well as all the interesting things that we learnt.






Year 3

In art, we have been looking at Stone Age cave paintings and have combined our skills across the unit to create our final pieces. We had to use pencils to sketch the outlines and add outline details, watercolours to add the main colour and then charcoal for final outlines and detailing. When we had all finished, we created a floor gallery to look at how well had all done.











Year 1/2

In groups of four, we had to recreate different faces using a range of equipment. We were given some maps to help us know what equipment we needed and where it would go on the face.








Reception

We had a great time demonstrating our Superhero moves in PE last week and linking it to Supertato. We used the parachute for different Superhero activities too and pretended that it was made up of different coloured Superhero capes!






We have enjoyed role playing and making fruit kebabs using some of the fruit from the story 'Handa's Surprise' which is based in Kenya. We also thought about animals that live in Africa and used our fine motor skills to make puppets to re-enact the story with at home too.





Reception children and parents/adults had a very lovely, calm and motivated reading time on the bus this week.






The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:



Zahra, Malak, Mohamad



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



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Rocco
Year 1/2: Liam



Star Writer awards

Year R: Markos
Year 1/2: Zahra
Year 3: Charly
Year 4: Wilfred
Year 5 Aras
Year 6: Eve



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



Lovely perseverance in all his activities and always working hard at his adult learning tasks: Elijah

Showing such wonderful perseverance and self-belief in your writing. You have already made so many improvements: Elliot

Consistently showing respect for others and the classroom and being a caring member of the class: Ellie

Showing self-belief and perseverance this week in the face of challenges: Oscar T

Persevering in maths this week and listening carefully: Freddie

Perseverance in maths this week showing greater confidence and self-belief: Emily

Certificates of Merit



Some speedy subitising in maths this week and explaining his answers using more mathematical knowledge: Noel

Having such a wonderful attitude to your learning. You are trying so hard in all your book work and contributing on the carpet: Sophie K

Trying really hard to grasp our new subtraction borrowing method: Kira

Being such a 'hands up' star this week! Sofia

Always being eager to take up challenges in all her learning this week: Stephanie

For greater contributions in lessons and asking questions when she is unsure: Malak

Sport Certificates



Responding to and playing new games so well in PE this week: Oliver R

Being such a superstar skipper in PE: Oscar W

Working hard on your skipping rope skills! Isabelle

Being so fantastic in OAA working well with your partner to solve the clues on our mini-maps: Ralph

Being an excellent player in netball this week: Artie

Using excellent strategies and co-operation with his partner in OAA this week: Hugh & Karson