SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 9th October 2026

The attendance winners for this week are Reception/Year 1 with 99.4%



Number of lates in each class this week:

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



‘Head’lines (Mrs Lisa Harrison, Headteacher)

School Council

This week, we elected our class representatives for the School Council and spent time exploring the concept of **democracy**. Children in Year 6 who wished to stand for election prepared speeches and presented them in assembly on Monday. Pupils then voted for their preferred Year 6 representatives in their classrooms, while class representatives across the school were elected by their peers.

Our School Council representatives for this year are:

Year 1 – Mya and Jerry
Year 2/3 – Cherry and Oscar
Year 4 – Quinn and Charly BR
Year 5 – William and Daniel
Year 6 – Matilda (Chair) Georgia, Imogen

Congratulations to all of our elected representatives. We look forward to working with them throughout the year as they help to share ideas and make a positive contribution to school life.

Maths Workshop

We were delighted to welcome parents to our Maths Workshop last night. A huge thank you to **Mrs Kennedy** for the time and effort she put into planning and delivering the session, and to **Mrs Allard** and **Mrs Hardie** for supporting as her glamorous assistants!

The feedback from parents was extremely positive, and we hope everyone found the session both informative and helpful in supporting their child's learning at home.

Halloween Discos

Don't forget to book your child's place at next week's Halloween Discos, organised and run by **FOSS**. Further details can be found below.

Parent Consultations – booking system now live

Finally, our booking system is now open for Parent Consultations, which will take place on **Tuesday 20th October** and **Thursday 22nd October**.

Please do take the opportunity to book an appointment. These meetings provide a valuable chance to discuss how your child has settled into their learning this year, celebrate their successes, and look through their books to see the excellent progress they are already making. Click on the link below to book your appointment:

https://sandridge.schoolcloud.co.uk/

Please also see the separate flyer with information about mini-consultations with Lucy Farren, our Children’s Wellbeing Practitioner. If you would like to book a 15-minute slot with Lucy, please email admin@sandridge.herts.sch.uk or speak to the office staff.

Have a good weekend ☺

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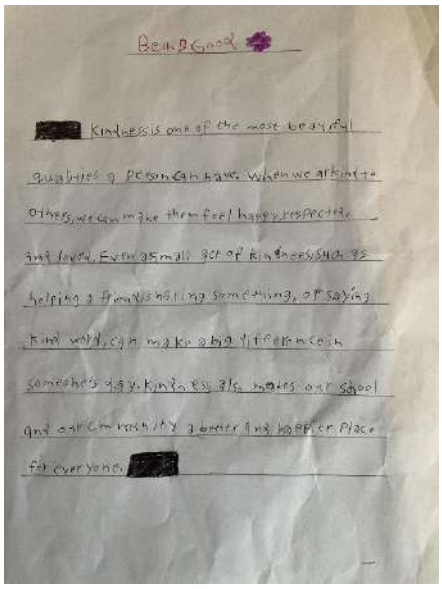
On Monday morning after drop off, we will be on the playground. Pop over for a chat and share any ideas or suggestions you have – we would really value your input to help shape what we do for the school community.

Please also buy your child's disco ticket – see details below and click on the link to buy tickets: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sandridgeschoolpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=122163



Year 6

This week, linked to The Kindness Challenge, we started off by watching a video on how kindness can be passed from person to person. We then thought about what kindness means to us and planned what we would do to share kindness during this week's challenge. We also considered what the world would look like in 20 years if everybody was kind all of the time. Today, linking to our art unit, we imagined that we were commissioned to create a mural with the theme, 'Kindness makes the Community Flourish'.











Year 5

Year 5 wrote poems about what kindness means to them. They also thought about positive things they noticed in others that make them 'sparkle'. They then wrote 'sparkles' for each other!

Kindness is respect not just for friends and family but also to everyone.
Kindness is to help the poor who need a home, no bullying or littering and stop cutting down the trees.
Kindness is doing chores with your family.
Emma, Evie and Su

Kindness is when you help people, make their day, and leave a smile on their face.
Kindness is helping your friends when they need help.
Wilfred and Ezmaye

Kindness is respecting each other and equality.
Kindness is including everyone, being supportive and helping.
Kindness is a big smile.
Sofia and Ralph



Year 4

As part of our ‘States of Matter’ unit, we investigated how long different types of chocolate, including white, milk and dark chocolate, take to melt. We began by learning about melting points before focusing on how to plan a fair scientific test. We discussed the variables that could affect melting time and identified the controlled variables we needed to keep the same. After carrying out our experiment, we compared our results and found that different groups recorded different melting times and conclusions. This encouraged us to explore possible reasons for the variation and identify factors we had not considered in our original planning. Most importantly, we learned that evaluating an experiment and thinking about how to improve it next time, are essential parts of working scientifically.








Year 2/3

Year 2 and 3 loved going outside during English this week. We have started a new unit of writing based on free verse poetry. We started by listening to ‘Words are Ours’ by Michael Rosen and ‘The Magic Box’ by Kit Wright and discussed our opinions of each poem. After learning about the features of a free verse poem, we were excited to begin planning our own. We are taking our inspiration from nature and have started to generate ideas using our outdoor environment to support us.








Reception/Year 1

Reception and Year 1 have thought about Supertato this week.
We all designed traps for the evil pea and this year, Year 1 brought their increased phonics, writing and labelling skills to the task. Then we all created our own traps.



We all enjoyed setting carrots free from being frozen in blocks of ice and mashing some evil peas!



Reception then went around school as superheroes with UV torches to blend and read some words behind Supertato and the evil pea.



Year 1 have also enjoyed learning about line, shape and portraits in art and focused on the artist Paul Klee as an influence for their own face shape portraits.



The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:



Tilly, Meraj



This week's Class Cup of Kindness is awarded to: Year 1



Reception Phenomenal Phonics awards

Markos



Star Writer awards

Year R/1: Alex
Year 2/3: Sophie

Year 4: Ettie
Year 5 Amelia
Year 6: Aliza



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

Persevering to focus on writing his name and also for creating a Supertato and friends! Azari

Showing perseverance in maths this week: Elliot

Voluntarily picking up litter from our playground during lunch breaks, showing respect for our school environment, kindness towards others and care for our wildlife: Amelie, Olivia

Greeting adults every morning politely, asking how we are and engaging in conversations enthusiastically: Teddy

Noticeably showing kindness, helping others and having exemplary manners: Matilda

Certificates of Merit

Doing so well with his counting activity this week and recording numbers well too: Ashar

Using excellent adjectives to describe what was around you during our nature walk: Cherry

Showing kindness and inclusivity by working positively with different classmates: Kira

Making positive choices about what will help him achieve most in lessons and for having incredible manners: William

Asking and answering questions throughout the curriculum and having such an inquisitive brain! James

Sport Certificates

Demonstrating some amazing superhero jumps and moves during PE and being a good team player too: Elijah

Fantastic control when changing speed while running during our fundamentals lessons: Harrison

Demonstrating great sportsmanship by persevering and giving her best in handball: Taliyah

Explaining her thinking well with her group in OAA and making sure everyone had a fair go: Sama

Excellent communication and map skills in OAA this week: Olivia Z