



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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19th January 2024

It is not very often that you are able to say that you have sung in a choir with 9,000 other people, but that is exactly what our pupils who participated in the Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena on Tuesday evening are able to say! It was a wonderful experience to be able to unite, through music, with so many other pupils from so many other schools. For those of you who have been to the O2 Arena, you will know how vast it is and for the singing to fill it, it really is quite something! By the time all the parents and carers had joined us, there were very few spare seats and the atmosphere in the venue was amazing. Those who performed as part of the mass choir will never forget the experience and it is something that I would encourage others to do in the future. Thank you to Mrs Bartlett for making all the arrangements and rehearsing with the children and thank you also to Miss Moore for giving up her time to accompany the trip. I would also like to thank Mrs Honour who had worked alongside Mrs Bartlett and the children in preparation and, on this occasion, we missed her and were sorry that she was unable to come with us.

As a school, we have continued to look at our half termly value of perseverance this week and how we must always strive to be better, be that in improving behaviour, increasing attendance levels or working on our academic standards. No school stands still and we are continually focused on school improvement, in which we all have a part to play. I have toured quite a number of prospective parents around the school since the beginning of term and one of the things that I always say to them – and will have said to many of you – is that education is a partnership: it's not just down to us as a school or to the parents and carers at home, it is when we all work together in partnership that we get the best outcomes for the children in encouraging them to be the best that they can be and we must never give up on that.

As Thomas Edison said: *"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."*

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher



Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Perseverance

So let us not become tired of
doing good; for if we do not
give up, the time will come
when we will reap the harvest.

Galatians 6:9



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HOUSEPOINTS



I am pleased to report that House Points this week were as follows:

236



175



191



166



Well done Badgers!

Running Totals:

373

376

337

334

STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were nominated by the TAs for good manners and joined Mr Petty on the Star Table .

Reception - Ellie

Year 1 - Max

Year 2 - Mohammed

Year 3 - Zikora-Reign

Year 4 - Jayin

Year 5 - Methuka

Year 6 - Jack

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

Reception - Aleena

Year 1 - Annabelle

Year 2 - Siyoth

Year 3 - Kyra

Year 4 - Tallulah

Year 5 - Adnan

Year 6 - Declan

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Mandela 95.3%



Curie 94%



Luther King 93.3%



Goodall 91.8%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
19th February—23rd February	Half Term
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Friday 8th March	PTA Mother's Day Sale
Thursday 28th March	End of Term— School ends 1:45pm
Monday 15th April	Inset Day—School Closed
Tuesday 16th April	Term Starts—Children back at 8:40am
Thursday 2nd May	Reception screening children born after 1st March
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday—School closed
27th May—31st May	Half Term
Friday 14th June	PTA Father's Day Sale
Saturday 22nd June	Summer Fayre
Thursday 4th July	Year 6 trip to Stanborough Water Park
Thursday 11th July	Transition Day
Tuesday 23rd July	End of Term— School ends 1:45pm
Monday 2nd September	Inset Day—School Closed
Tuesday 3rd September	Inset Day—School Closed
Wednesday 4th September	Term Starts—Children back at 8:40am

CLASS PE DAYS

Elizabeth	Tuesdays & Fridays	Indoors & Bikes and Scooters
Curie	Tuesdays & Fridays	Indoors & Outdoors
Hawking	Wednesdays & Fridays	Outdoors & Indoors
Mandela	Mondays & Wednesdays	Indoors & Outdoors
Attenborough	Mondays & Tuesdays	Swimming & Outdoors
Luther King	Mondays & Thursdays	Outdoors & Indoors
Goodall	Thursdays & Fridays	Indoors & Outdoors

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We are a welcoming Christian community where every child has the chance to flourish.

We bring and share joy, inspire daily and creatively equip children for the future.

We're thankful for all that God has provided; proud of where He has placed us; and excited at the potential to come.

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The C.S. Lewis Award for

Perseverance




"Overflowing with thankfulness, inspiration and joy"

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
(Galatians 6:9)

Prayer of the Week

If our school were in heaven, we would sweep the path clean.

If our school were in heaven, we would cultivate its garden.

If our school were in heaven, we would keep our things neat.

If our school were in heaven, we would display our work for the angels to see.

If our school were in heaven, we would treat everyone as a child of God.

So here on earth we will do these things and so make our school more like heaven. Amen

Reception - Elizabeth

It has been a great week in Elizabeth class. We have been learning about shapes, Dylan noticed that his sandwich is a rectangle shape. We also loved reading books by the author Jill Murphy, including our book for this term 'Whatever Next'.

Have a great weekend!

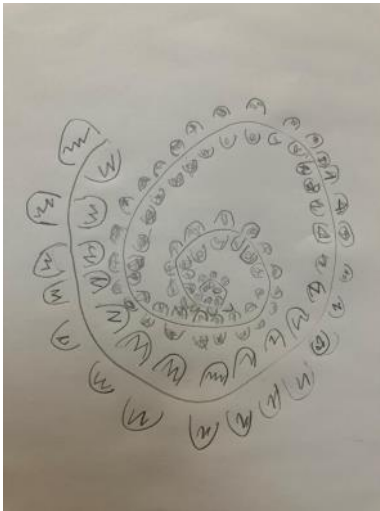
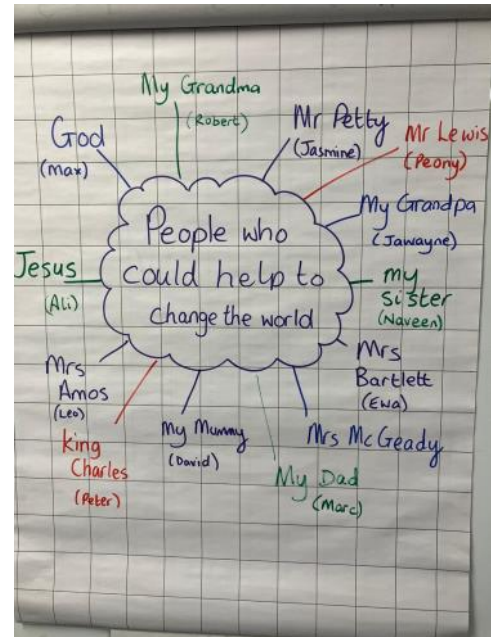


Year 1 - Curie

Another busy week in Curie Class. We have been busy writing our own versions of 'Handa's Surprise' and have enjoyed sharing these with other classes. In R.E., we have been thinking about people who could help to change the world and the children have suggested some lovely ideas including:- God, Jesus, King Charles, family members, staff members and even a family pet as 'he changes my world by loving me'.

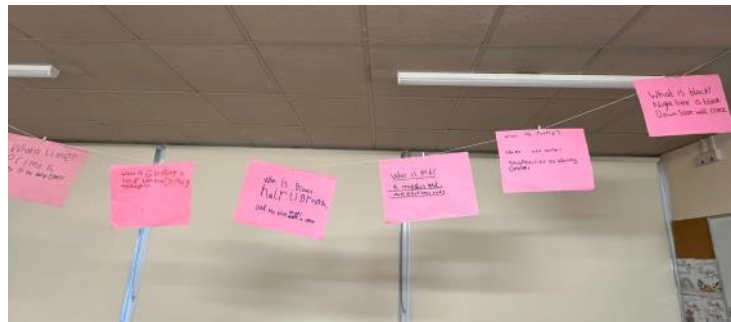
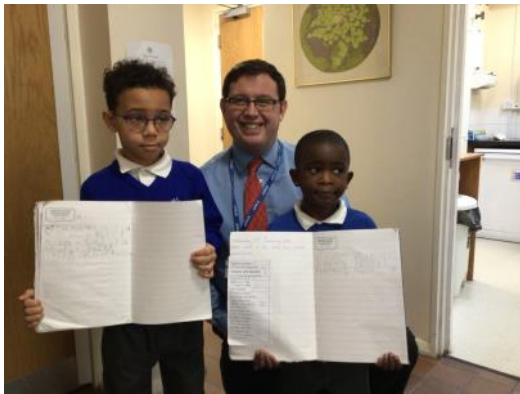
We have started a new topic in Art and have been exploring the 'Landart' work by artist Andy Goldsworthy. I'm sure you'll agree the children have worked very carefully on their sketches.

Have a great weekend.



Year 2 - Hawking

This week in Hawking class we have been focusing on list poems, which has included how they are written and performing them. We have had some fantastic pieces of work and even got to show some to Mr Petty! In Science we have been looking at different materials and why they are suitable for different objects. In Maths, we have been learning different methods of addition to support mental maths. We have had a fun afternoon in art, experimenting with sculptures and how we can make different shapes. As always, have a lovely weekend!



Year 3 - Mandela

Another great week in Year 3! In Maths we have been working hard and learning about column addition and different ways to add. In English, we have started looking at a new book 'War and Peas', we discussed how the King was very greedy and how it is better to share. During PE we took part in games to help us with team work and communication.



Year 4 - Attenborough

It has been a busy and exciting week in Year 4. In Maths, we have been looking at converting units of measurements. In English, we have been researching a city or country to help us write a persuasive tourist leaflet. In Science, we conducted an investigation to find out if different liquids decay teeth faster. The children put hard boiled eggs into water, vinegar, Coca Cola and coffee. We covered an egg in toothpaste and put it in a cup of coffee to see whether toothpaste prevents staining. In RE, we had a look at who Jesus' disciples were and the story of when Jesus first met them. In PE, we had a go at creating a balancing routine in gymnastics. It has been an exciting week and I look forward to another busy week next week.



Year 5 - Luther King

Another busy week in Luther King class this week. In Maths we have moved on to column multiplication and we have shown true resilience by attempting some 1 digit multiplied by 3 Or 4-digit numbers.

In English, our new book, *The Boy in the Tower*, has created lots of interesting discussions and we have looked at both the meaning of the vocabulary as well as inferring and predicting what is happening in the text.

This week was the last time the mini police were with us after many weeks of talking to Year 5 about a range of topics to keep ourselves and our community safe. The children will be preparing to present all they have learned to the rest of the school by making Power-Point presentations over the coming weeks. Another great week of hard work and lots of learning taking place in Year 5.



Year 6 - Goodall

In RE we are looking at some of the teachings of Jesus and explored his parable of the wise and foolish builder using spaghetti and marshmallows! It made us think about how building might be a bit tougher than we thought and the importance of firm foundations. We've also been looking at taking better photography in Art & Design, considering lighting, framing, perspective. Some of these photos will be used as we develop our own pieces reflecting identity over the next few weeks.



Young Voices

On Tuesday, we took 23 excited children to the O2 arena in London to be part of the World's largest children's choir. Alongside guest musicians, singers, dancers and a very talented rapper, there were 9027 children at the O2, all singing and dancing to a full audience. Our children performed brilliantly and were a pleasure to be with. They listened to and followed important instructions and were a credit to you and to the school. Thank you to Mr Petty and Miss Moore for accompanying me and our wonderful choir, to take part in this amazing experience. We are already looking forward to Young Voices 2025! Watch this space for further details!

Mrs Bartlett



Ayaan in Year 6 came first in a roller-skating competition. Well done to him!

