



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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It has been a busy week at St Mary's and one of the best things has been witnessing so many positive interactions between the children. However, we have also had some poor behaviour demonstrated this week too and this sometimes appears to be a continuation of things that are going on outside of school and, with some of the older children, things that are going on through social media. I would ask parents of children who are using social media platforms to firstly be mindful of age restrictions that apply and secondly to the content of what pupils are sometimes posting.

This weekend sees Holocaust Memorial Day being marked and it gives us a chance to reflect on not only the persecution of the Jewish people during the Second World War, but it also allows us to think about all prejudice that continues to exist in the world today. People continue to be ostracised because of their race, the colour of their skin, their gender, their sexuality, their religion and the list goes on. We should never stand by and accept it.

I am reminded of the famous poem by Pastor Martin Niemöller, written at the time of the Second World War, when different groups were being persecuted:

First they came for the Communists  
And I did not speak out  
Because I was not a Communist  
Then they came for the Socialists  
And I did not speak out  
Because I was not a Socialist  
Then they came for the trade unionists  
And I did not speak out  
Because I was not a trade unionist  
Then they came for the Jews  
And I did not speak out  
Because I was not a Jew  
Then they came for me  
And there was no one left  
To speak out for me

It is wrong that persecution like this still happens in our world today and we must never stand aside and watch it happen. We all have our part to play in making the world a better place.

As Anne Frank said: "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

**Adrian Petty**

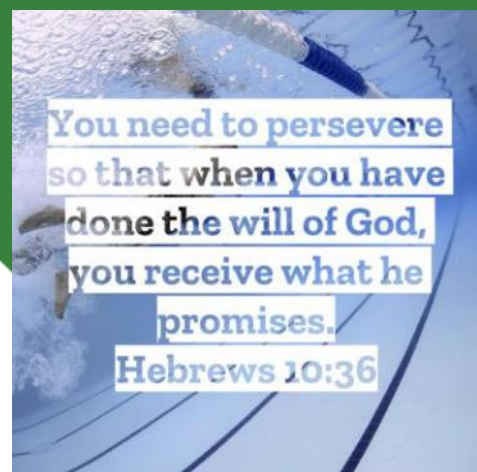
**Headteacher**



*Flourish for the future*

Our value this half term is:

# Perseverance



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# HOUSEPOINTS



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

**647**



**520**



**412**



**623**



**Well done Badgers!**

Running Totals:

**1020**

**896**

**749**

**957**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

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

**Reception - Verity**

**Year 1 - Peter**

**Year 2 - Toby**

**Year 3 - Daisy**

**Year 4 - Sheyni**

**Year 5 - William**

**Year 6 - Johann**

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

**Reception - Pahandi**

**Year 1 - Ewaolorun**

**Year 2 - Cale**

**Year 3 - Freddie**

**Year 4 - Jayden**

**Year 5 - Rocky-James**

**Year 6 - Sophie**

## ATTENDANCE STARS

**Mandela 96.9%**



**Attenborough 95%**



**Elizabeth 94.8%**



**Luther King 94.4%**



**Curie 92.7%**



**Hawking 91.4%**



**Congratulations to all these children.**

# 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 12pm till 4pm
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

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

Dear God,

We think of the people we know today who help us to follow Jesus.  
We think of the people from days gone by whose stories help us to follow Jesus.

We think of their wise words and their good deeds and ask you to help us to follow Jesus.

Amen

## Reception - Elizabeth

It has been another busy and fun week in Elizabeth Class! We acted out the story of *Whatever Next?* by Jill Murphy and did some story sequencing with pictures from the book and in Maths we have been investigating length and height and comparing playdough worms! In RE we looked at the current theme of perseverance - we read the story of Joseph and his multi-coloured coat and saw how he thrived despite all the challenges that came his way. We look forward to more adventures in our learning next week.

Have a lovely weekend!



## Year 1 - Curie

This week, Curie Class have been enjoying a new book called 'Mr Big'. They have been considering how the main character is feeling and also what the other characters think about 'Mr Big'. We are very proud of how they are developing their independence in writing. In Maths, we have been exploring different Maths vocabulary that mean the same thing i.e. total, sum, altogether, equals and the children have been working out different calculations using addition and subtraction. They are really enjoying their P.E. sessions with Mr Kilpatrick where they are developing their 'sending and receiving' skills and using teamwork. In R.E. we have been considering the question 'What is forgiveness?' and the children have thought of some thoughtful answers. Have a lovely weekend.



## Year 2 - Hawking

Yet another busy week in Hawking class with the children becoming sculptors and scientists. We have been looking at which materials would be most suitable for an umbrella which was a lot of fun! In Art, we have been looking at Niki De Saint Phalle, a famous sculpture, and we have been trying to replicate one of her famous pieces. In English, we have still been looking at poetry and have published our own poems called 'This is Autumn' which we are all so proud of as the children worked so hard to present their work so neatly. Have a fantastic weekend!



## Year 3 - Mandela

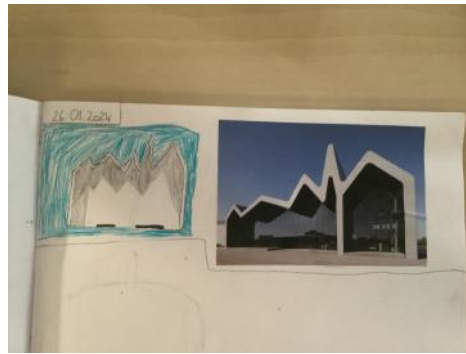
This week, Mandela class have worked incredibly hard both in and out of class. A very big well done to Lily, Zikora-Reign and Rhisika for singing their hearts out last week in Young Voices.

Miss Ellis and I would also like to say a very big 'we're proud of you' to all of you for your excitement and interest in all the extra-curricular activities you attend after school.

Mandela class have also completed some fantastic sketching of famous architecture. We have learned the art of thinking out of the box and persevering. We have been looking at our own work positively and constructively critiquing it.

We have also welcomed Kameel into our class and hope you love learning with us as much as we do!

Please keep practising your column method with regrouping for homework, reading and times tables as this is what we will be tested on in Year 4.



## Year 4 - Attenborough

It has been another busy and productive week in Attenborough class. In Maths, we have been continuing to look at converting units of time. Using their new knowledge the class have been solving a variety of questions. In English, the class have been working hard to create leaflets persuading their audience to come and visit a certain country or city. At the end of the week the class made presentations about their countries adding pictures and facts that would make people want to visit the chosen country. In Science, we observed the results of the experiment we had conducted the week before. All the class were excited and engaged to see what had happened to the eggs. In PE, we have been looking at balancing and jumps in gymnastics. In RE, we looked at how clergy members follow the teaching of Jesus. The class came up with a lot of interesting questions we are hoping to ask Reverend Ruth. We finished off the week by having a wonderful Art lesson where we looked at collaging and using different materials to make art.



## Year 5 - Luther King

We have been very busy concentrating on our writing in English, focusing on including dialogue or speech and choosing vocabulary to create tension. We even wrote our own news reports linked to our text 'The boy in the Tower'. We have discussed how the author Polly Ho-Yen used a variety of techniques to create tension. Everyone in Luther King enjoyed the lesson where we got to re-enact a part of the story and a good discussion followed on what the characters would have been feeling. It was particularly nice to hear pupils give positive feedback to one another about the performances. We definitely have some potential Hollywood stars in the making.

In Maths we are continuing with our column multiplication and with lots of practice we can see the pupils' confidence growing. Let's keep practising those times tables too.

We have been using our online learning platform, Purple Mash, to create our own maze games. We have 3 levels to build with themes to choose for each. Some of us have chosen football theme, castle theme and ocean theme. When they are complete in a few weeks' time, we will be having a 'Game Afternoon' so we can play each other's computer games.



## Year 6 - Goodall

In Science, we've been exploring electricity, and we were challenged to look at the effects of power on bulbs and buzzers. It gave us an opportunity to consider the scientific method and to think about how scientists investigate changes such as these. In English, we've been learning about formal persuasive letter writing and working together to write one as though we were helping evacuees in World War 2. In Maths, Mr Guilder introduced us to BIDMAS and we've been solving lots of arithmetic and problem-solving questions around this.

For homework we've got a Maths progress sheet (with topics we've already covered) and in English a comprehension on retrieving information.

