



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Spring Term Issue 6
16th February 2024

It has been a busy week to finish the first half of the Spring term and the pupils have been working hard. As I have gone around the school this week, I have seen astronaut helmets being made in Year 2, as part of their History topic on Neil Armstrong; clay models being made in Year 5 and pancakes and London landmarks being made in Year 1. There has been some really exciting, creative and innovative work taking place. We also had another football match this week for our team at Oak View Primary School and, although we didn't win, once again the teamwork that was demonstrated by those playing was terrific. On Wednesday, we also had our Year 5 Mini Police

Assembly. This is the culmination of the work our Year 5 pupils have been doing with our local Community Police Support Officers over a number of weeks. The Year 5s did presentations on a number of topics that they have been learning about such as hate crime, road safety, water safety and drugs.

The presentations were well put together and were informative in their content. We are very grateful to our Community Police Support Officers for the time they give to working with our Year 5s.

The Local Authority Attendance Officer came to visit this week and was impressed by the improvement we have made. However, the best result this week is Year 1 who got 100% attendance for the week!

Well done, Year 1!

A separate letter has gone out today to introduce the survey we are doing to assess the demand for wraparound care at St Mary's. We feel that it is timely to look at this again and want to get the views of our parents and carers in order to see if there is sufficient demand to reintroduce it. Any wraparound care would be chargeable, but the survey at this stage is simply assessing demand. If you wish to take part in the survey it will be open until

Wednesday 28th February.

This week has seen the start of the Church's season of Lent and the period of preparation as we move towards Easter. It was very special on Wednesday morning when Rev Ruth came into school to lead a short Ash Wednesday service, when staff and pupils, if they wanted to, had crosses of ash imposed on their foreheads. It was a very poignant way in which to begin the Lenten season.

I will leave you with the following quote for Lent:

"Lent is not something we do for God, it is something we do with God"

Have a good half term.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher



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:

188



184



188



309



Well done Squirrels!

Running Totals:

1846

1560

1382

1772

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Isla-Mae

Year 1 - David

Year 2 - Thomas

Year 3 - Raphael

Year 4 - Izzy

Year 5 - Hollie

Year 6 - James

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

Reception - Ava

Year 1 - Ali

Year 2 - Harrison

Year 3 - Shalom

Year 4 - Diksha

Year 5 - Chloe

Year 6 - Ayaan

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Curie

100%



Hawking

95.5%



Luther King

94.4%



Mandela

92%



Elizabeth

90.4%



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
13th May—17th May	Key Stage 2 SATs week
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

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

Dear God,

help me to welcome challenges and to persevere in them.

When it seems easier to slack off than work hard, help me to remember that you have given me a spirit of self-discipline.

Amen

Reception - Elizabeth

This week Elizabeth Class have had a busy time learning all about Lent and using their cutting skills to make funny pancake faces by cutting out fruit and vegetable pictures and sticking them onto their 'pancakes'. They enjoyed learning about Ash Wednesday and many of them were proud to keep their ash crosses on their foreheads or hands all day! They also had a lot of fun with paint and glitter making and writing their lovely Valentines cards to take home. In Maths we are learning a number bond rhyme and also learning to measure using non-standard measures such as cubes, fingertips and big strides. We have also been continuing to learn about the seasons and practising our seasons song. In PE we have had fun practising our throwing skills and playing fun games with beanbags and cones!

I hope you all have a lovely half term break!



Year 1 - Curie

Year 1 have had an incredibly busy week and will need a rest next week! This week we asked the pupils for their thoughts of the past week for the newsletter. This is what they said!

In Year 1 this week, I've loved everything - London Landmarks, pancakes and valentines art (Ewa)

My best thing was making my Tower Bridge (Max)

I loved Phonics (Peter)

I loved Maths. We were counting in 2s, 5s and 10s (Robert)

I loved Music and making the London Eye (David)

Making pancakes and eating them was great! (Ali)

Making my model of the Shard was fun (Leo)

I loved making our information posters in English (Sofia)

I loved making my Big Ben model (Peony)

Making my model of the Ghurkin was really good (Marc)

I like Big Ben model (Naveen)

Have a great half term, see you all on 26th February.



Year 2 - Hawking

This week in Hawking class we have been focusing on our final pieces for art, sculpture. The children used clay to create a sculpture in the style of Niki De Saint Phalle. They have learned techniques to mould clay, what works, and what doesn't work in terms of structure and stability of a sculpture. In English, we have been creating 'missing' poster and re-enacting the story, Dogger. In Maths, we have been consolidating our learning of addition and subtraction and even using our skills to solve complex word problems. In History, the children made some wonderful space helmets, just like Neil Armstrong. I hope you all have a relaxing half term break!



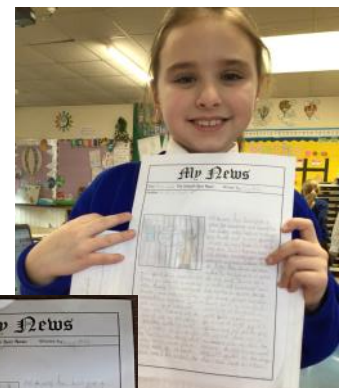
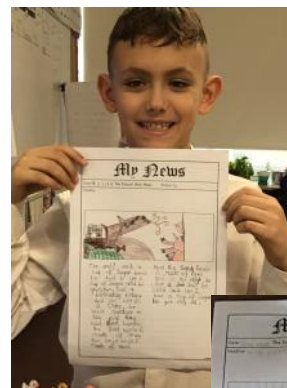
Year 3 - Mandela

Happy last week of persevering through hard work Mandela Class! We have been looking at 'The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs' and introduced how to add inverted commas in our writing as speech. We have completed our own newspaper report as journalists to complete this part of our studies.

Mandela class have also completed some fantastic Religious Education lessons on Hinduism. We have learned who Vishnu, Brahma and Shiva are and the importance of the Lotus flower. In Maths, we have learned about Angles. We have explored Acute, Right Angles and Obtuse Angles but finding these different angles in the playground and drawing them ourselves.

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

Please keep practising spellings, work on Angles, reading and times tables on Purple Mash as this is what we will be tested on in year 4.



Year 4 - Attenborough

It has been a very busy and productive Spring Term 1; Attenborough class have been working incredibly hard on ensuring we are producing quality work and making the right choices. This week in English, we have been working on our own version of the story of 'Leon and the Place Between', the children have been using descriptive language and dialogue to create their stories. In Maths, we have been looking at how to find the perimeter of a shape. We created our own shapes and played a perimeter game to help enhance the children's understanding and learning. In History, the class have really enjoyed learning about the Anglo-Saxons, this week we focused on the mystery of Sutton Hoo. In RE, we consolidated our learning and assessed what we had learnt in our unit this term, the children linked and connected their ideas using our hexagon assessment tool. In Science, the class have loved learning about teeth and digestion, we finished the unit off looking at food chains and what different animals eat. In Art, we started to produce our collage piece, focusing on different colours. I hope you all have a wonderful and restful half term break; I am looking forward to another busy and exciting half term when we get back.



Year 5 - Luther King

In English, we have finished our chapter and like real authors we took time to edit our work and we published our final piece taking pride to either write it out or type it on a chrome book ready for our readers to enjoy.

On Tuesday we had a science day planning and carrying out an investigation into thermal conductors and insulators. Year 5 used ice cubes and made predictions about when the ice would melt the quickest.

In Maths, we continued looking at fractions and which fractions are equivalent; Year 5 are getting really good knowing their equivalent fractions.

On Wednesday we had the mini police in for the last time and everyone in Year 5 had prepared a PowerPoint in their groups to present to all of KS2 to recap what we have learned about keeping ourselves and our communities safe. All the Year 5 pupils received a certificate and several gifts to remind them of all their fantastic learning.

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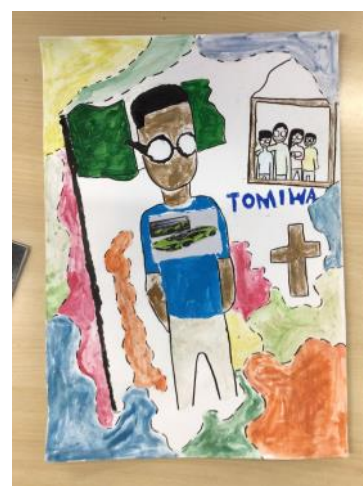
We also spend time making our own pots based on our learning about Ancient Greece and the famous pots that have been found as artifacts from that time-period. In Art over the past weeks, we have been learning all about these pots and the different distinctive designs that made them so special. The pupils in Luther King had already planned and designed their own pots in their sketch books but it was wonderful to see these designs come to life through the medium of clay.

As our termly value is perseverance, everyone in Luther King class has shown that they have lived by our slogan 'If at first you don't succeed, try, try again!' Let's keep up the good work Year 5.



Year 6 - Goodall

In Year 6 this week we have been creating 'Identity art pieces'.



Football match report

On Thursday afternoon, led by Mr Kilpatrick, a depleted Year 5 and 6 Football team went to Oak View Primary School in Hatfield. It was a really hard fought competitive match but unfortunately we lost 4-2. A fantastic effort from all involved. This is our last league game this School Year. We look forward to continuing on with the current Year 4 and 5 from September.

Ash Wednesday Service

Reverend Ruth joined us on Ash Wednesday to deliver her service and placed ashes on those children and staff that wished to have it.





If you have a missed call from school, please listen to your voice message prior to contacting us. The message may be for information only and there will be no need to call us back, or it may be a member of staff that has called you and the office won't know who to put you through to unless you have a contact name.

There is no need to call us if you receive a message from Medical Tracker informing you of an injury to your child. The school will always phone you if the injury is urgent.

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The Holy Family Catholic Primary School
Crookhams, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 1PG

PENALTY SHOOTOUT **FOOTBALL** **MEDALS AND PRIZES** **SHOOT LIKE RONALDO** **INFLATABLE GOAL** **FUN FOOTBALL GAMES**

Thursday 22nd Feb & Friday 23rd Feb

FULL DAY:
£25 per day
£50 for 2 days
Year 1 - 6 children
9AM-3PM

HALF DAY:
£14 per half day
£28 for 2 half days
Reception children
9AM-12:45PM

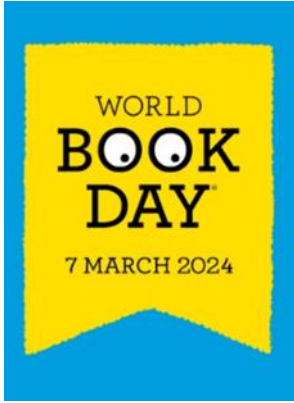
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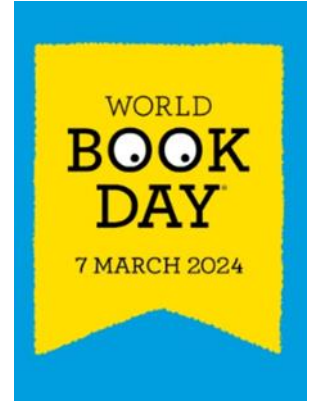
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World Book Day Competition!



To celebrate World Book Day this year and promote reading for pleasure, we invite you to enter a competition to show where you enjoy to read! We would like you to send photos of the children (and adults if you would like to join in!) reading a book. We will be giving prizes of book tokens to the most unusual place to read a book! Please send your photos to admin@stmarys565.herts.sch.uk by 6th March, 2024.

Happy reading

