



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been a busy week at St Mary's with the Year 6 pupils doing their final preparations before their SATs tests begin on Monday. It is so important that they get some rest over the weekend so that they are ready for the tests next week. Year 4 pupils have also been practising for their Multiplication Tables Check this week, which will take place after half term and I would encourage the Year 4 parents to work with the children on their times tables at home as it will help them with those tests.

Yesterday we had our annual Rainbow Run where the children wore a t-shirt in a colour that reflected our school values, they ran around the field and were then rewarded with an ice lolly afterwards. In the event, it was so warm that we reduced the number of laps that the children did of the field. At the end of the school day, we then had a cake sale organised by the PTA which, as always, proved very popular. I would like to thank all those parents who gave up their time yesterday to organise the Rainbow Run and the cake sale: we really appreciate the support that the parents give us with these events and the money they raise for the school. We are currently raising money for new playground equipment which will enhance the children's experience at break and lunchtime.

I am delighted to report that six out of our seven classes have achieved 94% or more attendance this week—this is really impressive and is definitely improving our attendance figures.

We are continuing to look at our half termly value of creativity. This week has marked the 200th anniversary of the first performance of Beethoven's ground-breaking Ninth Symphony - the first to have a choral element to it - and which, in more recent years, has been adopted as the European Anthem. Beethoven, who was proudly deaf by this point in his career, had to be turned around so he could see how much the audience appreciated the new work. He had used his creativity to produce something that is still celebrated 200 years later and we played part of it in Collective Worship this afternoon.

As Maya Angelou said: *"You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have."*

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher

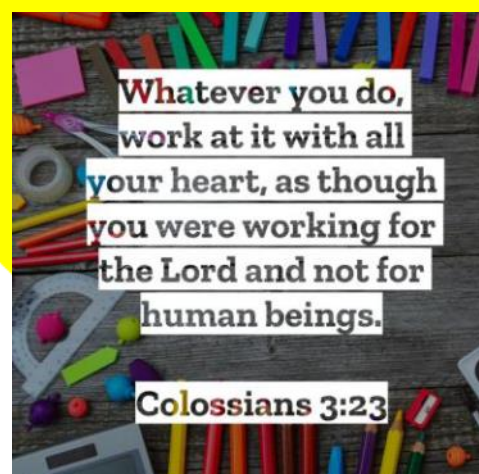
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Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Creativity



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HOUSEPOINTS



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

111



88



80



76



Well done Badgers!

Running Totals:

454

363

345

474

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Antonia

Year 1 - Ramatoulie

Year 2 - Elianna

Year 3 - Maria

Year 4 - Diksha

Year 5 - Adnan

Year 6 - Erfan

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

Reception - Cedric

Year 1 - Whole class

Year 2 - Davidzo

Year 3 - Isabella

Year 4 - Cristianna

Year 5 - Taylor

Year 6 - Sophia

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Elizabeth

97.5%



Mandela

96.9%



Hawking

96.1%



Curie

95.3%



Luther King

94.9%



Attenborough

94%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
13th May—17th May	Key Stage 2 SATs week
Monday 20th May	Class photos
Friday 24th May	Non-uniform day
27th May—31st May	Half Term
Tuesday 11th June	Parents' Evening—Remote 4:30pm till 7pm
Wednesday 12th June	Parents' Evening—In person 3:30pm till 5:30pm
Friday 14th June	PTA Father's Day Sale
Saturday 22nd June	Summer Fayre 12pm till 4pm
Wednesday 26th June	Hatfield School District Athletics
Wednesday 3rd July	Sports Day—12:30pm till 3:00pm
Thursday 4th July	Year 6 trip to Stanborough Water Park
Tuesday 9th July	Sports Day reserve date in case of bad weather
Thursday 11th July	Transition Day
Tuesday 23rd July	End of Term service—10am St Mary's Church
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

PTA

A massive thank you to all the children and their families who helped us raise over £600 in sponsorship for the Rainbow Run. The cake sale after school also made over £165. This money is going towards our fundraising for improving the playground. Well done to all those that took part.

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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 Katherine Johnson Award for
Creativity



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,
inspiration and joy"*

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for human beings. (Colossians 3:23)

Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

Help us as we learn new things.

If we learn quickly and easily may we help others to understand.

If we make mistakes, may we understand what went wrong.

Help us never to be afraid of new things, but to see them as an adventure.

Amen

Reception - Elizabeth

This week we have continued to learn about minibeasts, with a particular focus on ladybirds. During Busy Fingers, the children have carefully cut out and assembled ladybirds using split pins to attach the wings. They have also used cotton buds dipped in paint to put the correct number of spots on numbered ladybirds. In addition, the children have been very creative, selecting and using a variety of art and collage resources to create their own individual ladybirds. Throughout the week, they have also had great fun using bug catchers to search for minibeasts outside. And, finally, we are continuing to observe our caterpillars and are eagerly awaiting their emergence from their chrysalises.



Year 1 - Curie

Curie Class care and share together. We have been adding and taking away in Maths and finding missing numbers. In English, we have been doing our own stories about the book 'Seesaw'. In Science, we planted our own little gardens using grass and daisy seed and made a house and a fence. We had a Rainbow race and everybody won and after we had an ice lolly. Everyone except Max liked the ice lolly. We said goodbye to Miss Stephens today and we will miss her.

Written by Max and Robert



Year 2 - Hawking

We have had a great week in Year 2 getting to know Mr Bailey. In English we have been reading 'We are Water Protectors' and the children have been exploring the true story of the narrative, and producing descriptive non-fiction writing in different forms, such as writing the life-cycle of water, identifying environmental issues, researching Native American tribes and creating a campaign to look after a local water. In Maths we have been learning about grouping. In RE we have been studying Judaism and what Hannukah is. We drew pictures of what we thought a Jewish family would be doing during Shabbat and the food they would be eating.



Year 3 - Mandela

This week, we give a sad farewell to Parshv as he moves on to a new school and in a new area.

This week we did loads of work on fractions and started equivalent fractions.

In English we went on a journey outside and created our own soundscape. We heard birds, bugs, aeroplanes and what sounded like hawks.

We have attempted to write our own poems which needed the language devices personification and onomatopoeia. Please see below for Maria's poem.

In Art this week, we made our own symbols which was inspired by Aboriginal art.

In French we learned to speak in full sentences, asking for different flavoured ice-cream!

We learned the meaning of 'les glaces'; it means ice-cream.

This week's newsletter is written by Raphael

The sun was singing a lovely tune

It was so romantic

It was singing it's heart out

He tried very hard to impress the rain

He had a rest, he woke up and did some stretches

after that, he ate some pizza and it got dark

Poem by Maria



Year 4 - Attenborough

In Year 4 we have been learning our new song Blackbird, we all sang it really beautifully. In Maths we have been learning about decimals. In English, we received an email telling us about a second book in the Frindleswylde series. We have to come up with our own version of the story. We started learning about electricity and circuits in Science. In History, we are learning about the Vikings. The Rainbow Run was very fun, we all completed it and also got an ice lolly which was very tasty. In Whole Class Reading, in our book 'Ajay and the Mumbai Sun' this week we figured out he sleeps in the railway and a lady in the book was promising that new houses would be built but we do not believe this to be true. Jayin's favourite lessons of the week were Maths and PE, Michelle's favourite lessons were English, Maths and History.

Written by Michelle and Jayin



Year 5 - Luther King

Another very positive week in Luther King Class. In Maths we are seeing everyone really making progress in their understanding and the pupils are very keen to show off their work and are becoming more confident in explaining how they worked out the answers. We looked at rounding decimal numbers today and all of Year 5 did so well.

In English we have continued to work on our Mars Rovers writing and today, like all authors do, we looked back at our writing from this week and used our editing skills to make the writing even better.

In Science this week, Year 5 were investigating air resistance. They decided to test how the size of a parachute affects the amount of air resistance. Our scientists made three parachutes of varying sizes, using paper and string, and dropped them from a height whilst timing how long it took to hit the floor. They had to repeat each drop three times. Why not ask your child why they had to test each parachute three times? Next week we will look at our results to see which parachute had the most air resistance and evaluate why that was.

It has been a good week in Year 5.



Year 6 - Goodall

Next week is the big one – KS2 SATS week kicks off on Monday, May 13th! You've all been working incredibly hard in preparation, and as a refresher, you can find more details about the schedule and what to expect in the letter sent home to parents this week.

Here's a quick recap:

Arrival Time: 8:40am sharp!

Morning Snack: We'll provide bananas, biscuits, and milk. Please let us know of any allergies we might not be aware of.

Relax and Recharge: This weekend is all about getting a good rest. Reassure yourselves that all your hard work will pay off, and there's no need to worry!

Year 6 Goodall, let's go out there and show what you're all made of!



Reminder

As the weather is getting warmer, make sure your child brings a hat and water bottle to school and has sun cream applied each day.



CLASS PE DAYS

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

Uniform

Children should wear their PE kit to school on their PE days **only**. Attached to the newsletter is a copy of our uniform for reference. Children are welcome to wear their summer uniform if they wish.

St Mary's School

SUMMER FETE



£1
entry

Family fun
for everyone

All proceeds will be going
towards new climbing frame /
playground equipment

Saturday 22nd June

12-4PM

BBQ

Refreshments

Fire engine & Police cars

Raffle & Tombola

Bouncy castles & inflatable obstacle course*

Beat the goalie

And much more

*Unlimited use of inflatables with £10 wristbands which includes free entry to fete for children

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