



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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We have woken up this morning to the major political change which has taken place yesterday and overnight. It was good to see that some - though not all - of those who lost parliamentary seats last night were able to make gracious speeches and wish their successors well: that is a test of character. When you consider the scale of the political change that has taken place, what is so impressive in this country and is testament to our democracy, is how this amount of people-led change can take place peacefully. It is something that we take for granted, but it is not something that all countries are able to enjoy.

As we contemplate that change on a national level, it is of course the period of the school year where we are preparing for change, as one academic year is drawing to a close and we are planning for the new one beginning in September. This inevitably means that we are preparing to say goodbye to some staff and pupils, but also looking forward to welcoming our new members of staff and pupils.

On Monday of this week we had our Reception Transition Afternoon and our new Reception teacher, Miss Cocks, welcomed many of our new Reception pupils for the afternoon. The children all adapted well to their new setting and several didn't want to leave at the end of the afternoon!

On Thursday next week, we have our Transition Day when our Year 6s will go to visit their secondary schools for the day. For the rest of our year groups, they will spend the morning with their new teachers in their new classrooms as they get to know each other and prepare for September. As you know, last September we changed the class names and those class names will move with the children as they move up the school. So Elizabeth Class, which is the current Reception class, will be the name of the Year 1 class in September. Curie Class will be Year 2, Hawking will be Year 3 and so on. This means that Goodall Class which is the Year 6 class will cease to exist and the pupils have chosen the new name of Donaldson Class - after the writer Julia Donaldson - for the Reception class in September.

The biggest disappointment of the week was, of course, that the weather meant that we had to postpone Sports Day on Wednesday, but we look forward to the rescheduled event on Monday 15th July at 9.45am.

Yesterday, Year 6 had one of their 'end of year' events when they went to Stanborough Lakes to take part in a day of water sports activities, accompanied by Mr Guilder, Mrs Brooks and Miss Hazell. The weather was good and the pupils had a thoroughly enjoyable time. These last few weeks for Year 6 are an important time for them to make memories before moving on to secondary school and the rehearsals for the Year 6 production are now very much in evidence.

As I have been reflecting so much on change in my newsletter contribution this week, I will conclude with the words of the former American President, Barack Obama:

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher



Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Loyalty



For I delight in
loyalty rather
than sacrifice,
And in the
knowledge of
God rather than
burnt offerings.

Hosea 6:6

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HOUSEPOINTS



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

177



158



112



182



Well done Squirrels!

Running Totals:

910

692

665

730

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

Year 1 - David

Year 2 - Valerie

Year 3 - Kameel

Year 4 - Olivia

Year 5 - Maria

Year 6 - Jack

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

Reception - Meghan

Year 1 - Naveen

Year 2 - Scarlett

Year 3 - Maria

Year 4 - Sofia

Year 5 - Hallie

Year 6 - Rawan and Nana

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Luther King

93.3%



Hawking

92.2%



Curie

91.2%



Attenborough

90.4%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Wednesday 10th July	Year 3 trip to London
Thursday 11th July	Transition Day
Friday 12th July	Arts Afternoon—3:30pm
Monday 15th July	Sports Day—9:45pm
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
Thursday 19th September	Year 4 trip to Verulamium
Wednesday 23rd October	Inset Day—School Closed
Thursday 24th October	Inset Day—School Closed
Friday 25th October	Inset Day—School Closed
28th October—1st November	Half Term



Kameel from Year 3 showing Mr Petty the amazing progress he has made in his work

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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 Eric Liddell Award for

Loyalty



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,
inspiration and joy"*

Never let go of loyalty and faithfulness. Tie them round your neck; write them on your heart. (Proverbs 3:3)

Prayer of the Week

Dear Lord

Fill our hearts with joy.

Fill our minds with inspiration.

Fill our friendships with kindness.

Fill our school with thankfulness.

Thank you, God, for being loyal to us and for being there when we need you most.

Amen

Reception - Elizabeth

This week, Reception have enjoyed learning about sea creatures, with a particular focus on the information book 'Animals in the Ocean' by Moira Butterfield. They have learnt lots of interesting facts about a variety of sea creatures and have used this knowledge to write captions. In Maths, the children have been practising counting in twos and learning to identify odd and even numbers. They have also enjoyed creating their own 'odd' and 'even' monsters - cutting out an odd or even numbers of features, eg, an even monster with 6 features (2 eyes, 2 arms and 2 feet) or an odd monster with 5 features, eg, 2 eyes, 2 arms and a mouth. And, finally, the children have enjoyed listening to the Biblical story of creation. Afterwards, they drew their favourite part of the story and these pictures will shortly be displayed along the railings at St. Mary's Church.



Year 1 - Curie

Another busy week in Curie Class! In Maths, we have been finding out about the coins and notes that are used in England. The children have been excited to use real money when we have been solving money problems. In English, we have continued to find out about how to look after our planet and have made posters to share this important information with others. In P.E., we have been practising how to throw underarm and overarm and how to complete different kinds of jumps. In Art, we have been looking at scenes from the seaside and have created our own pictures using different types of paper. Have a great weekend.



Year 2 - Hawking

A huge thanks again for ensuring a high-class attendance last week. The children were extremely happy and proud to have Attendance Ted back in the class with the trophy.

In Maths, we have looked at non-unit fractions with the numerator being greater than one. They have been working on various questions that compare different shapes, and being able to work out if they represent unit or non-unit fractions.

We progressed the lesson by learning about the equivalence of a half and two quarters. A comparison of two circles that were shaded with the above fractions provided the class with a clear, visual representation and improved their understanding.

In English, the class did well to plan and write a new sequel to Grandad's camper. They took time to brainstorm ideas for their new adventures and were keen to share what happened at each stage of their paragraphs. We used four different PowerPoint stations to edit their writing. This included headphone reading, where the children covered their ears and read aloud their story to check it made sense. Secondly, all the verbs were checked using the past tense. Thirdly, we used punctuation police that checked for capital letters, question marks and full stops. Lastly, we looked at descriptive detectives that checked for detailed writing using expanded noun phrases.

We have started a new poem called 'The Owl and the Pussycat' and focussed on using subordinating conjunctions to make predictions. The class discussed with their partners whether the Owl and the Pussycat could be friends and had to explain their answers. E.g. They can be friends because...

We have also been learning about using noun phrase tables and brainstorming items the Owl and Pussycat could take on their boat and why they needed to take each item. E.g. They will need to take a tall, black umbrella because it might rain on the journey.

In computing, the class were learning about online safety and how to refine searches using the filter button by year group and subject. They used the class ipads and practised the different activities on searching various categories. We also discussed the differences between using the schools internal purple mash technology and the internet (world wide web).



Year 2 - Hawking

Attendance Ted

This week, Scarlett and Siyoth were selected to change Attendance Ted's outfit. They were given a round of applause for their efforts and posed beautifully.



Attendance Ted took advantage of being spoilt by the class and was happy to engage in the lessons. AT was particularly keen to participate with the Maths lesson and was learning how to work out fraction amounts.



I had requested to take a natural photo of the class working on a question, but the excitement was too much for everyone!



AT was super excited to go outside and participate in the PE lesson. The class were practising their co-ordinating skills by throwing a ball through a hoop that was thrown in the air. Everyone was having fun and ended with a 'Tag the runners' style game.



We hope you enjoy our selection of photos.

Year 3 - Mandela

This week, Mandela class bids farewell to Shalom. We have had the pleasure of knowing you and learning patience and calm from you. We hope you excel in all you do in Wales and have fun!

Mandela class have created some Pneumonic Monsters, I hope you have enjoyed their engineering as much as we have preparing and figuring out how to design, including some Computer Aided Design last week to see what we are aiming for and if our designs matched the specification.

In English, Mandela class have been using vivid language to describe an image. They have used human characteristics to describe a volcano erupting as a way to personify the image and have done very well. They have also used noun phrases to make sentences to create an atmosphere.

We have continued our work on Length and Perimeter in Maths and will start to measure the perimeter of different shapes. For our assessment week next week, I urge you to encourage your little ones to complete the targeted homework they have been sent home, please do check Purple Mash and Mathletics to help them with their revision. This is their last push before Year 4! I am already so impressed with all their hard work, so that extra push this weekend will do wonders.

Things to go over are, Addition and Subtraction of two and three-digit numbers, 3-D Shapes, Division, Money, time, Length and Perimeter, Part-Part-Whole, Angles and Multiplication.

Thank you for all of your continued hard work with your young ones.



Year 4 - Attenborough

This week we have been learning time in Maths and we have been learning seconds, minutes and hours. In Whole Class Reading, we have started our new book which is called 'Super Sidekicks' and it has been really interesting. In English, we have started a new book called 'Shackleton's Journey', we researched some facts. In RE, we learnt about the Torah and that if it rips it has to be sent to a special person who has to write it by hand again. In Art, we continued looking at Viking art, we got out the clay which was very fun. We had a toothpick and a straw which we used to carve the clay. In PE, we were playing cricket in groups. In Geography, we have started a project on the computers where we are comparing the Tatra Mountains and mountains in the UK.

Written by Cristianna and Olivia-May



Year 5 - Luther King

This week in Year 5 we have been practising for sports day. Even though we sadly had to postpone due to the weather, we managed to practise our batting, throwing, ground fielding, bowling, catching and running skills in rounders. We also practised serving skills in tennis and teamwork in football.

In Maths we have been looking at converting units of measure and thinking of when we would measure in millimetres, centimetres or metres. We also looked at kilograms and grams and converting these units of mass.

In English we have started our new unit looking at William Shakespeare's play Macbeth. Some challenging language to come to grips with but the story and drama captured all our imagination.

We all did really well in our reading assessment this week and with a reminder from Mrs Bartlett to visit our local library for the reading challenge over the summer, Luther King class will be well prepared for starting Year 6 in September.



Year 6 - Goodall

Year 6 Goodall has been making a splash this week! They had a fantastic day trip to Stanborough Lakes, soaking up the sunshine while trying their hand at water sports like stand-up paddleboarding and kayaking. Back in the classroom, they delved into the wonders of Science with an Evolution Workshop led by the Natural History Museum. And to top it all off, they unleashed their creativity with a fun mix of art and design, from designing and making pizzas to sculpting with soap!





North Mymms Book Swap

North Mymms Memorial Hall

10am-12 Midday

Saturday 6th July 2024

Saturday 20th July 2024

Saturday 3rd August 2024

Saturday 17th August 2024

Saturday 7th September 2024

Saturday 21st September 2024

Organised by North Mymms Book Swap and supported by North Mymms Parish Council.



Teddy Bears' Picnic

Fun for all the family at St Mary's Church
Sunday 14th July
2 - 5pm



Come to watch the brave teddies parachute from the church tower, enjoy a picnic, and play outdoor games. Refreshments and ice cream are available for purchase.

To book your free timed ticket for the parachute drop* visit
www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-marys-church-north-mymms
or scan the QR code



*Advance booking
essential