



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Autumn Term Issue 3
20th September 2024

It has been a busy week at St Mary's and it is really pleasing to see that the routines that we put in place at the beginning of term are being maintained. I am pleased to report that behaviour remains very good and we are seeing far fewer incidents occurring - we are definitely aiming to keep this up.

One of the biggest changes we have made this term is the range of activities available for the children to do on the playground at lunchtime. When I was out on playground duty yesterday lunchtime, it was wonderful to see that, in addition to the new climbing frame, we had several pieces of new equipment for the children to play with, which some of the Year 6s were distributing and then we had another area where some other Year 6 pupils were leading groups of younger children as they played. We have more that we want to do on the playground, but this is real progress and seeing the younger and older children working together is such a positive step forward.

The classrooms have remained purposeful this week and one particular highlight for me was visiting the Year 5 classroom yesterday afternoon, with a visitor, when the class were doing Art and there was some real artistic talent in evidence.

Year 4 went on their trip to Verulamium in St Albans yesterday, as part of the History curriculum and had a really good time, learning lots about Roman times in Britain in the process!

Attendance this week has fallen on last week and I must encourage parents to ensure that the children are in as often as possible.

As we continue to focus on the value of hope, in Collective Worship on Monday of this week, I spoke about Eleanor Roosevelt - a key figure in the 20th century - who is not just remembered for being the First Lady in the United States of America during the Second World War, but was an activist in her own right. After the Second World War, she became the first US delegate to the United Nations where she was instrumental in helping draw up the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights which gave hope to people throughout the world and something from which we all continue to benefit today.

I will conclude this week with one of her quotes:

"You must do the thing you think you cannot do."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

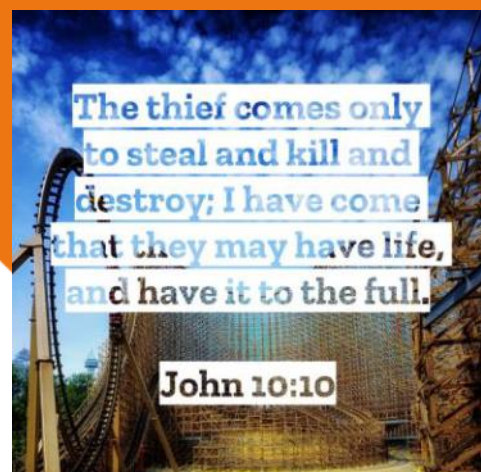
Headteacher



Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Hope



Contact us 8:30am to 4pm at...



01707 276725



admin@stmarys565.herts.sch.uk



www.stmarys565.herts.sch.uk



Dellsome Lane, Welham Green, AL9 7NE

HOUSEPOINTS



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

219

189

148

164



Well done Badgers!

451

369

346

346

STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were nominated and joined Mr Petty on the Star Table at lunchtime today.

Reception - Merabel

Year 1 - Casey

Year 2 - Robert

Year 3 - Poppy

Year 4 - Freddie

Year 5 - Kofi

Year 6 - Rocky-James

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Hawking

96.2%



Mandela

94.5%



Luther King

94.3%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Wednesday 2nd October	Individual School Photos
Tuesday 8th October	Parents' Evening - 3:30pm—5:30pm School Hall
Wednesday 9th October	Parents' Evening - 4:30pm-7pm Remote
Tuesday 22nd October	Harvest Festival—St Mary's Church 1:15pm
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
Monday 11th November	Remembrance Day Commemoration
Wednesday 20th November	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 22nd November	Arts Afternoon—3:30pm
Thursday 5th December	Teddy Bears Concert 2pm
Thursday 12th December	Reception Christmas Nativity 2pm
Friday 13th December	Rock Steady Concert
Friday 13th December	PTA Christmas Fayre 2:30pm
Tuesday 17th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 10am and 2pm
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day
Thursday 19th December	Carol Service - 10am St Mary's Church

CLASS PE DAYS

Elizabeth - Year 1	Tuesdays & Fridays
Curie - Year 2	Wednesdays & Thursdays
Hawking - Year 3	Mondays & Thursdays
Mandela - Year 4	Tuesdays & Thursdays
Attenborough - Year 5	Mondays & Wednesdays
Luther King - Year 6	Mondays & Fridays

“

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.

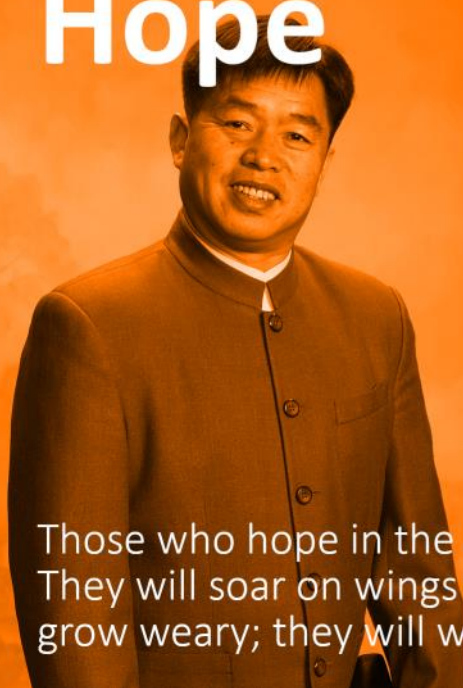
We're thankful for all that God has provided; proud of where He has placed us; and excited at the potential to come.

”



The Brother Yun Award for

Hope



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,
inspiration and joy"*

Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

Prayer of the Week

Jesus,
the hope of all who trust you;
the power of all who serve you;
the wisdom of all who follow you;
the uniter of all who worship you.
Grant us light at the beginning of this year
Amen.

Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class has been another busy week. In Maths we have been looking at sorting different objects into groups. In phonics we have been focusing on the sounds P, N, I, G and K and have been practicing how to write these letters correctly. The children have enjoyed learning about the season Autumn and exploring the different types of resources relating to Autumn. The children went on a nature walk outside in the playground to collect leaves and then did some mark making with the leaves using paint. Lastly, the children used crayons to create their own self-portraits which look incredible and will be on display soon. Another fabulous week, well done Donaldson class.

Donaldson class PE day is on Tuesday and children need to bring in their PE kits please.



Year 1 - Elizabeth

We have had a very busy week in Elizabeth class! In English, we all wrote a line for our class poem about changing the world. We used instruments to help us turn our poem into a performance and we are excited to show it to the rest of the school next week. In Maths, we have been learning about '1 more' and '1 less'. We used tensframes and multilink to support our learning. In History, we had great fun exploring some toys that Victorian children would have used. We guessed how children might have played with them and thought about how they are different to the toys we have today.



Year 2 - Curie

The children have settled in well and are engaging with class discussions.

In Maths, we are continuing with place value. We have looked at partitioning numbers to one hundred using part whole models. The key learning is being able to separate a given number into tens and ones. Please continue to practice counting in tens as this will help working out the answers. The class have also looked at writing numbers to one hundred in words. They have used the Maths wall information to help with spellings and using base ten to split the numbers into tens and ones. As a challenge, part whole models were used to first translate base ten picture representations to numbers, then writing these to words.

In English, we have continued with the poem Change sings. The class have practiced writing a character description about Amanda Gorman. Based on her picture, they were required to use adjective cards to include in their writing. There were lovely examples shared with the class. Well done!

The class have also been involved with role playing scenes from the poem. There was lots of planning, teamwork and practicing which resulted in amazing performances. The children enjoyed designing snappy slogans based on issues they were passionate about which could make the world a better place.

In science, we have been studying what a habitat is and what the seven life processes are. This was remembered by thinking of the letters MRS GREN. We have also been looking at things which are living, never alive or dead (items that used to belong to an item that was alive).

Keep up the splendid work Curie!



Year 3 - Hawking

This week in Hawking class, we have been using manipulatives to solidify our understanding of what numbers up to 1000 look like. In English we have been continuing with 'Change Sings' where we have discussed the inequalities in today's society and how we can make a change. Year 3 have made fantastic progress in their PE lessons, where we have continued with netball and fundamentals. In RE, Hawking class have looked at the story of Noah's Ark, developing their active listening skills by gathering information from a video and presenting this knowledge in their own way! Well done year 3!

Please continue to read with your children and bring in their reading records every day, thank you.



Year 4 - Mandela

This week in year 4 we all went to Verulamium museum as part of our history unit. We were lucky enough to have a workshop which let us handle real Roman artefacts and taught us how the objects were used in their everyday lives. We also went to see the hypocaust in Verulamium park. Here we made observational drawings of the mosaics. We were all enthusiastic and had a fantastic day out.



Year 5 - Attenborough

Newsletter paragraph written by Sonny Genco and Violet Scully

This week, the level of work has increased, especially in English. In Maths we have been working on place value up to one million. It has been a blast and also a challenge. Since Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Pegrum and Mrs McGeady have done their brilliant teaching, it is not so bad anymore. This week we have written poems inspired by Amanda Gorman about changing the world. We are looking forward to sharing our ideas with the school. In Art, the artist we are finding out about is called Albrecht Durer. He sketched a rhino and we wrote about what we liked about his work and then tried to sketch our own rhino, we were so proud of ourselves and it was fun.



Year 6 - Luther King

This week in Year 6 we wrote our own poems about Change Sings! We worked together as a class to collect our ideas and then had a go at writing our own. We included poetry techniques such as: repetition, alliteration and similes. Today we are publishing them for a display! We have been learning about how we see, in Science and we found out that light travels in straight lines and we learnt about how light is emitted and reflected. Maths has been tricky this week! Rounding large numbers and ordering negative numbers. We are looking forward to next week when we are doing our speeches to the rest of the school so the team captains can be voted for. We are excited to get our buddies. The start of year 6 has been fun! By Hallie C ,Darcey M YEAR 6





The children from last years Gardening club Harvested their vegetables with Helen Lee and Penny Beale.



Year 6s leading the younger children in the playground yesterday.

Do you have any spare fencing?

Do you have any spare Perspex plastic?

Our Reception garden needs some TLC and we would be very grateful if anybody could donate either of these.

Please speak to Miss Cocks.



Packed Lunch

At St Mary's we encourage our children to have a healthy, balanced diet. This helps to improve concentration, increase energy levels and is also good for mental health and self image. Each child's lunch should have the following:

- 1) A portion of bread (or similar), rice, potatoes or pasta.
- 2) Plenty of fruit and vegetables.
- 3) A portion of dairy or a calcium rich alternative.
- 4) Some protein in the form of beans, pulses, fish, egg, meat.
- 5) A healthy drink / water

There are some great ideas on the NHS website if you follow this link <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

As always, packed lunches are not to have nuts, sweets, chocolate or fizzy/energy drinks. Do not fill your child's packed lunch with biscuits, crisps, or cakes. These are not filling and contain too much sugar and saturated fat.

If your child would like to bring a snack for break time, this needs to be a piece of fruit or vegetable. This is to be in line with the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme (SFVS) which is a government programme that entitles every child in England, aged 4-6 in fully state-funded schools to a piece of fruit or vegetable each school day.



Polite Notice

If you need to collect from Secondary school as well as Primary, please collect from here first as Secondary school children are able to wait.

If you are driving to and from school, please be aware of small children crossing the road and if you are walking with small children, please be mindful that they are not crossing roads without supervision - we have had a couple of near misses and we do not want to have any accidents.

Do you shop in Asda?

Sign up for <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

Asda's new Cashpot for Schools initiative has raised almost £1million raised for UK primary schools in its first 72 hours.

The industry first campaign sees Asda donate 0.5% of the value of its customers shopping to a primary school of their choice – every time they shop using Asda Rewards.

