



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Autumn Term Issue 4
27th September 2024

Without question, the highlight of the week for me was the special Collective Worship that we held on Wednesday morning when each class shared with us what they had been doing with the book 'Change Sings'. As we did last year, we started the school year by choosing a book that the whole school looked at and worked on and this year the book was 'Change

Sings' by Amanda Gorman. In the book, Amanda Gorman shows that anything is possible when our voices join together and work towards a goal.

The focus is on a young girl who leads a cast of characters on a musical journey, where they learn that they have the power to make changes - big or small - in the world, in their communities, and in most importantly, in themselves. As they have been working on this book, each of our classes have been thinking about the changes that they would want to see in the world and they presented those ideas to us on Wednesday morning. The creativity that they demonstrated and the thought that had gone into their presentations really did lead it to being the best start to the school day!

Displays have been going up around the school looking at this book and showing the wonderful pieces of written work that the children have produced. I would like to thank Ms Carter for coordinating the work that the teachers and children have been doing over the last few weeks.

It has been great to see the after-school clubs beginning again this week and the enjoyment of the children taking part. I was particularly impressed by how quickly those who attended the choir practice on Monday picked up the songs that we were learning in preparation for taking part in the Songs of Praise at St Mary's Church, North Mymms in October, as part of this year's Arts Festival.

Rock Steady have restarted working with the children on a Friday morning and there is a great deal of enthusiasm in evidence today!

I am pleased to report that, overall, attendance has been good again this week, although no class has got 100% this week, unlike the last two weeks, so hopefully next week we will get at least one class back to 100%!

As I reflect on the 'Change Sings' Collective Worship from Wednesday and think about our half termly value of hope, I leave you with the following quote from Mahatma Gandhi:

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher



Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Hope



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HOUSEPOINTS



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

195

220

216

154



Well done Hedgehogs!

646

589

562

500

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Elesy

Year 1 - Oscar

Year 2 - Ewa

Year 3 - Teddy

Year 4 - Maisie

Year 5 - Jun

Year 6 - Dennis

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Hawking

98.6%



Attenborough

97.7%



Luther King

93.5%



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
Friday 6th December	PTA Christmas Fayre 2:30pm
Thursday 12th December	Reception Christmas Nativity 2pm
Friday 13th December	Rock Steady Concert
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

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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.

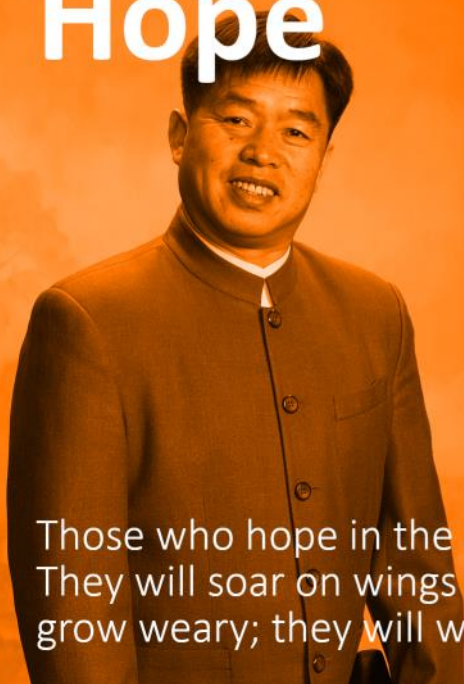
We're thankful for all that God has provided; proud of where He has placed us; and excited at the potential to come.

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The 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

When shadows gather on our way, Fast deepening as
the night, Be Thou, O God, the spirit's stay, Our
inward Light Though fond hopes fail, and joy depart,
And friends should faithless prove, O save us from
the bitter heart, Indwelling Love! Amen.

Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class we have been learning about counting from one to ten by using objects. In English we have started a new book called 'Where The Wild Things Are' and the children have been great at answering questions about the book. In RE we have discussed why we are all special and unique and looked at different multicultural books. The children have also been exploring with play-dough by making leaves, which is part of our season Autumn. Another fantastic week Donaldson class, well done!



Year 1 - Elizabeth

This week in Elizabeth class, we have been exploring greater than, less than and the same as. We used crocodile signs to help us. He always eats the bigger number! In English, we had a visitor in the form of a very naughty bus! He created havoc in our classroom and messed up all our resources. We wrote him a letter asking him to please stop being so naughty and be good instead! We will be sending them to the bus garage where he lives. In PE we worked hard to balance bean bags on our heads whilst moving around the play ground in different ways and at different speeds. Well done Year 1, you have all had a fantastic week!



Year 2 - Curie

Curie class are working really hard and making positive strides in their work.

In Maths, we have been estimating numbers on a number line. We focussed on looking at number placements closer to 0 and 10. This was then progressed to drawing arrows to estimated numbers. We also looked at comparing objects to work out the greatest or smallest value and used either greater than, less than or equals to. Picture representations were used and converted to numbers. A great effort was made on these topics.

In English, we have started a new storybook on Goldilocks and the three bears. The children are excited and engaged with the tasks. They have been given a job by the fictional character, PC Wendall to create a Wanted poster for Goldilocks. Before doing this, they created a character splat of adjectives describing Goldilocks but also making sure they were evidenced in the story. Lots of discussions and brainstorming ideas so well done!

In PSHE, we have been looking at the rights and responsibilities of the class in school. Fantastic discussions here. The class looked at a series of pictures and ranked them in order of importance. We also discussed positive and negatives behaviours and categorised another set of pictures into those groups.

Well done Curie and keep up the amazing progress.



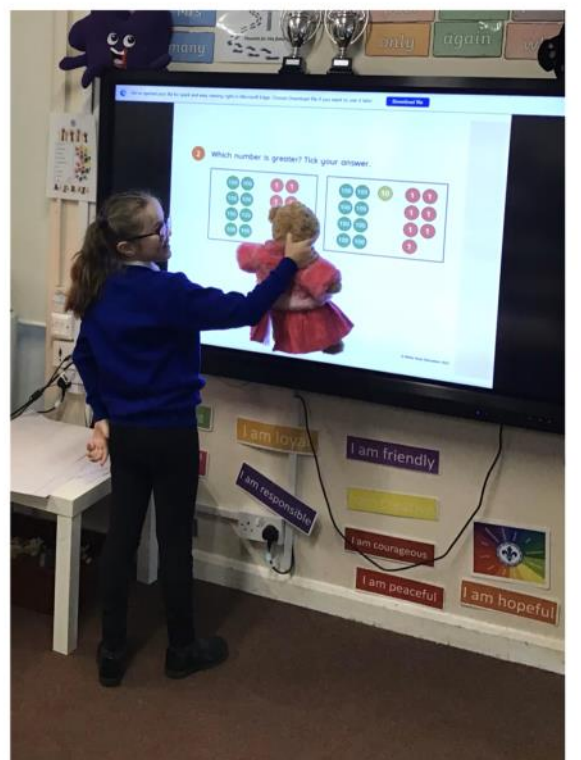
Year 3 - Hawking

So this week, we Year 3, we won the attendance award and so we had Attendance Ted. I (Mahrukh) got two stickers and we did a performance on Wednesday. It was very fun and Miss Garip is the best teacher in the world because she made us a fun fair/circus in the hall. We have lots of fun in Year 3 and we have Mr Kilpatrick, Miss Hardwick and Mrs Scully too who are the best teachers in the world.

We have started a new book, that's why we had a circus in the hall and we will be looking at why the book was introduced like that. In Computing, we were coding and moving a fish up, down, left and right without using our mouse but by putting keys into the keyboard.

This week's newsletter was written by Siyoth and Mahrukh.





Year 4 - Mandela

This week in Mandela class we started our new book called The Ever Changing Earth. We were delivered a mysterious letter from China asking us many questions about the changing eras of Earth and if we could help identify a fossil. Using past, present and future tenses we let the characters know what has happened over time. In Maths, we have continued looking at place value and numbers up to 10,000. We also looked at Roman numerals and learnt a song to help us identify what each letter represents.



Year 5 - Attenborough

In Year 5, we wrote and published our poems about how to make changes in the world and 6 of us performed them to the school in collective worship. Today in English, we made a conscience corridor to discuss the pros and cons of walking a tightrope between the two towers. In Maths we have just finished place value and have now started addition and subtraction. In whole class reading, we have been reading Cosmic, it's one Giant Leap for Boykind. In Science we are learning about the solar system. In History we've been learning about the Empire Windrush when Jamaicans came to England after the war for work and better lives.

Written by Olivia-May and Jo-Jo



Year 6 - Luther King

This week in year 6 we enjoyed English. We wrote a class poem about Leila and the Blue Fox, our new book. We all worked hard as a team, it was challenging but we persevered. We found a mysterious bag, with a passport, three bananas, boarding pass and lots more. (Our teacher did a bad job hiding it). In Maths we focused on 5 & 6 digit addition and subtraction with regrouping, it was fun but complicated. We also started R.E and painted an image of creation. It looks amazing and will go up on display in our classroom.

By William and Jack.



Change Sings!



Year 6 have been paired with Reception to help them settle in to our St Mary's family. They have started organising some playground games for them at lunch time. They all had a blast yesterday using the parachute!



The PTA have lots of events planned. We are still raising money to improve the outdoor facilities for the children. Over the summer our new climbing equipment was installed and we would love to add to it.



We do not accept cash payments. If you are unable to pay via the Arbor App, please ask the office for our bank details, to pay via bank transfer.



A reminder that your child's lunch account should not be in arrears. Meals must be paid for daily, or in advance.

If you are unable to meet these requirements, please send your child to school with a healthy packed lunch.

Organised by Friends of St Mary's Welham Green

CASH PRIZE FOR 1ST PLACE



**£10
PER
PERSON**

QUIZ NIGHT

@ ST MARY'S SCHOOL

Dellsome Lane, Welham Green AL9 7NE

FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM

QUIZ STARTS AT 7:30PM

QUIZMASTER - MR PETTY

**BRING YOUR OWN
ALCOHOL, WE'LL
PROVIDE THE
NIBBLES**

**PRIZE FOR THE
BEST TEAM NAME**

RAFFLE

**PIZZA
AVAILABLE
DURING THE
INTERVAL**

OVER 18S ONLY

**UPTO 6
PLAYERS PER
TEAM**

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AVAILABLE TO
BUY**



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North Mymms Arts Festival

12th - 18th October

An exhibition of paintings,
photography and ceramics,
available to purchase

at St Mary's Church North Mymms, AL9 7TN
Open daily 10am-4pm (11am on Sunday)

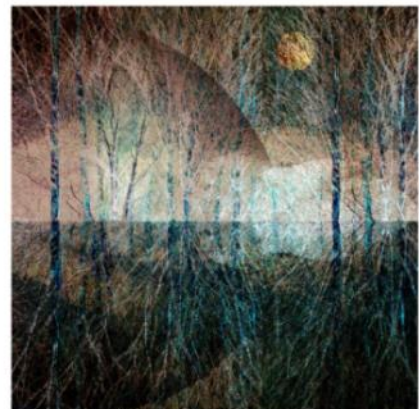
Preview Evening, Live Music, Art Workshops,
and Concert by Buck Brass



Dawn
by Anne Hignell



For Ever and a Day
by Komathy Hawkins



In the Winter's Forest of Dreams No. 2
by Judith Kelly

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