



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As I sit down to start writing my piece for the newsletter this week, it occurs to me how often I have started with "It has been a busy week at St Mary's..." and, once again it has been, but then they all are!

However, it is one thing being busy and it is another to work with purpose. There is so much that is going on at St Mary's which is positive, in terms of academic progress, behaviour, and attendance—congratulations to Year 2 who have got 100% this week! At the beginning of a new calendar year I always feel that it is an important moment to reflect on what has happened over the previous year and what we hope to achieve over the coming year. In education I think we get two opportunities to do this as the beginning of the new academic year in September provides us with another. However, as I look back to where we were as a school this time last year, so much has happened to move us forward. Academic results from our Assessment Week at the end of last term are greatly improved on where they were this time last year and we have far more interventions taking place to support the children with their learning. Behaviour has improved no end and the school is a much calmer place, with the majority of pupils being on task throughout lessons. Attendance continues to improve term on term which immediately impacts on the social and academic outcomes for the children. None of this could be achieved without willing pupils, a dedicated staff, supportive parents and a committed governing body and I thank everyone who has and continues to play their part in that. Working together we achieve so much more and our aim is to continue to develop that further.

As we continue to look at the value of courage, I talked in Collective Worship on Monday about the example of Nelson Mandela who had the courage to stand up for what was right in South Africa, although it meant that he served a 27 year prison sentence during his life. However, he went on to win the Nobel Peace Prize and was President of South Africa between 1994 and 1999, which brought in a new period of equality, fairness and democracy to the country. He showed great courage. We may not be called on to show courage in such significant circumstances, but we are called to show courage each and every day in what we do, whether we find something difficult and need to try again, whether we need to try something new that we are unsure about or whether it is standing up for what we believe to be right. All of those things take courage and it was Nelson Mandela who said:

"Do not judge me by my successes, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher

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Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Courage



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



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HOUSEPOINTS



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

171

155

147

149



Well done Badgers!

286

288

248

285

STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were nominated and joined Mrs Stoughton on the Star Table at lunchtime today.

Reception - Arthur

Year 1 - Isla-Mae

Year 2 - Ramatoulie

Year 3 - Mahrukh

Year 4 - Bella

Year 5 - Diksha

Year 6 - Ezer-Maria

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Curie

100%



Hawking

97.9%



Elizabeth

97.4%



Attenborough

96%



Luther King

94.2%



Mandela

92.9%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Thursday 6th February	Maths Book Look - 2:45pm
Friday 14th February	Crazy Hair Day
17th - 21st February	Half Term
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Friday 21st March	Arts Afternoon 3:30pm
Friday 28th March	Rock Steady Concert - 9:30am
Friday 4th April	Easter Service - 10am St Mary's Church
Friday 4th April	Term ends - 1:45pm
Monday 21st April	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday 22nd April	Term Starts - 8:40am
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
26th - 30th May	Half Term
29th June - 2nd July	Year 6 PGL
Friday 18th July	Rock Steady Concert - 9:30am
Wednesday 23rd July	End of Year Service - 10am St Mary's Church
Wednesday 23rd July	Term ends - 1:45pm

CLASS PE DAYS

Elizabeth - Year 1	Mondays & Fridays
Curie - Year 2	Tuesdays & Thursdays
Hawking - Year 3	Mondays & Thursdays
Mandela - Year 4	Swimming Mondays & Wednesdays
Attenborough - Year 5	Wednesdays & Thursdays
Luther King - Year 6	Tuesdays & 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 Harriet Tubman Award for
Courage




"Overflowing with thankfulness, inspiration and joy"

Remember, I have commanded you to be determined and confident! Don't be afraid or discouraged, for I, the LORD your God, am with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

Prayer of the Week

God grant us courage
 For all that lies ahead
 With truth to be spoken
 And dreams to be awoken
 With curses to be broken
 God make us strong
 Amen

Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been working with our partners counting cubes from one to ten and then asking our partners, how many cubes there are altogether. The children now understand the words 'altogether' and 'in total'. In English, we have continued to read 'The Magic Paintbrush' where the children have been using their imagination to decide what will happen next and to see if it is magic. In our construction area, we have some new toys which are, a tool set equipment box and tool belts for the children to wear when building. All the children have been very excited to explore these new toys and have enjoyed using them. In Art and design, the children have learnt how to mix paint colours together and then had a go at writing a colour they had mixed.



A polite reminder:

Please remember to sign your child's reading diary when you have read with your child. Also, your child will either have ditty sheets, phonics blending book or some phonic sound cards to practice at home too. Please remember to sign in the reading diary, when you have practiced with your child too. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 1 - Elizabeth

Elizabeth Class have been working hard this week with all their learning. In English, we are continuing with our text, 'The Comet' and have been writing letters to the main character Nyla, to give her advice on how to deal moving house. We have been identifying 'bossy verbs' in the book and using these in our sentences. The children have enjoyed giving 'bossy' advice to each other in our role plays! In Maths, we are learning how to use a numberline to 20 and filling in the missing numbers, making sure we form our numerals correctly. In Art, we are looking at the sculpture work of Andy Goldsworthy and are looking forward to creating some of our own land sculptures in the coming weeks.



Year 2 - Curie

Thank you for ensuring a high attendance last week. Curie class were so excited at winning Attendance Ted and thoroughly enjoyed their extra ten minutes of play time. This week, the attendance has followed suit and has been amazing.

In Maths, we are continuing with money. The class have focussed on choosing the correct notes and coins to make up different amounts. Really good effort and lots of practice using the money resources. They have also been experimenting with different ways of making a pre-determined amount. Keep practising grouping different coins and notes and adding them together.

In English, the class have read the story, 'The Bear under the stairs' and have practised re-telling the whole story to their partner using story sentence stems and pictures. They then progressed to re-writing the story in their books using smaller paragraphs. Well done with this. The next step was to plan the story using different characters, animals, and the location where the animal was seen. There have been some lovely brainstorming sessions with this task and great ideas. Well done!

In PE, Curie class had their first lesson in gymnastics. They have learnt the basic shapes, such as the straddle, the pike and front-loaded positions. They have been using beautiful forms, but I was surprised to hear so many groans and moans when they held various positions for a few seconds. They had lots of fun and finished the lesson practicing a sequence of three shapes. Well done Curie.

Here are a few pictures of Curie class with Attendance Ted.



Year 3 - Hawking

This week in Maths we have continued with multiplication and division, where we have focused on the 4, 8 and 10 times tables. Although this has been challenging, we have been resilient to work through some tough questions!

In English we have been looking at shape poetry. Towards the end of the week, we have even planned and written some of our own!

Following on from last week's History lesson, we have continued learning about Ancient Egypt which saw us focus on how the Egyptians used the river Nile. We produced our own posters showing how the river had lots of benefits like transport, food and protection.

In Art we continued to look at architectural drawing with this week's focus on Zaha Hadid, who designed the London Aquatics Centre! We recreated some of her work in our sketchbooks and they turned out amazing.



Year 4 - Mandela

This week in Mandela Class we continued writing about Friendleswyld. This week we thought about a character's feelings and summarised the text into key events. In History, we have been looking at Saxon villages, we then designed our own villages making sure to include important features. In Art, we are looking at collages. We studied a collage by the artist Sarah Eisenlohr and began to collect magazine samples for our own.



Year 5 - Attenborough

We have had a busy week in Year 5! In Maths we have been learning about long multiplication. In English we are reading 'The Island' to use modal verbs to indicate degrees of possibility. During our Science lesson we have been looking at different materials and their properties. Our History lesson we are learning about The Ancient Greeks. PE this term we are practising indoor athletics and football.



Year 6 - Luther King

This week in Year 6 we have learnt a lot of new things. In English, we are continuing to look at the significant events of Stonewall, which was a gay bar in 1967 and now it's a museum because it has a lot of history behind it which changed the future. In Science we have researched the scientist Carl Linnaeus. Did you know that he was a Swedish scientist who devised a new way of classifying living things into groups? We have also been practising our long jump techniques in P.E with Mrs Smyth and Mrs Brooks, preparing us for a competition.



Written by Maria



Community Book Swap meet and greet/Bike Marking : [Sat 15 Feb 10:00](#)

Dear Resident,

Welwyn and Hatfield Neighbourhood Policing Team will be holding a Community Engagement Session as detailed below.

We are keen to hear about any concerns you have regarding Anti Social Behaviour, crime or any other issues affecting you or our local community and bring along any new bikes that you got for Christmas to be property marked

When & Where is it?

[Sat 15 Feb 2025 10:00](#)

North Mymms Memorial Hall, Station Road
Welham Green
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