



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Overall, we have had another really positive week at St Mary's, with a great deal being achieved. It is wonderful to be able to walk around the school and see such purposeful activity and learning taking place in all the classrooms, from the excitement of our Reception pupils learning to form their letters, to the older children writing and editing stories, demonstrating their creativity. Yesterday, we had a visit from one of our Hertfordshire advisers who spent time talking to some of our children about their learning. She was very impressed by how the children expressed themselves and how openly and honestly they could talk about that learning. I would like to thank all those parents who have been into school this week for the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings. The parental engagement with these meetings reinforces our ideal of 'Parents as Partners' in the educational process. It is when home and school are working effectively together that we can get the best outcomes for the pupils.

Sadly, there have been a few incidents of disappointing behaviour this week and, as I said at the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings, it remains our aim to reduce the number of these occurrences.

Whilst writing to you all this week, I must, once again, highlight the issue of road safety. The situation outside of school, both in the mornings and the afternoons, is worse than ever. We have had people driving on pavements to get past other cars, people blocking residents' drives and we had another 'near miss' again this week, when two children ran out into the road. Please, please drive and park considerately and carefully. Please walk to school if you can and, if you do need to drive, please leave early enough for school that you can park further down Dellsome Lane and walk up to school, to prevent the congestion that is currently occurring outside the school. The North Mymms Arts Festival starts this weekend at St Mary's Church and goes on through next week. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see the details of all that is going on as part of the Festival and I would urge you to support it if you are able to do so. Some of our pupils will be taking part in the poetry reading session at the end of next week and today started when Mrs Hoile, our Chair of Governors, came into school to present the prizes to the winners of the postcard competition that many of our children entered and the winning entries will be on display in the church during the Festival.

Next week we see the start of our new clubs programme and we are excited that the things being offered are giving the pupils additional opportunities from which they can benefit and challenge themselves.

Next week is also National Inclusion Week and that gives us a great opportunity to think about and identify what we can do to value one another and it ties in with our half termly value of respect. As the former Associate Justice of the American Supreme Court, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, said:

"We will all profit from a more diverse, inclusive society, understanding, accommodating, even celebrating our differences, while pulling together for the common good."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher

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Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Respect



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:

211



263



170



166



Well done Hedgehogs!

Running Totals:

513

441

339

396

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Polly

Year 1 - Ramatoulie

Year 2 - Cristiano

Year 3 - Nancy

Year 4 - Holly

Year 5 - Darcey

Year 6 - Justin

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

Reception - Oscar

Year 1 - Jasmine

Year 2 - Zikora-Reign

Year 3 - Oscar

Year 4 - Jayin

Year 5 - Kimia

Year 6 - Moni

ATTENDANCE STARS

Hawking	95%	
Attenborough	93.6%	
Luther King	92.5%	
Elizabeth	92.4%	
Curie	90%	

SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Monday 25th September	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 29th September	Poetry Hour St Mary's Church 2pm
Tuesday 3rd October	Harvest Festival St Mary's Church 10am
Wednesday 4th October	School Photographs
Tuesday 10th October	Parents' Evening (In person) 3:30pm—5:30pm
Wednesday 11th October	Parents' Evening (Remote) 4:30pm—7pm
Thursday 12th October	Year 7 Tea Party for 2023 leavers—3:30pm
Friday 13th October	Arts Afternoon 3:30pm
Friday 20th October	Occasional Day—School Closed
23rd October—27th October	Half Term
Monday 6th November	Year 6 Health Questionnaire
Friday 10th November	Remembrance Day Commemoration
27th November—1st December	Year 5 & 6 Residential to Charterhouse
Wednesday 13th December	Pantomime Whole School Trip
Wednesday 13th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Service 4pm St Mary's Church
Thursday 14th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 10am & 2pm
Friday 15th December	PTA Christmas Sale
Monday 18th December	Class Christmas Parties in the afternoon
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 20th December	End of Term Church Service 10am
Wednesday 20th December	End of Term— School ends 1:45pm
Thursday 4th January 2024	Inset Day—School Closed
Friday 5th January	Inset Day—School Closed
Monday 8th January	Term Starts—Children back at 8:40am

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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 Elizabeth Fry Award for

Respect



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,
inspiration and joy"*

Respect everyone, love your fellow-believers, honour God, and respect the authorities. (1 Peter 2:17)

Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

Help us to be kind and patient with one another and always show respect.

No matter what race, age, gender or religion people are, help us to be fair and kind to them.

Help us to co-operate, be helpful and listen.

Protect all of us and help us to make our school and the world a better place.

Amen.

Reception - Elizabeth

This week Elizabeth class have been very busy learning about number three, they have been sorting 1, 2 and 3 items, subitising and practising number formation. The class have also started our set 1 Read, Write, Inc. phonics. We have been learning about the m, a, s, d and t sounds this week. The children have been practising blending using Fred talk with Fred the frog. We have sent home letter formation sheets for Elizabeth class to practise please support your child to use them.



Year 1 - Curie

Another busy week in Curie class. In Maths we have been finding out about 1 more and 1 less. In English we have started a new book called 'Lost in the toy museum' that links to our topic in History, where we are finding out about toys from the past. The children have told us what their favourite toy is and on Thursday afternoon next week they will have the opportunity to show the class their toy that they have brought in from home. Please send a toy in on Thursday morning in a named carrier bag (nothing bigger than a supermarket carrier bag please).

In Art we have been painting pictures in the style of 'Kandinski' and look forward to sharing these with you next week.

Have a lovely weekend.



Year 2 - Hawking

This week, Hawking class have been consolidating their learning of partitioning numbers and moving onto doubling and halving. We have written and published some amazing stories which Mr Petty thoroughly enjoyed reading! In Science we have made our own bug hotels which we will continue to observe over the course of our habitats unit! (We've already had a spider check into one hotel) the children have been getting into the swing of phonics and will be coming home with a reading book to practice their sounds. Spellings will be sent out on a Friday and should be practised in preparation for a spelling quiz the following Friday. Lots of children have been asking about show and tell, which we will have at the end of the half term. Have a great weekend!



Year 3 - Mandela

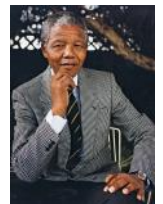
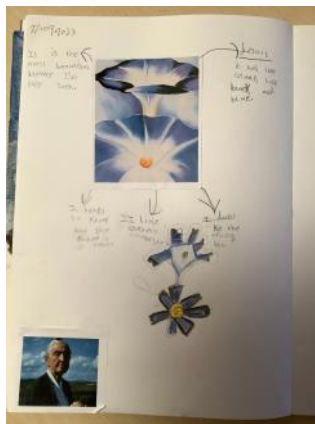
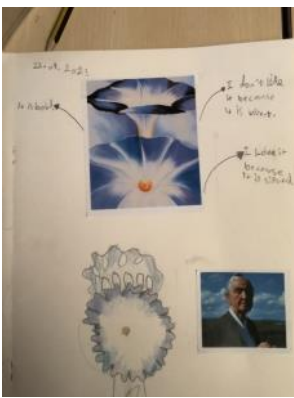
Mandela class have been very busy this week!

We have learned our alphabet in French and in English we have continued to explore our book 'Look Up'. We have explored feelings and thoughts of characters and have planned a diary entry in the first person.

In Music we have continued to learn about our song 'Let Your Spirit Fly', practising how to find the tempo and rhythm.

In R.E. we have learned the story of Noah. Mandela class are happy to retell this story to you at home!

In Art, we are looking at the famous Georgia O'Keeffe's passion into nature. Last week, we enjoyed sketching the willow trees in our field, and this week, we got to draw some flowers from real life.



Year 4 - Attenborough

It has been another exciting and busy week in Year 4. In Maths we have been looking at estimating where numbers sit on a number line and rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. In English the children came up with some really interesting narratives based on our book 'Look Up'. In Science, we looked at how the pitch of a sound can change. In RE, we have been looking at the Ten Commandments and how this helps shape Christian's lives. In PE, the children have really enjoyed learning the rules and practising passing skills in Netball. They have also been working on their fitness skills. I look forward to another busy and productive week.



I would like to give a special shoutout to Jayin, Kyrie, Diksha who were finalists of the Arts Festival postcard competition. A really big shoutout to Lina and Sheyni who were the two overall winners of the competition. I am very proud of all of them and also to everybody in the class who took part.



Year 5 - Luther King

It has been another busy week in Year 5 this week. We started to explore negative numbers in Maths and using number lines to work out questions such as whether -12 is a bigger number than -10.

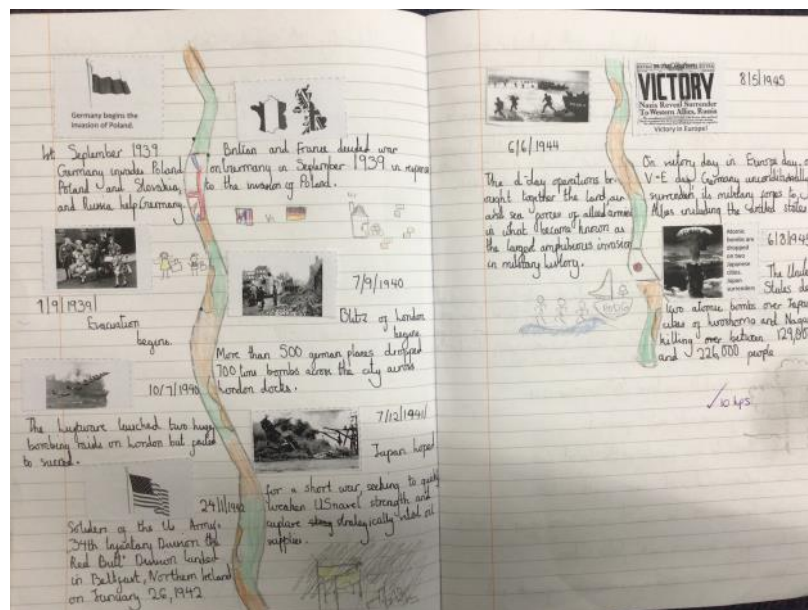
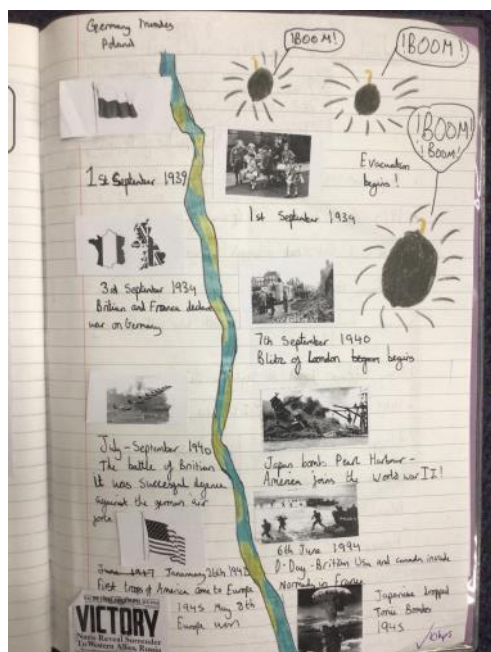
In English we have been writing our own narratives linked to 'Look Up!' our class text. Like all real authors we have been editing our work and striving to make it even better.

It was great to speak to the parents that came to the Meet the Teacher meeting. It was a great opportunity to look at all the ways we can work together to support our children in Luther King class.



Year 6 - Goodall

In Goodall class this week Year 6 have been really enjoying History researching World War 2 and the countries involved. The children have made timelines showing the events that took place.





Mrs Hoile with finalists and winners of the postcard competition.



Mr Petty being shown some great work by our Year 2 children.



Mrs Honour with an intervention group.



North Mymms Arts Festival

23rd - 29th September

at St Mary's Church North Mymms



Open daily 10am-4pm
(opens 11am on Sunday)
to view the exhibition

Tickets £3
on the door
(under 16s free)



Friday 22nd September 6-9pm

Preview Evening

Come along for a drink and nibbles
and have the first opportunity
to view and buy the art.

Tickets £10
from Ticketsource



Saturday 23rd September 7pm

Young Musicians' Showcase

Join us for a concert
featuring talented young musicians

Tickets £12
(under 16s £2)
from Ticketsource
or on the door



Liverpool: Ten to One by Andrew Naish

Sunday 24th September 2-4pm

Meet the Artists

Come along to meet some of the artists
to hear about their work

No need to book
Included in
entry price



Tuesday 26th September

10am & 1.30pm

Art Workshops

Join tutor Robin Elgar

Tickets £15
from Ticketsource



Thursday 28th September 2pm

St Mary's Explored

an illustrated talk by Mike Allen

No need to book
Included in
entry price



Friday 29th September 2pm

Poetry Hour: the Cosmos

with St Mary's Church Poetry Group &
pupils from St Mary's C of E Primary School

No need to book
Included in
entry price

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