



St Stephen's RCP Weekly Newsletter
'A world class school for children that want to make the world a better place as God intended.'

Friday 10th November 2023

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A Message from MR LAVIN...

I hope you are all well and have had a great week!

During our Senior Leadership Team meeting this week, we were joined by Mr Fitch (Maths Lead) to look at the work children are completing in their Maths lessons. It was great to see the progress children are making and their hard work.

We are really trying hard to improve our children's timestable recall this year and are encouraging them to use Times Table Rockstars APP as much as possible. If you are unsure on the app, or need some support on how best to get your child logged on, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mr Fitch.

Myself and Miss Dempsey also spent yesterday meeting teacher's to discuss the progress children are making and how best we can support them going forward. Next week, I will be visiting English lessons and I am looking forward to seeing some great work!

Remembrance Services - Today, each class took part in a Remembrance Service led by our Year 6 children. It was wonderful to see the great Art work prepared by classes and as always, the children were very respectful.

Year 2 Class Assembly - A huge well done to our Year 2 children who, on Wednesday, came together as a year group to deliver a wonderful class assembly all about their topic 'The Great Fire of London'. Thank you for attending.

Next week is Year 3LH, 9:05am on Wednesday morning.

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A Message from MR LAVIN Continued...

Anti-Bullying Week - Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and children will take part in a variety of activities around the theme 'Make a noise about bullying'. On Monday, we will join with schools around the country in celebrating 'Odd Socks Day'. Children, staff and parents are encouraged to wear odd socks on Monday.

Monday is also 'World Kindness Day', we will be talking to children about how they can show kindness to each other and their families.

Parent Survey - Thank you to those who have submitted responses to our Parent Survey. We've had over 100 responses so far and I am so thankful to read such positive feedback.

As always, we have work to do and I appreciate the feedback around improvements we can make. If you have not completed it yet, please click the link below. The survey will close on Monday lunchtime.

<https://forms.gle/KyPtKYbQVaBknGXu7>

My Happy Minds - Mrs Williams sent an email and dojo out this week regarding a new mental health and well-being program we have launched at school this week. Please do have a read and log on to the Parent App. Children have really enjoyed learning about how their brains work this week!

****NEW DATE ON THE CALENDAR**** On **Friday 17th November 2023** we will be having an own clothes day in return for a bottle for the bottle tombola for the Christmas Fair, which takes place on Sunday 26th November 2023.

Enjoy your weekend! **Mr Lavin, Headteacher**

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Dates for YOUR calendar

Date	Event
13/11/23	Anti-Bullying Week
13/11/23	Odd Socks Day
15/11/23	Y3LH Class Assembly
17/11/23	Y4/Y5 Mass @10am
17/11/23	Own clothes day - donation of a bottle for the bottle tombola for Christmas Fair
22/11/23	Y3HB Class Assembly
24/11/23	Y6/Reception Mass @10am
26/11/23	PTA Christmas Fair
29/11/23	Y4SM Class Assembly
30/11/23	Nasal Flu
01/12/23	Y1, Y2, Y3 Mass @10am

Date	Event
08/12/23	Christmas Jumper Day £1.00 donation
08/12/23	Y4/Y5 Mass @10am
12/12/23	Nursery Nativity - School Hall at 9:30am
13/12/23	Reception Nativity - School Hall at 9:30am (RNE)
14/12/23	Reception Nativity - School Hall at 9:30am (RLS)
14/12/23	Year 1 Carol Concert - School Hall at 2:30pm
15/12/23	Year 2 Play - School Hall at 9:30am
15/12/23	Reception / Y6 Mass @10am
19/12/23	KS2 Carol Service 2pm in Church
20/12/23	Christmas Dinner Day
21/12/23	Christmas Party Day
22/12/23	Whole School Mass @10am
22/12/23	School closes @ 1:30pm
08/01/24	School Reopens

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Hot Chocolate Friday Winner



Nursery	Dustie & Ayrah
RLS	Phoebe
RNE	Isabella M
Y1SH	Alise
Y1LB	Harry
Y2LS	Bella
Y2AL	Raya-Mae
Y3HB	Ivy
Y3LH	Lani
Y4DM	Leah
Y4SM	Alisha
Y5LW	Reece
Y5GB	Sara
Y6HG	Nancy
Y6DF	Rihanna

Readers of the Week



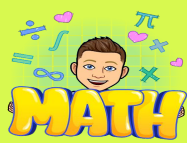
Nursery	Alfie
RLS	Fabian
RNE	Ava
Y1SH	Thomas
Y1LB	Scarlett
Y2LS	Linen
Y2AL	Milliane
Y3HB	Jensen
Y3LH	Grace
Y4DM	Daisy
Y4SM	Lola
Y5LW	Erin
Y5GB	Lexi
Y6HG	Cody
Y6DF	Eddie O

1%
BETTER





Maths Star



Nursery	Nehneh
RLS	Peyton
RNE	Darcie
Y1SH	Aaliyah
Y1LB	Frankie
Y2LS	Lyna
Y2AL	Lyne
Y3HB	Sahichpreet
Y3LH	Adora
Y4DM	Joshua
Y4SM	Elise
Y5LW	Beau
Y5GB	Olivia
Y6HG	Khaceriah
Y6DF	Ethan

Writing Star



Nursery	Nellie
RLS	Nicholas
RNE	Noah B
Y1SH	Evie-Rose
Y1LB	Berrie-Mae
Y2LS	Kaiden
Y2AL	Sophie
Y3HB	Clark
Y3LH	Hollie
Y4DM	Noah R
Y4SM	Charlie
Y5LW	Darcy
Y5GB	James
Y6HG	Mason
Y6DF	Yong

1%
BETTER





Sports Star



Nursery	Olivia
RLS	Fabian
RNE	Tilly
Y1SH	Sofia
Y1LB	Noah
Y2LS	Michelle
Y2AL	Isla
Y3HB	Pippa
Y3LH	Caiomhe
Y4DM	Leah
Y4SM	Fiyinfoluwa
Y5LW	Tejiri
Y5GB	Audrey
Y6HG	Kyra
Y6DF	John-Paul

Class Dojo Points



Nursery	87
RLS	342
RNE	251
Y1SH	195
Y1LB	378
Y2LS	143
Y2AL	298
Y3HB	322
Y3LH	513
Y4DM	1076
Y4SM	1314
Y5LW	721
Y5GB	761
Y6HG	348
Y6DF	363

Winners!

1% BETTER





Attendance

Whole School: 94.6%

Nursery AM	78.6%	3HB	96.7%
Nursery Full Day	94%	3LH	90%
RLS	95.5%	4DM	92.9%
RNE	94.6%	4SM	95.7%
Y1SH	93.5%	5LW	98.8%
Y1LB	95.1%	5GB	97.7%
Y2LS	97.8%	6HG	90.2%
Y2AL	93.2%	6DF	97.5%

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 2LS	13	5rd: RLS	3
2nd: NurFD	10	6th: RNE	2
3rd: NurAM	7	7th: 2AL	1
3rd: 1LB	7		
4th: 1SH	3		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 5LW	14	5th: Y3LH	3
2nd: Y5GB	11	6th: Y6HG	2
3rd: Y3HB	6	6th: Y6DF	2
3rd: Y4SM	6		
4th: Y4DM	4		



Religious Education

November

A Month of Remembrance

The month of November is traditionally a time in which the Catholic community remembers those who have died.

In this month, we remember all those who have died and have entered Heaven.

During Liturgies and Prayer time in class, the children will be praying for their family and members who have joined God for everlasting life in Heaven.

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace.

Amen

CAFOD Workshops

We have welcomed CAFOD into school this week to begin our Catholic Social Teaching workshops.

We are extremely grateful to CAFOD for providing our children with this experience.

This term, our KS2 children will have their workshops in class. Please ask your child about what they have learnt in class!



Mass Times

Mass Times:
Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am

Our Parish Priest is Father B. Wilson.

We keep Father Wilson in our prayers as he recovers from illness.

We welcome Father Callistus Orjika to St Stephen's as our assistant priest as Father Wilson recovers.

Class Masses will continue weekly on a Friday at 10am Mass.

Prayer of the Week

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for those who serve in our armed forces.

Thank you for their gifts of bravery and selflessness.

Heal their pains and hurts and fill them with your peace.

May we always be grateful for the gift of freedom.

We ask this through Jesus, who fought the battle of good over evil just for us.

Amen

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Nursery

The Nativity is underway... This week the children have started to learn and listen to the songs we will be performing as part of our nativity. We can't wait for you to see it!

In literacy we have continued with Owl Babies. The children are becoming very familiar with the book and have created actions to go along with the story. In Maths we have been learning all about the number one and went on an outdoor hunt to find one of each object. We have also taken part in Spatial Sense Day where the children talked about where they live, found it on the map, where they have been on trips and learnt a new song about travelling around the world. Mrs Artingstall led our first forest school session of the half-term; we planted broad beans, went on a stick hunt for the hedgehog's house and picked the sunflowers. On Friday we took part in a special remembrance circle time where the children laid a poppy on the soldiers hill.

Question - What does nocturnal mean?

Reception

We have had a lovely week learning about "The Gunpowder Plot." We created a story map of the event using our Talk for Writing skills and we were able to retell the event in the correct sequence. In maths we have been thinking about the numbers 1, 2 and 3. We have been comparing, subitising, counting and recognising. In RE we have started our unit all about Baptism. We visited the church and had a lovely session with Father where we saw the font and learned all about the meaning of Baptism. Our special Geography day on Thursday was so much fun. We learnt all about maps and spoke about holidays we had been on in different countries. We took part in a special Remembrance service with our Year 6 special friends. We made poppies together and displayed them in our Remembrance garden. We started "My Happy Mind" this week too where we learnt all about our brains. We are ready to start our magical themed topic next week. Have a lovely weekend everyone :)

Question: What colour is our brain? What does it help us to do?



Year 1

The children in year one have been working really hard this week and we appreciate all of their hard work. In English, we used 'Talk for Writing' to create a story map of 'Supertato'. The children then used imitation to sequence sentences. In maths, we have been working on number bonds within 10 and using them to solve addition word problems. In R.E, the children made belonging badges to show which groups they belong to. We then looked at some Baptism photos and discussed how we become part of the Church. In science, we began our unit on materials. The children identified what different objects are made from. To celebrate remembrance, children painted purple poppies for animals in the war. Children also spent some time planting in the Year 1 garden. We finished the week with a lovely Mass.

Question: Can you retell the Supertato story?

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic yet busy week this week.

In History this week, we have been studying WW1 and we have thought about those about those who died during war in this month of November. We have looked closely at the life of Edith Cavell and written diary entries in role to show what a day in the life of nurse during WW1 would be like.

In English we have started a new text named, 'The Disgusting Sandwich'. The children have completed retrieval questions about the text and looked carefully at imperative verbs and commands.

Also, in order to launch our Geography unit, we completed a spatial sense day. Here the children completed some fieldwork where we looked closely at our school grounds; studied aerial maps of our school and created our own.

In Science, we have concluded our current unit and thought about healthy eating, personal hygiene and oral hygiene.

We concluded our week by celebrating mass and visiting the cenotaph to lay our decorated crosses that we have produce.

We were also extremely proud of the children for performing their assembly beautifully on Tuesday.

Question: What was on the disgusting sandwich?



Year 3

Another exciting week in Year 3.

On Monday, we had a special assembly to introduce the children to our new programme of work called, 'My Happy Mind.' We then had a follow up lesson in class where we learnt about how the brain has different parts to it and we thought about a time when persevered to learn something new which had opened new neural pathways in our brain.

In English, we have continued with 'Stone Age Boy' collecting and classifying verbs. We wrote a short dramatic piece about the boy and girl in the story being confronted by a wild bear, describing how they felt and what they did.

In Maths we have worked on adding one and ten onto two and three digit numbers using either a number line or place value counters.

On Thursday it was Spatial Awareness day in school. The children enjoyed distinguishing between human and physical geographical features and using 4 figure grid references on maps.

Year 3 prepared wreaths of poppies to present in mass on Friday. The children made a poppy each and wrote their family name on it.

Question: What does the word 'prefer' mean?

Year 4

On Monday, we began our week with a special assembly to introduce our new programme of work called, 'My Happy Mind.'

In English, we have continued with our book Change Sings. We have focused our grammar skill work on apostrophes whilst in our focused writing, we have planned and then written our own versions of the story.

In Maths we have worked on multiplication and division facts for the 3 and 6 time tables.

On Thursday it was Spatial Awareness day in school. We looked at using 6 figure grid references as well as map scaling.

For remembrance day, all children in year 4 created soldier silhouettes which they place in the ground at the front of school.

Question: Why is a 6 figure reference a better option than a 4 figure reference when reading maps?



Year 5

A fun-packed and diverse week in Year 5!

For Spatial Sense day on Thursday, we learned all about how geographers use relief maps, contour lines and layered shading to demonstrate differences in the height of the terrain. We matched contour lines to 3d models, analysed and drew conclusions about the terrain around Manchester using OS maps and created our own 3d model from 2d contour lines. The children loved learning about relief maps and produced some fantastic work.

This week, the children also learned about life in the trenches for soldiers in WW1. They wrote diaries from the viewpoint of the soldiers and will produce postcards in the style of WW1 embroidered silk postcards next week.

To commemorate Remembrance day, the children produced their own painting in the style of The Poppy Field by Claude Monet. These made up part of the school's tribute to those who have given their lives in conflict. We are very proud of the results.

Finally, on Monday, the children were introduced to My Happy Mind in assembly. In class, the children then explored the different parts of the brain - the Hippocampus, Amygdala and Pre-frontal Cortex. They learnt about the functions of each of these parts of the brain and how they work together in decision making. The children are looking forward to finding out more in our 'Meet the Brain' unit of work next week.

Question: What is a monologue and why are they important in understanding a character?

Year 6

Year 6 have had another exciting week in school. Mrs Williams led us in a fantastic assembly where we were introduced to 'My Happy Mind'. We loved learning about the parts of our brain and are excited to learn more about it next week.

We welcomed Charles and Samson (from CAFOD) into our classes this week and they talked to us about Catholic Social Teaching. The session made us reflect upon our place in society and the service we have towards others. We are looking forward to following this up with charity work.

In English, we started our new novel: Letters from the Lighthouse. We read the first three chapters and made some detailed inferences about the main characters. At the end of chapter three, we learnt that our main character, Olive, is going to be evacuated from her home in London.

In Maths, we have moved on to start our work on fractions. This has included simplifying and ordering, as well as identifying fractions on a number line. This has also tied into our Fluent in 12 focus which is currently centred around conversion between decimals, fractions and percentages.

Question: Can you name one of the Catholic Social Teaching keys?

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