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# NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th September 2021  
Issue 3



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## A MESSAGE FROM MR MARLEY

Dear Parents,

We are at the end of another great week in school. It was brilliant to see everyone at the Summer Fair, enjoying themselves and making some great memories. I'm not sure I will want to see a beef burger anytime soon and Mr Lavin is just about dried off! The PTA do a fabulous job raising money for school and raised £2000 at last week's fair. Well done to everyone who helped make it such a successful day.

I am so happy that our children are able to go on trips again starting with Year 4 going to Chester to enhance their learning about Romans. Enjoy your day!

Next Friday we are going to hold our Macmillan Coffee morning, Weather permitting we will invite Parents to have a coffee and cake under our Marquee on the field. Donations of cakes will be much appreciated. The children can also buy a cake and support Macmillan who have supported so many of us who have been affected by cancer.

I hope you have a good weekend and look forward to another successful week.

Mr Marley



## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

23rd Sept	Year 4 and 5 Mass
24th Sept	Macmillan Coffee morning
1st Oct	Black History Month
22nd Oct	Half Term Holiday

### Parking

We have received a number of complaints about parking. Please be respectful of the neighbours when parking. Also, please do not pull up outside of school to drop off/pick up - it is only a matter of time before someone is seriously hurt. Thank you.

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## Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Valentina
Nursery	Bobby
RKF	Oscar J
RCL	Felix H
Y1LD	Kingston
Y1J'OD	Evelyn
Y2SH	Alisha M
Y2AL	Elijah B
Y3LW	Emily W
Y3CS/DH	Eva F
Y4DS	Santana M
Y4HB	India
Y5LS	Charlie P
Y5DM	Edwin I
Y6HG	Alexia W
Y6DF	Jake B

## House Points

Blue  
6271



Red  
4373

Yellow  
2350



Green  
4912

### Totals So Far!

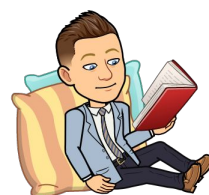
Blue 15,171  
 Green 12,927  
 Yellow 9446  
 Red 9626

## Readers of the Week

In Nursery, Reception and Year 1 the class teachers chose one child who they thought had been making a fantastic effort with their reading.

In Years 2 -6, our readers of the week are the children who have spent the most time engaged reading on Accelerated Reader. Congratulations to all!

Nursery: Sienna  
 RKF: Elijah  
 RCL: Annie  
 Y1LD: Emmanuella  
 Y2SH: Flynn  
 Y2AL: Jacob  
 Y3CS/DH - Erin  
 Y3LW - Aoife  
 Y4DS - Alana  
 Y4HB - Louie  
 Y5DM - Eddie W  
 Y5LS - Layla  
 Y6DF - Jake B  
 Y6HG - Ava S



## Sports Stars

Here's our sports stars chosen by Mr Grantham:

Nurs - Cornelia  
 RCL - Myley-Dean  
 RKF - Grace  
 LD - Noah  
 JO - Evelyn  
 2AL - Joshua  
 2SH - Charlotte  
 3LW - Chen Xuan  
 3CS/DH - Jensen  
 4DS - Evan  
 4HB - Toby D  
 5LS - Willow  
 5DM - Carlos  
 6HG - Alexis  
 6DF - Damiete



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## Attendance

Whole School	94.9%
Nursery AM	94.4%
Nursery Full Day	91.6%
RKF	96.6%
RCL	98.1%
Y1LD	90.5%
Y1J'OD	97.7%
Y2AL	88.8%
Y2SH	96.3%
Y3LW	91.5%
Y3CS/DH	98.3%
Y4DS	97.4%
Y4HB	97.3%
Y5DM	95.8%
Y5LS	88.8%
Y6HG	95.8%
Y6DF	98.8%



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

## Attendance Challenge!

We are going to be running **two** attendance challenges this half term.

**Challenge One:** If your child is in school everyday from Monday 6th September to Friday 17th September then their name will be entered into a draw for an Amazon Voucher. There will be one prize per year group.

**Challenge Two:** If your child is in everyday for the whole half term, they will be entered into a draw for a special prize. Everyday in school counts so let's see how many of us can make it to 100%!

## St Stephen's Attendance League

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: NurAM	3	3rd: 2AL	2
1st: RCL	3	4th: 1LD	0
2nd: NurFD	2	5th: 2SH	0
2nd: 1JO'D	2		
3rd: RKF	1		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	5	6th: Y5DM	0
2nd: Y4DS	4	7th: Y5LS	0
3rd: Y3CS/DS	2	7th: Y6HG	0
4th: Y4HB	1		
5th: Y3LW	0		

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## Religious Education

### Come and See

Our first Come and See unit is entitled 'Domestic Family'. The children will be focusing on themselves, their families and their friends. These are our big questions for this term:

- Nursery and Reception:** MYSELF- Why am I precious?
- Year 1:** FAMILIES- Why do we have a family and who is my family?
- Year 2:** BEGINNINGS- Who made the world and everything in it?
- Year 3:** HOMES- What makes a house a home?
- Year 4:** PEOPLE- Where do I come from?
- Year 5:** OURSELVES- Who am I?
- Year 6:** LOVING- Do you have to earn love?



### Mass Times

Each week, a year group will attend Mass. Parents/ Guardians are more than welcome to attend. All Thursday Masses are at 10am.

- Thursday 23rd September- Year 5 and 4
- Thursday 30th September- Year 3
- Thursday 7th October- Year 2
- Thursday 14th October- Year 1
- Thursday 21st October- Reception.

**Weekend Mass Times:**  
Saturday Vigil : 1 5.30pm  
Sunday: 10.30am



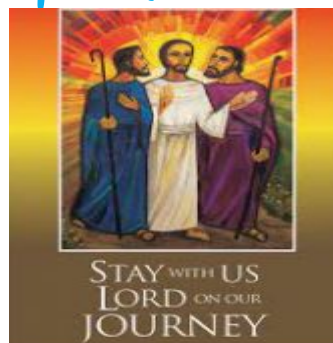
### Sacramental Programme

This academic year the Sacramental Programme will take place in **Year 4**. Mrs Wilding will be in touch this term with the families in Year 4.

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and they have not received the Sacrament of Reconciliation or First Communion and you would like them to join the Sacramental Programme please email Mrs Gibson.

[hannah.gibson@st-stephens-droylsden.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:hannah.gibson@st-stephens-droylsden.tameside.sch.uk)

### Prayer of the Week



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## Our Fantastic Learning!

### Nursery

What a fabulous week in Nursery we have had. The children have been continuing to get to know the areas, working on tidying up and learning to all sit together on the carpet for story time and singing time! We have enjoyed learning our Nursery Rhyme of the week - Hickory dickory dock. We have learnt some new songs and learnt new mouth sounds in phonics. In maths we have been looking at colours and how to sort things of colour.

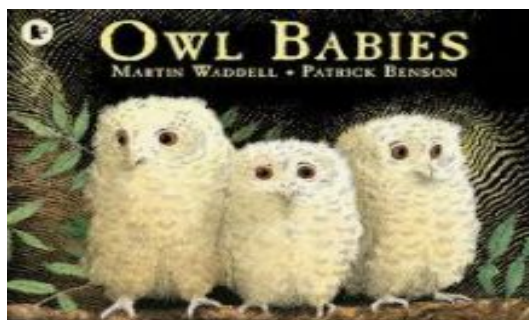
Our number song this week is 5 little ducks.

The children had PE on Wednesday with Mr Grantham and had lots of fun. Finally, we had our Forest school session with Mrs Artingstall. Every week we feed the chickens and ducks, collect leaves, herbs and flowers for our mud chicken. This week Emmeline wrote us a letter to say she had lost her hat could we help her find it and we made a home for the bugs for winter. We can't wait for more learning next week.

### Reception

We have had such a wonderful week in Reception. Our story session with Mr Marley was very special because we have been learning sign language as we listen to our stories. We can sign Owl Babies.

It was exciting in the woods this week, we found the Gruffalo! Yikes!





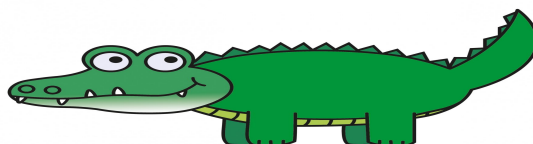
## Year 1

In year 1 this week we have been

- painting pictures of our families.
- finding out about transport a long time ago, and putting pictures in order.
- Writing about the mole and crocodile in our story.
  - Labelling parts of the body.
- Counting and ordering numbers on numberlines
  - watching a pantomime.

We all have been given letter sounds or spellings to learn, and reading books. Try to read every day.

Question: Who are the people in your family?



## Year 2

What a busy week we have had in Year 2 this week! On Monday we had a great time watching the Wizard of Oz and on Tuesday we took part in drama workshop to help us learn about the Great Fire of London. Through time travel and games, we brought Pudding Lane to life and saved London by putting out the fire. It was great fun.

In science we have been identifying the materials that everyday objects are made of and discussing their properties.

We worked hard this week writing sentences about our story "The Highway Rat" by Julia Donaldson.

In maths we have been continuing to work on place value of 2 digit numbers - we are doing really well!

In RE we have been thinking about new beginnings and the Creation story. Everyone should be proud of their hard work and brilliant behaviour - we have been ready, respectful and safe all week.

Question - What materials are everyday objects around your house made of?  
What makes the material suitable?



## Year 3

The week began with a bang with the pantomime 'The Wizard of Oz', which the children thoroughly enjoyed. In year 3, we have been using a range of sentence types to describe illustrations from Stone Age Boy, ensuring we punctuate them accurately. We also explored the spelling rules for the suffixes -ed, -ing, -er and -est, which have formed the basis for our spelling homework this week. In Maths, we used clues to the place value of digits to identify the mystery number and played dice games to try to make the largest 3 digit numbers. We composed a timeline of events throughout the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age in History and explored similarities and differences between the three eras. In Science, we compared the properties of a range of rocks, sketched them and wrote comparative sentences using accurate scientific vocabulary. In our 'Homes' topic, we analysed a range of idioms and compared them to our own and others' experiences of home e.g. 'There's no place like home.' 3LW had their first swimming lesson and are looking forward to the rest of the term, whilst 3CS/DH have been practising their basketball skills in PE.

**Question - What makes a house a home?**

## Year 4

This week, Miss Scaife's class began their music lesson with Tameside Music Service. The children are really enjoying learning how to play a Djembe drum. Mrs Bilic's class have this to look forward to next half term. In Science, we created some classification keys and used them to help us classify unusual animals. We began our Roman topic, looking at some key events in the Roman Empire and we had our first art lesson on Roman mosaics. We are planning to create our own mosaic in the upcoming weeks. We are really looking forward to the trip to Chester next Friday to learn more about the Romans.





## Y5DM

This week in 5DM we have completed our English work on our book of Leon and the Place Between. We wrote detailed setting descriptions of what the place was like. In Science, we have researched the work of Aristotle in proving the Earth is round and looked at some of the planets in greater focus. In History, we have worked more on The Maya and compared events to British history. We have begun our classroom Music sessions, with this half term being a focus on Classroom Jazz.

The children played a range of instruments, performing alongside the backing track. We made our first visit to church this week and it was really nice to be back and we look forward to more visits in the future.

## Y5LS

5LS have had another great week. We have finished discovering what happened to Leon in our text, Leon and the Place Between. In Maths, the children have explored place value further and completed a range of different activities to deepen our understanding.

Furthermore, we have been studying theories surrounding the shape of the Earth and researched the findings of Aristotle. Finally, the children took part in a brass instrument music lesson this week. They thoroughly enjoyed it and are looking forward to the session next week.

## Year 6

Wow! What a fantastic week we have had in Year 6. The children have certainly settled into life in Year 6 and are approaching all tasks with enthusiasm. This week in English, we began our text for the term: Romeo and Juliet. We firstly looked at the prologue and discussed what it told us about the story. We then read the text and created hashtags to retell the story #MontaguevsCapulet.

In RE, we have been thinking about what love is and who shows us love. We thought about people who showed love during the pandemic. Inspired by the Gratitude art sculptures, we designed our own sculptures to thank those who have thought about others during the pandemic.

In maths, we have started to look at rounding numbers. We are going to continue this next week.

Enjoy a well deserved rest this weekend Year 6!!

**Question: Why were Romeo and Juliet not allowed to be together?**





## PE with Mr Grantham

We have had another amazing week of PE and the children have worked very hard.

EYFS, have been working on spaces and rolling, they have shown some good strong core muscles to be able to move their bodies over and over. If they start doing it around the house then I'm sorry parents.

KS1, have been working on some gymnastics, they have been able to show some good sequenced counter balancing with each other. The moves they have done have been fantastic.

KS2, have been working on their basketball the focus has been on attacking and defending and I can honestly say the NBA will be on the phone before you know it. LeBron James who!



## UNIFORM NOTICE

Please can you ensure that all school uniforms and PE kits are labelled with your child's name.  
Thank you



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## THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

It's been another remarkable week!

Here's some photographs to show some of the wonderful learning experiences...



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