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'Together we can achieve our best'

NEWSLETTER

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 Issue 6

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN

I hope you and your families are well. It has been a great week in school this week. Our Chair of Governors, Mr Hawksworth, visited school this week and spent some time in all of the classrooms to see the wonderful work children have been doing. He was very impressed with what he saw and commented on how polite and welcoming our children were. A big well done to everyone!

Hello Yellow Day/ National Poetry Day

It was amazing to see all children supporting 'Hello Yellow Day' today by wearing yellow and donating £1.00. Yesterday was National Poetry Day, however we decided to link Hello Yellow Day with National Poetry Day and celebrate it today. All classes worked hard to create poems all about Mental Health.

Year 1 Trip to Portland Basin

Year 1 had a fantastic trip this week to Portland Basin. Children came back from the trip with such enthusiasm! It is great that we can get the children back out on educational visits. The centre commented on how well the children behaved, especially their fantastic walking!

Behaviour

I mentioned last week that we were really working hard on how we walk around the school - we call that **fantastic walking**. The improvement has been incredible. Next week, we are focusing on **terrific transitions**. This means how the children are moving from lesson to lesson, or from the lunch hall to the playground, or just collecting things from their lockers. I am sure the children will rise to our high expectations as always.

COVID-19

Over the coming week, we will be reviewing all COVID-19 measures that are in place, particularly how children enter and leave school. It has been great to receive some feedback from parents. I understand that it can be quite congested around the Year 3 entrance, especially with cars pulling onto the pathway. Therefore, from Monday, at drop off, parents in **Year 3** can walk their child up onto the car park and wait there for the teacher on duty to welcome the children in.

Parent's evening will be held virtually again this year. It will take place in the final week of this term. More details to follow early next week. Enjoy your weekend.

Mr Lavin Deputy Headteacher



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

11/10/21	Year 3 Stone Age Day
11/10/21	6DF Greek Warfare Day
12/10/21	6HG Greek Warfare Day
14/10/21	Year 1 Mass

Parking

We are continuing to receive 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	Evie
Nursery	Luke
RKF	Patrycja
RCL	Lexie
Y1LD	Adora
Y1J'OD	Kacper
Y2SH	Saul
Y2AL	Leraya
Y3LW	Sam
Y3CS/DH	Finley
Y4DS	Mason
Y4HB	Rihanna
Y5LS	Bonnie
Y5DM	Anais
Y6HG	Stanley
Y6DF	Lily-Mae
Mrs Johnson	Rocco

House Points

Blue
9017



Red
5148

Yellow
3977



Green
11,846

Totals So Far!

Blue 31,547
Green 30,317
Red 20,269
Yellow 18,175

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: Sofia
RKF: Niall
RCL: Olivia
Y1J'OD: Tamunoboma
Y1LD: Harrison
Y2SH: Riley-James
Y2AL: Freddie
3DS - Reece
3LW - Theodore
4DS - Cody
4HB - Ethan
5DM - Jayden
5LS- Bonnie
6DF- Georgie
6HG - Desmond



Sports News!

Firstly, I just want to give the girls a massive congratulations on how well they played during the football tournament this week.

This tournament was designed not to count scores after the game but to give these girls the opportunity to show their talents and about playing the game. The girls represented St Stephen's fantastically well and demonstrated fair play throughout. At the end of every game the girls would get together and decide on who the best player of the match was from the other teams and vice versa. I can safely say that the future is bright for these girls in football, WHO RUNS THE WORLD!!!!

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Attendance

Whole School	95.2%
Nursery AM	87.5%
Nursery Full Day	95%
RKF	87.7%
RCL	89.9%
Y1LD	100%
Y1J'OD	98.1%
Y2AL	94.4%
Y2SH	91.7%
Y3LW	97.1%
Y3CS/DH	99%
Y4DS	94.8%
Y4HB	96.1%
Y5DM	96.5%
Y5LS	96.3%
Y6HG	91.7%
Y6DF	98.7%



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance Challenge!

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%!

100%



St Stephen's Attendance League

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: NurAM	6	4th: NurFD	3
1st: 2AL	6	4th: RCL	3
2nd: RKF	5	4th: 1LD	3
3rd: 28H	4		
3rd: 1J0'D	4		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	12	5th: Y6HG	1
2nd: Y4DS	7	5th: Y3LW	1
3rd: Y3CS/DS	6	6th: Y5DM	0
4th: Y4HB	2		
4th: Y5LS	2		

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Religious Education

Come and See Other Faiths- Judaism

Next week, we will be beginning one of our Other Faith theme weeks during RE lessons. Next week, the children will be exploring Judaism. Below are the themes and the topics the children will be exploring in class. If you would like more information regarding what aspects of Judaism your child will be studying, please ask your child's class teacher.

Year Group	Theme	Topic
Nursery/ Reception	Special Days/ Ritual Objects	Hanukkah (Chanukah) The feast of lights
Year 1	Stories	Abraham and Moses
Year 2	Prayer/ Home	Shabbat
Year 3	Places for Worship	The Synagogue
Year 4	Holy Books	The Torah
Year 5	Beliefs and Festivals	Pesach
Year 6	Belonging and Values	Yom Kippur

Mass Times

Thursday 14th October, 10am- Year One
Thursday 21st October 10am- Reception and Year 6

Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am
Parish Priest: Father B. Wilson

Prayer of the Week

This week in class the children have been Praying the prayers of the Rosary. The younger children, learnt the Glory Be.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

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Our Fantastic Learning!

Nursery

What a fabulous week in Nursery we have had. We have been enjoying our story this week - the Gruffalo. We have been drawing and retelling the story all week. We have been learning how to rap the story with our teachers. We went for a walk in our woods and had to find all the characters of the story! We made bird feeders this week to practise our fine motor skills. We went and put them on the trees for the birds to eat. We have enjoyed learning our nursery rhyme of the week and our number song - make sure you practise at home!

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 kitchen. This week we planted some crocus' that will hopefully be ready for us to take home at Christmas. Emmeline wrote us a letter to say she had lost her hat, again, and could we help her find it! We are good at finding her hat! We can't wait for more learning next week.

Reception

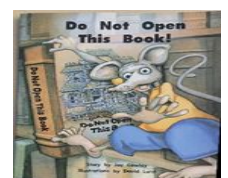
This week Reception have been exploring shape. We have enjoyed looking for shapes all around us. We have talked about our favourite shapes from love hearts to hexagons! Listening to stories with a shape theme helps us to learn. "Bears Love Squares" and "The Perfect Fit" were great stories.

Another favourite story this week has been "Do Not Open This Book".

Ask the children to tell you all about it! Children have made their own books in response to this story. We have been amazed by the children's drawings and enthusiasm. Promoting talk is a very important part of our curriculum and this story has inspired lots of discussion and new vocabulary. Fantastic Reception Class!



Question. What were the meanies cooking?



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Year 1

Another fabulous week in Year 1!
Our highlights were:-

- Our trip to Portland Basin. Molly, from Victorian times, told us all about the transport they used. We also had a look around at the shops, house and Victorian school room.
- A visit to church. We practised genuflecting and making the sign of the cross. We were happy to be in God's house.
- Learning about Jesus' family.
- Exploring our sense of hearing. We listened to sounds that were nearby and far away and tried to guess where the sound was.
- Looking at the book Look Up! by Nathan Bryon. about a little girl who wanted to be an astronaut. Would you like to go to space one day?
- Finding all our number bonds to 5 in lots of practical ways.
- Learning about the Rainhill trials.
- We are also working hard with our handwriting and practise forming our letters every day. Children all have taken home a booklet to carry on with this at home.

A request. Children are doing gymnastics in PE and need to take off and put back on shoes and socks. This is taking a very long time. Please practise this at home to enable your child to be more independent. Thank you.

Question: What do you remember about our visit to Portland Basin?

Year 2

Year 2 had their first Mass together as a class and we were blown away by their maturity and respectful attitude. A special thank you to the Year 6 Chaplaincy Team who came along with us and modelled fantastic behaviour. We have been learning about the Holy Rosary and we are starting to become more familiar with the prayers, in particular the Hail Mary. We have started a new book in English - 'The Mystery of the Missing Cake' by Claudia Boldt. The children have loved being detectives and predicting who the cake thief was. We wonder if your child can tell you who stole the cake! In Maths, we have been adding 2 digit and 1 digit numbers and using our number bond knowledge within 10 to help us add these fluently. We can't wait to end the week dressed in yellow to show our support for World Mental Health Day!

Question: Can you say the Hail Mary prayer?

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Year 3

One of the highlights of this week has been Hello Yellow day. We learned about how we can improve our own mental health and wrote tips to be displayed on our Hello Yellow board. To coincide with National Poetry Day on 7th October, we also wrote poems about mental health and wellbeing, which we will be presenting to other classes next week. This week we have started our unit of work on the addition and subtraction of hundreds, tens and ones in Maths. We have used a range of manipulatives and visual images to aid us in our calculations. In English, we researched information about the Stone Age in preparation for our non-chronological reports. We are looking forward to writing our reports next week and can't wait to share them. In History, we explored Stone Age tools and weapons, identifying what materials they are made from, how they are made and their purpose. We also became Hunter Gatherers, finding items on the school grounds and sorting them into those which are hunted and those which are gathered. We can't wait for our Stone Age day on Monday. Look out next week for photographs of the day.



Question - What was a hand axe used for in the Stone Age?



Year 4

This week in Year 4 we enjoyed discussing the question, 'Does kindness and compassion make us stronger?' The children came up with some thoughtful responses after discussions and research around the subject.

We have looked at a range of poetry with the theme of 'safe places' which linked with today's 'Mellow Yellow' theme. Then we worked hard on poems which describe places where we feel safe, relaxed and happy. We look forward to performing these poems to Year 3 children next week.

In History we wrote a letter as a Roman soldier who is living in Britain, describing the first time he comes face to face with a Celt and how the cold, damp weather is making life difficult. Lots of the letters were amusing and entertaining.

Question: In a poem, what do we call the different paragraphs?



Year 5

Year 5 have had another brilliant week. We have completed our rounding unit in Maths and are continuing to develop our understanding of global problems in our English unit.

Within Science, the children have continued to be enthusiastic when studying space. They have explored the seasons and will be continuing to examine phases of the moon.

We have finished our week, celebrating our mental health- Hello Yellow- day. Here the children read and performed a range of poems and wrote their own. The week was completed by creating their own mental health awareness piece of artwork.

Question: How are seasons created?

Year 6

We've had another fantastic week of learning in Year 6 this week. In Maths, the children have been adding and subtracting both negative and positive numbers. Mr Fitch and Mrs Gibson have both been impressed with the resilience the children have shown whilst completing these challenging problems. In English, we have been thinking about the initial meeting of Romeo and Juliet. We have completed diary entries from the point of view of both characters. In Science, we have been classifying animals (and sweets!) and linking this to the work of Carl Linnaeus. In RE, we have been exploring how forgiveness is part of unconditional love. We watched a video where a Mother explained why she chose to forgive the people who murdered her son and thought about what messages we could take from this.

Next week, we have our Greek Warfare days in school! We can't wait!

Question: Why is it important to classify living things?

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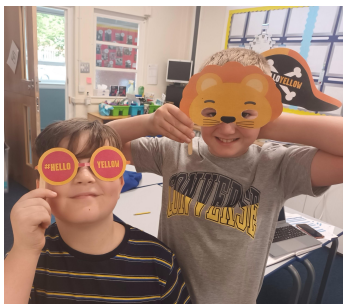
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THIS WEEK IN PICTURES



It's been another remarkable week!

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



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