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NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th October 2021
Issue 7

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN

Another busy week at St Stephen's comes to an end. It has been a great one full of lots of learning and laughter! The children have continued to demonstrate their fantastic walking and I have seen a real improvement in their 'terrific transitions'. Keep it up children! Next week, we are focusing on lovely lines! I want to say a huge thank you to the older children who are really stepping up and being a great example to the younger children.

Some highlights this week...

- Year 6 took part in a Greek Warfare Day where they played archery and created some magnificent shields!
- Year 3 had a wonderful Stone Age Day as part of their humanities topic! Their costumes were fantastic!
- Year 1 had their first class mass and what a great celebration it was! They are a credit to the school.
- Year 4, 5 and 6 continue to learn their new instruments and it is great to see them approaching the lessons with such enthusiasm! We have some great musicians at St Stephen's!
- We started back with our weekly hymn practice. It was so lovely to hear the hall filled with beautiful singing once more.
- Nursery began bikeability lessons with a special coach!

I am sure you will enjoy reading the rest of what has been happening throughout the school in the rest of the newsletter.

Parent's Evening

You will have received an email this week detailing how to go about booking an online parents evening appointment. If you have any problems at all, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

Parking

We are continuing to receive a number of complaints about parking. Please be respectful to 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.

Half term

A reminder that we begin the mid-term break on Friday 22nd October at the usual time of 3:15pm.

Have a lovely weekend, *Mr Lavin Deputy Headteacher*

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

19/10/21 20/10/21	Year 5 Retreat (in school)
21/10/21	Reception Class Mass
22/10/21	Mid-term break begins
01/11/21	Return to school
04/10/21	KS1 Classes Mass
08/11/21	School Photo Day

House Points

Blue 7076	
	Red 10,811
Yellow 9859	
	Green 10,477
Totals So Far! Blue 38,533 Green 30,317 Red 31,080 Yellow 28,034	

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Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Felicity & Poppy
RKF	Thomas
RCL	Kaiden
Y1LD	Elliott
Y1J00	Ivy
Y2SH	Daisy
Y2AL	Noah
Y3LW	Sara
Y3CS/DH	Erin
Y4DS	Reggie C
Y4HB	India
Y5LS	Fredrick
Y5DM	Ollie
Y6HG	Evie
Y6DF	Max

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Odin
RKF	Oscar
RCL	Kalani
Y1LD	Keane
Y1J00	Millie
Y2SH	Yanis
Y2AL	Isla
Y3LW	James
Y3CS/DH	Eva
Y4DS	Kaitlyn
Y4HB	Ethan
Y5LS	Irewole
Y5DM	Riley
Y6HG	Ava
Y6DF	Reece

Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Halle
RKF	Milliane
RCL	Parker
Y1LD	Emily
Y1J00	Alexandra
Y2SH	Elise
Y2AL	Penelope
Y3LW	Macy
Y3CS/DH	Travis
Y4DS	Mabel
Y4HB	Reggie
Y5LS	Jude
Y5DM	Eddie
Y6HG	Hugo
Y6DF	Emily-Rose



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Sports Stars of the Week

Nursery	Jessica & Denis
RKF	Leo
RCL	Deanah
Y1LD	Kingston
Y1JOD	Grace
Y2SH	Hamilton
Y2AL	India
Y3LW	Liam
Y3CS/0H	Leila
Y4DS	Hanna
Y4HB	Toby
Y5LS	Willow
Y5DM	Bonnie
Y6HG	Archie
Y6DF	Miley



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Attendance

Whole School	93.4%
Nursery AM	88.9%
Nursery Full Day	95.5%
RKF	79.7%
RCL	86.1%
Y1LD	97.4%
Y1J'OD	93.4%
Y2AL	98.6%
Y2SH	92.5%
Y3LW	97.1%
Y3CS/DH	96.1%
Y4DS	93.3%
Y4HB	93%
Y5DM	90.5%
Y5LS	94.5%
Y6HG	94.1%
Y6DF	95%



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: 2AL	9	4th: 1JO'D	4
2nd: NurAM	7	5th: NurFD	3
3rd: RKF	5	5th: RCL	3
3rd: 1LD	5		
4th: 2SH	4		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	13	5th: Y4HB	2
2nd: Y3CS/Ds	8	6th: Y6HG	1
3rd: Y4DS	7	7th: Y5DM	0
4th: Y3LW	4		
5th: Y5LS	2		

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Religious Education

Come and See Other Faiths- Judaism

Next week, the children will be continuing learning about 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
Nursery/ Reception	Special Days/ Ritual Objects
Year 1	Stories
Year 2	Prayer/ Home
Year 3	Places for Worship
Year 4	Holy Books
Year 5	Beliefs and Festivals
Year 6	Belonging and Values

Mass Times

Thursday 21st October 10am-
Reception
and Year 6

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

Prayer of the Week A Prayer for my Friend

God, Thank You for my friend.
You tell us that it is not good
to be alone, God, and bless us
with family and friends all
around us. Thank You for
giving us people to talk to and
laugh with. I pray for my
friend today, that they have a
good day and a blessed life.
They are a blessing to me,
God, when I need them the
most. Just like Jesus is to me.
Help me to be kind like Jesus.
To be a good friend to others
and spread His love.
Amen.

The Rosary at Home

Ten Ten have provided free Rosary resources for you to share at home with your family. Following the following link to access the resources:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/prayers-for-home-joyful-mysteries/>



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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 - another Pete the cat story - the new guy! We have enjoyed learning our nursery rhyme of the week and our number song - make sure you practise at home!

This week we were very lucky to start our bike-ability training. Joe can in and took the children out in small groups to train them on the balance bikes. Joe will be in every Wednesday and work with the children to develop their skills on a balance bike. Pictures will go on the website!

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 daffodils. 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

Awesome Autumn!

We have had a glorious week in school with lots of learning and exploring. We have been learning new songs and listening to stories. Room on the Broom has been a favourite! We even collected sticks in the woods to make our own magic brooms! We had some brilliant drawings in response to the story with lots of attention to detail.

It has been fun investigating size and weight with some tiny and some enormous pumpkins. In the mud kitchen outside we have enjoyed scooping out pumpkins and making pumpkin stew.

Thank you so much for allowing us to talk to you about your child's progress on parents evening. We are so proud of them!

Question - Talk to someone in your family about "who was on the broom?"



Year 1

Year 1 have had a very busy week in school. In maths we have continued to learn our number bonds to 5 through some very exciting activities. We are continuing to read our book 'Look up' and we are trying hard to become independent writers. We have talked about the life of Amelia Earhart and how she flew around the world in her aeroplane.

In our R.E work we made a beautiful collage for the corridor showing how God cares for everything and we need not worry. On Thursday morning we went over to church for our first class mass of the year. Our behaviour was impeccable and we sang our hearts out too.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a great time this week. In English we continue to enjoy our story of The Mystery of the Missing cake. Mrs Grantham and Mrs Cooper helped the children make a delicious Victoria sponge cake. As a follow up activity, the children have written a detailed set of instructions but we think the thing they enjoyed most was eating the delicious cake they baked!

In maths we have move on to looking at subtraction. The children have been using their number facts knowledge to answer question mentally. This week we have also been learning about Judaism and in particular about the importance of Shabbat. The children showed a keen interest in how another faith is practised. In science we helped Naughty Nora solve her "Puddle Trouble" with an investigation about materials and their absorbency.

Question: Ask your child to tell you what they have learned about Shabbat.



Year 3

This week started with a bang with our Stone Age workshops. The children had a fantastic time building shelters, chopping firewood, lighting fires, making smores, throwing axes, practising their archery skills, creating cave paintings and hand-tying herbs. Thank you to One Adventure for their expertise, knowledge and skills. In RE this week we have been learning about Judaism. We explored a Jewish synagogue, identifying symbols which we incorporated into our stained glass window designs. We also discovered the importance of Shabbat and wrote a diary entry from the viewpoint of the Shamas as he prepared the synagogue. Finally, we wrote definitions for a number of words linked to the Jewish faith e.g. Ark, Kippah and Tallit. In English, we wrote non-chronological reports about the Stone Age, using sub-headings, compound sentences, fronted adverbials, rhetorical questions, expanded noun phrases and diagrams to engage the reader. Next week promises to be just as busy and exciting!

Question - In what language is the Torah written? How does it differ from our writing?

Year 4

We have had a busy week in Year 4! On Tuesday, we performed the poems, that we wrote on Hello Yellow Day, for Year 3 in the marquee. We also enjoyed listening to some of their poems. In English, we have been writing an alternative version of our book 'The legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors'. The children created a new warrior character and wrote about a battle that they had won. We concluded our work on rounding in Maths and started to learn about negative numbers. In Science, we learnt about the four groups that plants can be classified into based on their characteristics. The children are becoming experts in finding different ways to classify living things. This week, we have also started MyON bookclub and some of us have visited the Book Bus.

Question of the Week: Where might you see negative numbers in real life?



Year 5

This week in math we have moved on to practising our written addition skills in a range of different ways. In English we have planned letters to write to Angela Raynor about the worrying extinction numbers. We have researched the dangers facing many animals on our planet. In Science we have conducted an investigation into moon craters. We created a moon like surface using flour, coconut and cocoa powder and then dropped rocks from different heights before examining the craters.

In R.E we have spent this week learning about Judaism. We have looked at important celebrations and symbols within the religion. It has been a week full of fun and learning.

Year 6

We've had an amazing week in Year 6! Both classes have taken part in a Greek Warfare day. We learnt about what life was like for an Ancient Greek soldier; thinking carefully about the uniform they wore. We then made our own shield or helmet and acted out the beginning of the Battle of Marathon. In Maths, we have been learning how to add and subtract negative numbers with number lines. In English, we have been identifying past tense verbs and using them correctly.

In RE, we have been discussing forgiveness we have shared our opinions on whether certain actions should be forgiven. We then reflected upon Jesus' teaching about forgiveness and applied this to our own life.

Next week, we are looking forward to meeting our Reception buddy. The children are all going to be paired with a child from Reception who will then be their special friend for the rest of the year. We are so excited!

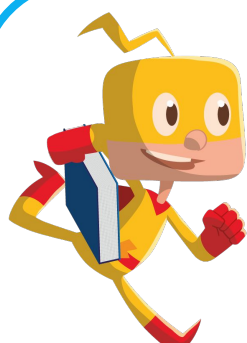
Question: Explain the origin of Marathons



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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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