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NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th March 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

Another week has flown by and I hope it has been a good one for you all.

It has been a busy week in school with lots of fantastic learning. It has been great that the weather has been kind to us and we've been able to make the most of our great outdoors.

In Assemblies this week we explored what it means to be tempted, just like Jesus was in the desert.

We celebrated International Women's Day by reading a story called 'Sister' all about Venus and Serena Williams. We also launched a new 'Values' assembly this week, where children explored the value of friendship.

Year 5DM and Y3CS

Year 5 Mr Muschamp and Year 3 Mrs Shuttleworth led us beautifully in their class assemblies this week. The children enjoyed celebrating their learning and demonstrated how talented they are speaking in front of a crowd.

Next up is Mrs Williams' class on Wednesday 16th March at 9:10am in the school hall.

School Ties

There are an increasing number of children not wearing the correct uniform, including a school tie. Full school uniform is one of our 'world class basics'. School ties are now on sale from the school office for £4.00, these can be purchased via ParentPay.



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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN CONTINUED...

Dogs on the playground

Please, please do not bring dogs onto the school grounds at any time. Not everyone is as comfortable with our furry friends so please follow this guidance.

Football sponsorship

As always you were incredible with your fundraising and school received around £3000. A huge thank you to the children who worked so hard to raise this money, and to Mr Grantham for organising the day. It was great to see so many adults having fun after school with it too - a real community spirit. Prizes will be delivered by Wednesday of next week we have been told.

We are looking to raise funds for a school minibus to help us transport children to trips and sports events. If you have any contacts who could support us with this please do let us know!

Ukraine Appeal

The terrible war in Ukraine continues and as each day passes my heart breaks for those families that are impacted by this. As I mentioned last week, we are going to have some weekly collections for the next month to help support - we would really appreciate any donations you could make. The plan is as follows:

Week 1: Week beginning 14th March 2022: Spare children's / baby clothes

Week 2: Week beginning 21st March 2022: Tinned items of food

Week 3: Week beginning 28th March 2022: Toiletries - nappies, bottles of shower gel, soaps

Week 4: Week beginning 4th April 2022: Spare adult clothing - coats, jumpers

Just drop off any donations at the school office or send in with your child. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Lavin, Head teacher



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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

16/03/22	Y3LW Class Assembly
17/03/22	Y5/6 Mass
23/03/22	Y2AL Class Assembly
24/03/22	Y3/4 Mass
29/03/22	Y6 Theatre Trip
30/03/22	Y2SH Class Assembly

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

31/03/22	KS1 Mass
04/04/22	Y6 SATs Parents Meeting 9am / 4pm
05/04/22	Year 6 Romeo and Juliet Performance and Workshop
06/04/22	Year 1 Mrs B Class Assembly
06/04/22	Y4 Multiplication Check Parents Meeting 9am/4pm
07/04/22	Y5/6 Mass
08/04/22	EYFS/KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade KS2 Decorate an egg competition
11/04/22	Holy Week Begins
13/04/22	Y1LD Class Assembly
13/04/22	Whole School Mass at 10am
13/04/22	School closes for Easter holidays at 1:30pm
14/04/22	Staff INSET Day

I will keep adding to this calendar as the term progresses so please keep an eye on changes.

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Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Jessica Felicity
RKF	Roman
RCL	Olivia
YILD	Charlie
YILB	Sahichpreet
Y2SH	Alisha
Y2AL	India
Y3LW	Aoife
Y3CS/DH	Seth
Y4DS	Hollie
Y4HB	John-Paul
Y5LS	Orla
Y5DM	Carlos
Y6HG	Joshua
Y6DF	Honey

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Ronnie
RKF	James
RCL	Parker
YILD	Noah
YILB	Ocsar
Y2SH	Charlie
Y2AL	Tarandeep
Y3LW	Harlow
Y3CS/DH	Reece
Y4DS	Zach
Y4HB	Jensen
Y5LS	Jude
Y5DM	Alex
Y6HG	Hugo
Y6DF	Leyland

Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Corneilia
RKF	Halle
RCL	Myley-Dean
YILD	Roman
YILB	Kacper
Y2SH	Isla
Y2AL	Daisy
Y3LW	Lleyton
Y3CS/DH	Lilly-Mae
Y4DS	Desta
Y4HB	Harvey
Y5LS	Frederick
Y5DM	Elijah
Y6HG	Desmond
Y6DF	Mason





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Sofia
RKF	Milliane
RCL	Arabella
Y1LD	Emmanuella
Y1LB	Ivy
Y2SH	Riley
Y2AL	Leraya
Y3LW	Lexi
Y3CS/DH	Alexis
Y4DS	Alana
Y4HB	Yong
Y5LS	Eve
Y5DM	Mia
Y6HG	Evie
Y6DF	Reece

Sports Star of the Week

Nursery	Mary
RKF	Raya-mae
RCL	Olivia
Y1LD	Keane
Y1LB	Ruby
Y2SH	Joseph
Y2AL	Jacob
Y3LW	Hanna
Y3CS/DH	Nico
Y4DS	Desta
Y4HB	Freddie
Y5LS	Racheal
Y5DM	Simona
Y6HG	Ruby
Y6DF	Alfie

House Points

Blue
2461



Red
2614



Yellow
2831



Green
2831



Totals So Far!

Blue 82,398
 Green 87,274
 Red 81,989
 Yellow 90,105



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Attendance

Whole School	94.7%
Nursery AM	94.4%
Nursery Full Day	98.9%
RKF	96.4%
RCL	99.4%
Y1LD	80.6%
Y1LB	95.6%
Y2AL	98.3%
Y2SH	94.2%
Y3LW	92.1%
Y3CS/DH	94.8%
Y4DS	91.4%
Y4HB	95.8%
Y5DM	98.3%
Y5LS	95.4%
Y6HG	99.2%
Y6DF	96%

Attendance Challenge!

If you are in school everyday this Half term then your name will be entered into a draw for a **100%** very special prize!

100%

Good Luck!



St Stephen's Attendance League

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 2AL	25	4th: NurAM	18
2nd: 2SH	21	5th: RKF	12
2nd: RCL	21	6th: 1LD	10
3rd: 1LB	20		
3rd: NurFD	20		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y5DF	43	6th: Y4DS	13
2nd: Y3LW	24	7th: Y5LS	7
3rd: Y3CS/DS	23	8th: Y4HB	4
4th: Y6HG	19		
5th: Y5DM	17		



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

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Religious Education

Lent

This week, we have been reflecting on Pope Francis' Lenten suggestions. Why not share these at home together?

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?
In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.

Hope without isolation
VICARIATO DE EDUCACION

✝ Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm ✝
Sunday: 10.30am ✝

Father B. Wilson 0161 370 1505

Prayer of the Week

Loving Father, Hear our prayer, for your children everywhere. However different they may be, all girls and boys belong to thee. And those who live so far away are just as much our family. Loving Father, hear our prayer, for your children everywhere.

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Nursery

What an exciting week we have had! First of all, we had a visitor to nursery, Jasper the cat. He brought his book, Jasper's Beanstalk, so we have been retelling the story and exploring planting. During our allotment visit on Wednesday, we all planted seeds to grow in the greenhouse. We have been drawing beanstalks and listening for the first sound in words too.

Reception

This week we have started our learning based on the story Lulu Loves Flowers. We have enjoyed listening attentively to the story. We have been working on asking and answering questions related to the story. We have looked at different types of flowers and discovered that they all have a special name. We have also been learning the names of different parts of a flower.

The children have been busy outside preparing the soil for planting. We have also planted our own sunflower seed and understand what we must do to help it grow.

In mathematics we continue to explore the composition of number. We are also beginning to identify numerals above 10.

Thank you for your support for the 'Pro Strike' fundraising event for school.

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Year 1

We have had a great week of learning in year one this week! In English, we have written character descriptions and tried to use the suffixes 'ed' and 'ing' in our writing. We have been adding numbers within 20 using our number bonds and number lines in maths.

The children have been thinking about ways we can change during Lent and making a conscious effort to apply these changes. In Geography, we named and identified the countries of the UK on a map. We also went on a lovely spring walk to look at the changes that happen during this season.

Question of the week: What are the four countries of the UK?

Year 2

An exciting week for Year 2! On Thursday, the children took part in the ProStrike Speed Challenge. Each child had three shots at a goal with their speed displayed in a digital screen for their classmates to see. They all had a fantastic time and in doing so have raised an enormous amount of money for our school - thank you for your sponsorship and support!

Alongside this, lots of hard work has been taking place. In English, the children have produced some great work around our text, Pandora, and they wrote some beautiful letters persuading the bird to come back. In Maths, we have been deepening our understanding of fractions and we have been recognising and finding $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ of amounts. In R.E, the children have been looking at the order of Mass and explaining what happens at different parts. We have been continuing our Lenten journey and thinking about what promises we can make during this special time.

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Year 3

Another wonderful week in Year 3! BCS/DH performed a superb class assembly on Wednesday, we celebrated Mass with year 1 on Thursday and the children completed their sponsored penalty challenge. In addition to these, we have continued our learning around George's Marvellous Medicine in English. We read and analysed chapters 3 and 4, created character profiles of Grandma and George and wrote our own instructions for a marvellous medicine. In Maths, we have moved on to calculating fractions of an amount and the addition and subtraction of fractions with the same denominator. As part of our listening and sharing unit in RE, we read and answered questions about the story 'Stone Soup', as well as explaining how a variety of people prepare for Mass, the Priest, Altar Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and ourselves. Next week, we are looking forward to our RE retreats with Mrs Farmer on Tuesday and Wednesday, as well as 3LW's assembly at 9.10am on Wednesday morning.

Question - Why is it important to prepare for Mass?

Year 4

In Year 4 this week we have been thinking about Lent and the importance of self-reflection at this time of the church's year. We wrote prayers asking God to guide us on our Lenten journey.

In Maths, we continued to look at fractions. The children are becoming experts at changing mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice versa. We also looked at adding and subtracting fractions.

In English we are still enjoying our wordless picture book, 'Journeys'. It is amazing to hear the children's ideas about what might be happening as they interpret each image.

On Thursday we were very excited to take part in the 'pro strike' activity. The children had three shots at the goals and scored some very fast times.

Question: What is 2 as an improper fraction?

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Year 5

This week in Year 5 has been another full of learning and hard work. In English we have moved on in the story of Chak de India and have planned our own newspaper articles focused on a match within the story. These reports will be constructed next week. In Maths, we have completed our division unit and will be moving onto fractions next.

In Science we have had a really exciting week, looking at the specific parts of a plant and dissecting a lily. In RE we have begun our next unit, 'Memorial Sacrifice'. We have thought about our most personal and cherished memories and how we can keep them alive forever. We really enjoyed the football charity event on Thursday and it was great cheering on each other in year 5.

Year 6

Year 6 have been completing some extremely challenging work this week in maths! We have been converting fractions to decimals and also multiplying and dividing fractions! The children have loved the challenge and are fraction experts! In English, we have continued to read White Bird however, there will be no spoilers! We have read extracts of Anne Frank's diary within our English lessons to help us learn more about what hiding would have been like for our main character, Sara.

In RE, we have thought about how St Paul's Letters give us advice. We have reflected upon how this advice can enrich our lives. We also considered whether world leaders should use this scripture whilst making decisions.

Question: What is special about $\frac{2}{3}$ when it is converted to a decimal?

Homework

Maths	Page 22,23
English	Pages 8, 9, 10
Comprehension	Pages 16/17

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THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

It's been another remarkable week!
Here are some photographs to show
some wonderful learning experiences...



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