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Friday 18th March 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

I hope you and your families are keeping well!

Happy St Patrick's Day for yesterday for all of those who celebrate!

COVID-19

This week we have seen a significant rise in COVID cases across the school. Thankfully no one is too unwell and we are starting to welcome those testing negative back to school. I want to thank our dedicated staff who continue to step up on a daily basis to cover classes at short notice. I really appreciate your support with continuing the isolation period in line with Local Authority guidance. Hopefully things will start to settle down again soon and we cannot wait to have a full school again.



Ukraine Appeal

Thank you so much for your generous donations of spare children's / baby clothes for the families of Ukraine. We have been overwhelmed. The remaining donations are as follows:

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.

Tesco Tokens

Our incredible PTA have been working hard on trying to secure some further donations to help improve our playground. We have been successful in our bid to enter the Tesco Community Grant scheme to win up to £1500. Each time you shop in Tesco you will be given a token to vote for our school. Please spread the word to your families and friends and help support! The stores you'll find this in is Droylsden Superstore, Failsworth Extra, Gorton Extra and Beswick Express. This runs from 1st April to 30th June! Thank you for your support.

Have a brilliant weekend with your loved ones,

Mr Lavin, Head teacher

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

23/03/22	Y2AL Class Assembly
24/03/22	Y3/4 Mass
29/03/22	Y6 Theatre Trip
30/03/22	Y2SH Class Assembly

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

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

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Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Halle & Mary
RKF	Raya-Mae
RCL	Deanah
Y1LD	Ember
Y1LB	Hudson
Y2SH	Layla
Y2AL	Oscar
Y3LW	Jemima
Y3CS/DH	Phoebe
Y4DS	Ameila
Y4HB	Melody
Y5LS	Lucas
Y5DM	Ollie
Y6HG	Samantha
Y6DF	Jamie

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Denis
RKF	Grace
RCL	Annie
Y1LD	Ethan
Y1LB	Alexandra
Y2SH	Elise
Y2AL	Serenity
Y3LW	Sara
Y3CS/DH	Reece
Y4DS	Michal
Y4HB	Ciannarose
Y5LS	Louie
Y5DM	Lillia
Y6HG	Grace
Y6DF	Pixie

Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Valentina
RKF	Ava
RCL	Kalani
Y1LD	Leila
Y1LB	Thomas
Y2SH	Mia
Y2AL	Patrick
Y3LW	Emily
Y3CS/DH	Bobby
Y4DS	Mason
Y4HB	Toby
Y5LS	Harley
Y5DM	Jessica
Y6HG	Joe
Y6DF	Luka





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Poppy-Kae
RKF	Sophie
RCL	Anastazis
Y1LD	Tegan
Y1LB	Adam-Junior
Y2SH	Lola
Y2AL	Noah
Y3LW	Deborah
Y3CS/DH	Farren
Y4DS	Megan
Y4HB	Lacey
Y5LS	Noah
Y5DM	Noah
Y6HG	Callum
Y6DF	Noah

Sports Star of the Week

Nursery	Halle
RKF	Elijah
RCL	Deanah
Y1LD	Adora
Y1LB	Connor
Y2SH	Laicee
Y2AL	Isla
Y3LW	Leyton
Y3CS/DH	Bobby
Y4DS	Teddy
Y4HB	Eddie
Y5LS	Charlie
Y5DM	Jessica
Y6HG	Ava
Y6DF	Oliver

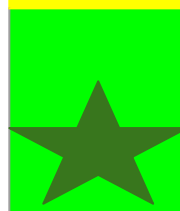
House Points

Blue
5474



Red
6882

Yellow
6522



Green
5900

Totals So Far!

Blue 87,872
Green 93,174
Red 88,871
Yellow 96,627





Attendance

Whole School	83.9%
Nursery AM	100%
Nursery Full Day	88%
RKF	96%
RCL	89.4%
Y1LD	72%
Y1LB	88.3%
Y2AL	93.3%
Y2SH	89.8%
Y3LW	67.8%
Y3CS/DH	75.4%
Y4DS	79.3%
Y4HB	87.9%
Y5DM	74.8%
Y5LS	91.7%
Y6HG	81.8%
Y6DF	87.1%



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance Challenge!

If you are in school everyday this Half term then your name will be entered into a draw for a

100%

Good Luck!



St Stephen's Attendance League

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 2AL	26	3rd: NurFD	20
2nd: 2SH	21	4th: RKF	13
2nd: RCL	21	5th: 1LD	10
2nd: NurAM	21		
3rd: 1LB	20		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	44	6th: Y4DS	13
2nd: Y3LW	24	7th: Y5LS	10
3rd: Y3CS/DS	23	8th: Y4HB	6
4th: Y6HG	19		
5th: Y5DM	17		

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Religious Education

Lent

In collective worship this week we have been reflecting upon the Transfiguration- When Jesus showed something of His divine nature to Peter, James and John. The children experienced God by reflectively looking at representations of Christ. At home, why not look at the below pictures as a family. Talk about how the pictures make you feel, which one you like best and how you see God in them.



Mass Times
St Stephen's RC Church



Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm



Sunday: 10.30am

Father B. Wilson 0161 370 1505

Prayer of the Week



Feast of
ST PATRICK

Christ be with me,
Christ within me
Christ behind me,
Christ before me
Christ beside me,
Christ to win me

Christ to comfort me and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger
Christ in hearts of all that love me
Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.



Nursery

A beanstalk grew in our nursery this week! We even found Jasper climbing it as he looked for giants. We have been drawing and listening for initial sounds in words this week.

In maths we have been learning about number 5 and representing 5 in different ways.

We were very lucky at the allotment too as we saw lots of frogspawn and planted some peas.

Reception

We continued our work with the book Lulu Loves Flowers this week. We have loved exploring our new Flower Shop in our outdoor area. We made bouquets for our friends, made lists of flowers and lists of what flowers need to survive. We continued our learning indoors and went on to paint pictures of daffodils using chalks and pastels. We have been labelling parts of a plant and learning the names of each part and its function.

We have visited the allotments this week to investigate the difference between a seed and a bulb. We also enjoyed feeding the chickens too!

In mathematics we have been measuring using the scales and the tape measures in our numeracy shed in the outdoor area.

This week we made our own obstacle course outside. We focused on balancing, hopping and crawling.



Year 1

We have missed some of our year 1 team (both children and adults) who have been poorly this week. Take care, and we hope you all recover quickly. Despite this, lots of fabulous learning has been going on. Some highlights were:-

- Writing our own story about meeting Blip (the main character from unplugged)
- Applying our addition skills to puzzles and problems. We imagined that we went to an ice cream shop and worked out the price of an ice cream with toppings.
- Learning about the capital cities in the UK, and the 4 points of the compass.
- Finding out about mammals.
- Celebrating St. Patrick's day and making cards.
- Improvising our own 3 note tunes on the glockenspiels.
- Finding out about William Morris and copying some of his patterns.

Question: Can you spot any mammals this weekend? How can you tell it is a mammal.

Year 2

Year 2 have been working hard this week across the curriculum. In Maths we have been consolidating our understanding of fractions and are now learning to find $\frac{3}{4}$ of an amount. In English we have been busy developing our writing skills and extending our vocabulary by using a thesaurus. We used our exciting adjectives to write similes. We also wrote some lovely descriptions of Pandora's world before and after she met the bird.

We have come to the end of our topic on Emmeline Pankhurst and the Suffragettes and the children have shown great interest in their learning. We have started a new topic on Plants and have been investigating plants that we can eat. In RE we are continuing to learn about different elements of the Mass, this week we focussed on the Holy, Holy prayer.

Ask your child to tell you about Emmeline Pankhurst and the Suffragettes.



Year 3

Our RE Retreats this week were amazing! Mrs Farmer discussed the sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation and their significance to us as Christians. We explored different ways to pray: through song, meditation and analysing psalms. The children worked together to create a mosaic cross, as well as writing 'Sorry' prayers and creating flames which link to Pentecost. In History, we identified questions about the lifestyle and diet of Ancient Sumerians, Ancient Egyptians and the people of the Indus Valley, before researching the answers and creating a double-page spread of information. We will now draw our learning together to write a balanced argument, identifying the most successful ancient civilisation and justifying our opinions. In English, we wrote our own recipe for marvellous medicine, practised past and present tense and retold a chapter of the book as a comic strip. Although we had to cancel 3LW's assembly due to pupil absence, we hope to reschedule in the next couple of weeks. We will keep you updated.

Question - Name 3 things you have learned about the lifestyle of the Ancient Sumerians?

Year 4

We started this week with an investigation into how sound travels through solids, liquids and gases. The children set up six different experiments, including using a speaker to observe the way the vibrations, created by the music's bass, affected the sugar.

Towards the end of the week, we began studying our new text 'Macbeth'. The children took part in a 'Whodunnit' in which they were given clues to help them predict who murdered the character, Duncan in the play. In Maths, we have been learning about decimals and linking this to our knowledge of fractions.

Question: What did the sound waves from the speaker do to the sugar and why?



Year 5

This week has seen us come to the end of units in both English and Math. We have finished off our English focus of 'Chak de India'. The children have been so immersed and engaged within this topic and the work produced throughout has been fantastic. It has been so much fun teaching a unit where the children have been so excited to learn. In math we have now completed our division unit and have moved on to fractions. This week the learning has been around equivalent fractions. This unit of work has a lot more to cover, but the children have made a great start. Two bits of fraction homework will be coming home each week to really ensure that the understanding is strong. In History, we have continued our focus on 'The Tudors'. We have analysed the different diets of rich and poor Tudors and compared this to today's modern society. One thing the children all seemed to agree on was that not having a McDonalds or Nando's in Tudor times would have been hard to take!

Year 6

Another week has flown by in Year 6! In Maths, we have worked hard on converting fractions, decimals and percentages. This has been a challenging unit of work but the children have shown great perseverance. In English, we have continued to read extracts of Anne Frank's diary and we have been writing our own diary entries as Sara from our text White Bird. We are looking forward to starting our new text next week: The Island.

In History, we have learnt about how Hitler came into power. We imagined we were a German citizen and wrote letters to an English cousin about our feelings about the new Chancellor.

BDF enjoyed their final art session with Sam this week. Sam will be returning in two weeks to complete bHG's session.

Please can we send a reminder that booster sessions take place on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning at 8.20am. It would be lovely to see all the children attending if possible.

Question: Why did people in Germany vote for Hitler?

Homework

Maths	Page 28/29
English	Pages 19, 20, 21
Comprehension	Pages 18/19

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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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