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Friday 1st April 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

Well the weather has changed drastically hasn't it! It has not stopped us having a fun filled week here at school, and as ever, the children have produced some fantastic work. Our school Governors had the opportunity to visit all classrooms today and I know they were extremely pleased with all of the wonderful work they looked at.

On Wednesday this week children took part in a CAFOD Assembly where they were taught about other children in the world and the struggles they face. The visitor was extremely impressed with how reflective children were and the ways in which they feel we can help. The School Council are going to think about a way we can raise some funds to support children around the world. We will let you know when there are any firm plans in place.

A plea

Do you have any spare wellies or all in one rain suits that we could make use of in Early Years? We are really keen to make the most out of the outdoor spaces we have here in school and would really appreciate it if you have any spare wellies or all in one rain suits to donate to our younger children. If you do, either drop them round to Mrs Finn at the Reception door or into the school office; It would be greatly appreciated. On that note, as the weather is up and down at the moment, and the children are still really keen to play out on the field and in the woods, it would be great if they brought in a spare pair of trainers to change into at lunchtimes to protect their school shoes. Children may come home at little muddy, and I know this can be frustrating at times, but children are really loving being able to spread out more across the school at break times and lunchtimes, it is a huge part of their development and enjoyment!

Class Assembly

A huge well done to Mrs Healey's class this week for their fantastic Class Assembly. It was wonderful to hear all of their fantastic learning in History. They also talked to us about how they are the children of the future and how they really can bring about change! Thank you children. Next week we have Year 1 Mrs B's class on Wednesday and Year 3 Mrs Williams class on Thursday morning. Both assemblies are in the school hall and **begin at the slightly earlier time of 9:05am.**

Ukraine Appeal

Again, thank you so much for your generosity in donations this week. Next week is the final week of donations: Week 4: 4th April 2022: Spare adult clothing - coats, jumpers.

See you all on Monday! Mr Lavin, Head teacher

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A REMINDER AND UPDATED INFORMATION **Easter activities at St Stephen's** **FRIDAY 8TH APRIL 2022**



EYFS/ Key Stage One

I am thrilled to confirm that our Annual Easter Bonnet Parade for Children in **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** is back this year! Because of the pandemic, this has not happened for many years so some parents may not be familiar with this. We invite all children to create an Easter Bonnet at home and bring it in for a Parade on **Friday 8th April**. It is a wonderful event and has been supported so well in past years. Parents are invited to attend. **Plan 1 will be for parents from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to gather on the playground after drop off. Children will then parade their bonnets on the playground for all to see - if the weather is bad, we will go to plan 2. We will inform you the day before when we know more about the weather!**

Plan 2 will be in the school hall at the following times to watch their child walk down the catwalk. Please only attend during your allocated time, we will clear the hall before the next set of parents are allowed to enter so please wait outside until a member of staff signals for your time to come in:

Nursery and Reception: 9:00-9:15am

Year 1: 9:20am - 9:30am

Year 2: 9:35am - 9:40am

We will allow you to take individual photographs of your child but you will not be allowed to photograph or film the parade for Safeguarding reasons.

Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6)

For children in Key Stage 2, **Years 3 to 6**, we invite children to decorate an egg - we have had some incredible creations over the years and I cannot wait to see what comes in this year. We display the eggs in the school hall on the day for all classes to come and look at the creations.

****Please can we ask for donations of Easter Eggs to help us with the prizes for the Bonnet and decorate eggs - THANK YOU!****

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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 9:05am
06/04/22	Y4 Multiplication Check Parents Meeting 9am/4pm - THIS IS GOING TO BE REARRANGED FOR AFTER THE EASTER HOLIDAYS
07/04/22	Year 3 LW Class Assembly 9:05am
07/04/22	Y1/3 Mass
08/04/22	EYFS/KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade KS2 Decorate an egg competition

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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.

Please Note

There are class library visits coming up over the next few weeks - these dates will be confirmed by class teachers and these will be emailed to you directly by them.

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Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Denis and Noah
RKF	Hudson
RCL	Kingsley
YILD	Jacob
YILB	Adam
Y2SH	Isla
Y2AL	Penelope
Y3LW	James
Y3CS/DH	Lucie
Y4DS	Mabel
Y4HB	Kiera
Y5LS	Jonathan
Y5DM	Noah
Y6HG	Harry
Y6DF	Jayden

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Felicity
RKF	Isabelle
RCL	Kaiden
YILD	Rocco
YILB	Lydia Grace
Y2SH	Laicee
Y2AL	Bobby
Y3LW	Anabelle
Y3CS/DH	Ellenore
Y4DS	Evan
Y4HB	Rihanna
Y5LS	Frederick
Y5DM	Alfie
Y6HG	Kai
Y6DF	Lexi

Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Gabriella Rose
RKF	Sophie
RCL	Linen
YILD	Adora
YILB	Evelyn
Y2SH	Samson
Y2AL	Daniel
Y3LW	Jaime-Leigh
Y3CS/DH	Ralph
Y4DS	Santanna
Y4HB	Eddie
Y5LS	Roman
Y5DM	Daisy
Y6HG	Ava
Y6DF	Katy





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Evie
RKF	Isla
RCL	Freddie
Y1LD	Alex
Y1LB	Hudson
Y2SH	Isaac
Y2AL	Amelia
Y3LW	Scarlett
Y3CS/DH	Finley
Y4DS	Hanna
Y4HB	Harvey
Y5LS	Willow
Y5DM	Carlos
Y6HG	Liam
Y6DF	Daniel

Sports Star of the Week

Nursery	Deedee
RKF	Elijah
RCL	Kaiden
Y1LD	Keane
Y1LB	Willow-Rose
Y2SH	Esme
Y2AL	Bobby
Y3LW	Emelia-Rose
Y3CS/DH	Lily
Y4DS	Leah
Y4HB	Eddie
Y5LS	Brooklyn
Y5DM	Amelia
Y6HG	Fraiser
Y6DF	David

House Points

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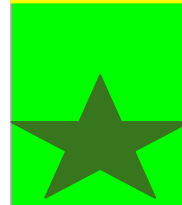
Red
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Yellow
8949



Green
4792



Totals So Far!

Blue 105,887
 Green 103,230
 Red 112,920
 Yellow 107,520



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Attendance

Whole School	95.4%
Nursery AM	88.5%
Nursery Full Day	100%
RKF	95.4%
RCL	91.3%
Y1LD	98.2%
Y1LB	96.4%
Y2AL	96.8%
Y2SH	93.5%
Y3LW	96.7%
Y3CS/DH	97.1%
Y4DS	93.3%
Y4HB	94.6%
Y5DM	94.8%
Y5LS	92.5%
Y6HG	95.6%
Y6DF	99.2%

Attendance Challenge!

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

100%

Good Luck!



St Stephen's Attendance League

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Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 2AL	27	4th: 1LB	20
2nd: NurFD	26	5th: RKF	14
3rd: RCL	21	7th: 1LD	14
3rd: NurAM	21		
3rd: 2SH	21		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	47	4th: Y4DS	13
2nd: Y3LW	25	4th: Y5LS	13
2nd: Y3cs/ds	25	5th: Y4HB	7
3rd: Y6HG	19		
3rd: Y5DM	19		



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

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Religious Education

Lent- CAFOD

On Wednesday, we were lucky enough to welcome CAFOD into school to lead assemblies about their Lenten campaign. Please find a summary of this assembly below.



Walk around the world

Will your school join others and walk 40,000 km around the world this Lent to fight hunger?

Each little step we take will make a **BIG** difference. Set up a Just Giving page for your school or class and set your Lenten walking target.

- Walk on Lent Family Fast Day
- Walk as part of your daily mile
- Walk as part of a school event

However you choose to walk, add your kilometres to our *Walk Against Hunger* totaliser. 40,000 km is a massive challenge, but by joining together we can all help stamp out hunger one step at a time.

cafod.org.uk/primary/lent @CAFODSchools

Mass Times
St Stephen's RC Church



Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm



Sunday: 10.30am

Father B. Wilson 0161 370 1505

Prayer of the Week

We pray for people throughout the world who struggle to get enough food. May God inspire us all to reach out with small acts of love, making a big difference, so that no one goes hungry.

Amen

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Nursery

What a fabulous week in Nursery we have had. We have continued work on our book 'Jasper's Beanstalk'. We have been exploring what we think is up the beanstalk and making our own stories up. We have been working hard to write our names and write some initial sounds too. We had a lovely PE session with Mr Grantham and Bikeability session with Joe. We went on our Wednesday Welly Walk down to the allotment.

Question? What do you need to do to look after a seed?

Reception

We have had another busy week in Reception class. The children have loved the spring walks as everything around is changing every week. The book that we are reading at the moment is called Bloom by Anne Booth. It is a beautiful story about a little girl, a flower and an old man. The children's listening skills are fantastic. Ask them about the story.

We are learning new vocabulary such as pollen and nectar as we continue to learn more about the importance of bees and plants. This week we chose a flower to dissect and label.

In mathematics we are learning about doubling. We enjoyed the story of The Napping House where we noticed number patterns.

We were also lucky enough to see 'Mad Science' in action in school this week.

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Year 1

What a busy and fabulous week it has been in Year 1! Mrs Delafield's class started the week with a trip to the library. Don't worry, Miss Bacigalupo's class, it's your turn next week. Remember, bring your library card if you have one. It has also been Shakespeare week. We have been listening to "A Mid-Summer Night's dream." We acted out part of the story, made our own fairy magic potions and explored art and music about the story. We imagined our very own dream in a magical forest. In maths, we have been improving our subtraction skills and applying them to solving problems. In Science, we went to see what had happened to the frog spawn in the pond. We expected to find tadpoles, but it was a very cold day, and we could not find any. Perhaps they were hiding.

Question: What do you think will happen next in our pond area?

Year 2

This week Year 2 have completed their remaining assessments and worked very hard. As part of Shakespeare week, we have looked at "The Tempest" and have focused on writing a detailed character description of the monster Caliban. In maths we are revisiting multiplication and division. This week we looked at how knowing one fact can help us find others. Keep working with your child on learning their tables for rapid recall! In geography we have been locating Continents and oceans on a map. We enjoyed using google earth to explore the different continents and oceans. In RE we have started our topic on opportunities and how Lent is a great time to explore opportunities for doing good. On Wednesday we enjoyed our visit to Droylsden Library, the children were a credit to you and our school. Thursday started with an inspiring Science assembly - Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed the show and have taken home letters about an upcoming after school club run by the Mad Science team.

Can you name the seven continents and five oceans?

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Year 3

As part of Shakespeare Week in English, we read and analysed Twelfth Night. We produced a description of the island of Illyria, planned and wrote a news report and created a summary of the story.

In Science, we classified food in different ways and became dieticians, creating a meal suggestion for a vegan, an athlete, a child with a dairy intolerance, a boy with Celiac disease and an elderly woman with diabetes. We had to take into account their daily calorie intake, as well as special dietary requirements. In Maths, we matched tenths to their decimal equivalent and used images to describe what we noticed. In PSHE, we talked about the Zones of Regulation and identified tools to help us regulate our mood. Next week we are looking forward to our library visits.

Question – What should a person with Celiac disease avoid in their diet?

Year 4

As always, Year 4 have been working hard this week and have had lots of success in their learning. Continuing our work on decimals, the children are becoming more confident in identifying equivalencies, reading and writing decimals, and comparing tenths and hundredths.

In D&T, we are working towards designing and making our own bags. In preparation for making their own product, the children having been practising the running stitch and the overstitch. We have been very impressed with their resilience and skill! Watch this space for some budding designers.

This week, we have been treated to some fantastic assemblies. One was from CAFOD and they spoke to us about all of the amazing work that they do to help others. They have tasked us with coming up with some ideas for fundraising; the school council will be discussing our suggestions at their upcoming meeting. Another exciting assembly was delivered by Scientific Sarah at Mad Science. She demonstrated some amazing experiments based on getting a rocket to Mars. The children learnt all about different forces, the power of rocket fuel, centripetal force and aerodynamics. If your child is interested in carrying out more exciting experiments like these, Mad Science will be delivering an after-school club which begins after the half term.

Question of the week: Can you explain the four zones of regulation?

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Year 5

This week in Year 5 has been full of exciting things. In English it has been Shakespeare week and our book of choice was 'A Midsummer nights dream.'. The children have been so engaged and immersed in it which is fantastic! I'm sure they can tell you all about it. In maths we have looked at adding and subtracting fractions. In Art we have moved on to our new unit of work focused on the art of Lowry. The children have researched his life and imitated some of his most well known artistic elements. Both year5 classes also had a trip to the local library. They were brilliantly behaved and really enjoyed it. Sign up forms are available from school if your child requires one to join.

Year 6

We were extremely upset in Year 6 when our trip to the theatre was cancelled on Tuesday however, we are very excited for our rearranged date next week! Drama is going to be a theme in Year 6 next week as we have our Romeo and Juliet workshop on Tuesday.

This week in school we have been focusing on finding fractions and percentages of amounts in Maths and in our morning booster sessions we have revised different aspects of shape. In English, we have been continuing to read 'The Island' and we have been planning, writing and editing monologues from the point of view of one of the characters.

In History, we used immersive software to learn about what life was like in the Blitz. Using an interactive story, we acted out the life of a child in the Blitz. Thank you Mr Lavin and Mrs Taylor for helping us do this! We were amazed to learn that children still went to school during this period of history!

6HG had their last Arts Award session this week which mean both classes have finished their 'Staying Safe' art project. This has been a fantastic opportunity for the children and they have produced some fantastic pieces of art. A big thank you to Sam for coming in to teach Year 6! We are going to miss our sessions!

6DF had a wonderful trip to Droylsden library this week and 6HG are looking forward to visiting next week.

Question: Why were air raid shelters underground?

Homework

Maths	Page 38/39
English	Pages 32/33
Comprehension	Pages 22/23

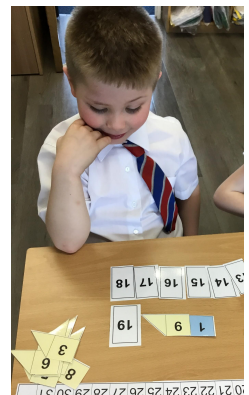
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THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

It's been another remarkable week!

Here are some photographs to show some wonderful learning experiences...



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