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NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th April 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

I hope you have had a fantastic week! It has certainly been a busy week here at St Stephen's.

Easter Bonnet and Egg Competition

Thank you for the huge support today for the Easter Bonnet parade. For those able to attend, I am sure you will agree that the children looked fantastic in their creations! It is so lovely to have these events back in school and I just know the children loved it!

A huge well done to our Key Stage 2 children for their incredible Egg designs! They were so creative and a lot of time and effort clearly went into them all! Well done children! A big THANK YOU for the donations of Easter Eggs too. All children received a treat from school today too!

Class Assemblies

We were very lucky to have two class assemblies this week. Mrs B's class shared the importance of Lent with us. It was filled with beautiful singing, fantastic drama and those who read did so wonderfully. Mrs Williams' class held theirs on Thursday and their theme was determination. They also showed cases their wonderful work in Art, Music and Science. We have some very talented children here.

Next up is Mrs Delafield's class on Wednesday at 9:05am in the school hall. Future dates are set out on the calendar in the pages to follow

Reading at home

We ask that children read each night at home for at least 10 minutes. It is really important to help children to become more fluent readers. Please do sign their reading diaries and spend this precious time with the children. Thank you.

Ukraine Appeal

Thank you so much for the generous donations for our Ukrainian appeal. The items will go a long way in helping those in need. Amazing support as usual. We continue to pray regularly for those suffering in Ukraine.

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Year 6 Theatre Trip

Our Year 6 children went to the theatre yesterday! They had a great time seeing their class novel being brought to life on the stage. There were many comments from the general public about how well behaved and polite our children were - a big well done Year 6.

Olympic Visit

Michael Churm, who is a British Paralympian Athlete and has competed in Sydney where he won the Silver Medal in 100 metre relay, as well making the finals in Beijing, has been talking with the children yesterday about his achievements and what it takes to be a world class athlete.

The children enjoyed being put through their paces doing circuit training exercises! They had a whole school assembly to listen about Michael's life and achievements. This is all a part of our drive to show children what they can achieve in their life - becoming world class at whatever they wish to do.

Now Press Play

You may have heard your child talk about the pink headphones they have been wearing in some of their lessons, or even seen some of them in pictures on our Facebook page and wondered what it is all about? We have received a trial of a fantastic resource called 'Now Press Play'.

It is a audio learning experience that children have been taking part in, part of our drive to bring our 'World Class' Curriculum to life. There are a range of topics and stories that children can listen to and take part in. I know the feedback has been great and children have loved using it. Hopefully we can purchase this for school long term and really continue to strengthen our curriculum. Do ask your children about it!

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COVID-19

This week I attended a Head teacher's meeting which updated us on the procedures for COVID-19 going forward now that the Prime Minister has launched his 'Living with COVID' guidance. The main points are highlighted below:

- End of free, universal testing access. Only certain groups such as health and social care staff; hospital patients; care homes; and the most vulnerable residents in the community will be able to access free testing.
- Anyone with **Covid symptoms** (staff and children) will be advised to **stay at home if they can** until they feel well enough to resume normal activities
- Anyone who does have a **positive Covid test** should **try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days for adults, or 3 days for those under 18. They is no requirement to retest anymore.**
- If your child has is poorly with a high temperature they should remain off school (as they normally would do) until they are well enough to return

A big THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the company G4S / UKHSA (they were responsible for the COVID testing sites) who have donated endless amounts of stationary and supplies to school. We are incredibly grateful. They even donated us a brand new defib which will help to keep the local community safe. Thanks to them once again.

This will be the final newsletter of the term, next week you will receive curriculum newsletters for the Summer 1 term. A reminder that school closes for the Easter break at 1:30pm on Wednesday 13th April. School reopens on Monday 25th April.

I hope you and your families have a Happy and Holy Easter. Mass times can be found later in the Newsletter. Have a lovely break with your families when it arrives.

Enjoy your weekend Mr Lavin, Head teacher

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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

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

25/04/22	School Reopen
27/04/22	Rec KF Class Assembly
04/05/22	Rec CL Class Assembly
05/05/22	Year 1, 3 and 5 Mass
09/05/22	Y6 Grammar SAT
10/05/22	Y6 Reading SAT
11/05/22	Y6 Maths SAT
12/05/22	Y6 Maths SAT
15/05/22	Y2 and Y4 Mass
18/05/22	Nursery Class Assembly
19/05/22	Y6 and Reception Mass
24/05/22	Y2 Titanic Museum Trip
25/05/22	Y5LS Class Assembly
25/05/22	Y6 PGL trip
27/05/22	Y6 Return from PGL
27/05/22	Half Term at 3:15pm

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	Poppy-Kay Sienna
RKF	Milliane
RCL	Kalani
YILD	Hollie
YILB	Elvis
Y2SH	Mia-Bella
Y2AL	George
Y3LW	Harrison H
Y3CS/DH	Reece T
Y4DS	Brock
Y4HB	Daisy
Y5LS	Louis
Y5DM	Riley
Y6HG	Desmond
Y6DF	Oliver

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Arthur
RKF	Esme
RCL	Freddie
YILD	Tegan
YILB	Ruby
Y2SH	Flynn
Y2AL	Hanna
Y3LW	Harlow
Y3CS/DH	Alexis
Y4DS	Cody
Y4HB	Annalise
Y5LS	Beatrice
Y5DM	Charlie
Y6HG	Joshua
Y6DF	David

Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Hazel
RKF	Grace
RCL	Henry
YILD	Trinity-Rose
YILB	Millie
Y2SH	Elise
Y2AL	Amelia
Y3LW	Chen
Y3CS/DH	Orla
Y4DS	Megan
Y4HB	Yong
Y5LS	Lola
Y5DM	Kate
Y6HG	Johnny
Y6DF	Ksenia





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Poppy
RKF	Roman
RCL	Olivia
Y1LD	Noah
Y1LB	Boma
Y2SH	Avaya
Y2AL	Isla
Y3LW	Lleyton
Y3CS/DH	Sienna-Rae
Y4DS	Carter
Y4HB	Olivia
Y5LS	Heidi
Y5DM	Anais
Y6HG	Daisy
Y6DF	Jake

Sports Star of the Week

Nursery	Henry
RKF	Hudson
RCL	Deena
Y1LD	Tegan
Y1LB	Thomas
Y2SH	Charlotte
Y2AL	Jacob
Y3LW	Deborah
Y3CS/DH	Reece
Y4DS	Zack
Y4HB	Blaize
Y5LS	Louie
Y5DM	Jessica
Y6HG	Joshua
Y6DF	Katie

House Points

Blue
1356



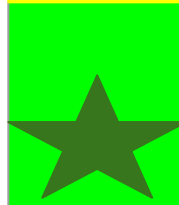
Red
2945



Yellow
2405



Green
1735



Totals So Far!

Blue 107,243
 Green 104,965
 Red 115,865
 Yellow 109,925



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Attendance

Whole School	94.3%
Nursery AM	93.3%
Nursery Full Day	96.7%
RKF	93.2%
RCL	98.8%
Y1LD	85.6%
Y1LB	96%
Y2AL	91.7%
Y2SH	92.6%
Y3LW	96.7%
Y3CS/DH	97.9%
Y4DS	95.4%
Y4HB	97.1%
Y5DM	93.5%
Y5LS	92.9%
Y6HG	96.1%
Y6DF	92.3%

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: NurFD	28	4th: 1LB	21
2nd: 2AL	27	5th: PKF	14
3rd: RCL	24	5th: 1LD	14
4th: NurAM	21		
4th: 2SH	21		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	47	5th: Y4DS	13
2nd: Y3CS/DS	28	5th: Y5LS	13
3rd: Y3LW	26	6th: Y4HB	9
4th: Y6HG	19		
4th: Y5DM	19		



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

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Religious Education

Palm Sunday

This weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Long ago, when Jesus arrived on Jerusalem, he was greeted by the people waving palm branches. Jesus, of the house of David, the promised one, finally enters Jerusalem and he arrives on the week of Passover. The people were so happy to see Jesus! They gave him great honor by laying down their cloaks on the road.

Next week in school, the children will be focusing upon the events of Holy Week; starting with Palm Sunday and leading up to the Passion. We will also be attending Mass and reflecting and praying the Stations of the Cross.



Holy Week

Mass Times
St Stephen's RC Church



Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm



Sunday: 10.30am

Father B. Wilson 0161 370 1505

Prayer of the Week

Christ Jesus,
Show us how to welcome you into
our lives as you were welcomed
into Jerusalem.
May we never turn away from
those who need our help.
Amen.



Nursery

This week in nursery, our character, Jasper, came back from his travels up the beanstalk. We guessed where he had been and then he told us all about his adventure. We then retold the story to include his ending, and extended our story map. In maths we have been comparing two groups, deciding which has more or fewer. We accurately counted and used tens frames to compare quantities.

It has been a little bit wet this week, so we used the puddles outside to make rainbow bubbles. We have also thoroughly enjoyed playing target games and recording our scores.

Reception

A week of wind and rain didn't stop a busy week of learning in Reception class. We had fun experimenting with powder paint and puddles. We also worked as a team to move puddles! Imagine that!

We loved the story "Double the Ducks". We explored doubling the ducks in our learning and play. The children thought that the old lady who swallowed a fly was really funny. The children were fantastic at retelling the story using the props.

This week we have been amazed by the progress that the children are making in phonics and reading. They have also been writing independently. On Thursday we were lucky enough to have a visit from Paralympian Michael Churm. Michael shown us the medals he had won and we took part in some fun fitness exercises with him.

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Year 1

It has been a great week in Year 1! Mrs B's class enjoyed their library visit on Monday and impressed us all with their class assembly. We are looking forward to Mrs Delafield's class assembly next Wednesday. We started our new book 'The Queen's Hat' in English and the children produced some lovely writing, as well as designing a new hat for the Queen! In maths, we have been telling the time to the hour and half past the hour, and drawing hands on a clock to show these times. In Science, we researched facts about reptiles and compared them to the animal groups we have already studied. In Geography, we used 'DigiMaps' to locate Manchester and London on a map, as well as finding famous landmarks in these cities. We enhanced our learning by going on a virtual trip around the U.K using our wireless headsets. In R.E, we are preparing for Holy Week, reflecting on how Jesus died for us.

Question: How do you know an animal is a reptile?

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic experience with technology this week using 'Now Press Play'. They immersed themselves into a Great Fire of London activity, refreshing their learning from Autumn 1, and they also enjoyed an anti-bullying experience where the children were able to recognise the importance of making good choices and treating each other fairly. In English, we have started our new book, 'Mr Bunny's Chocolate Factory' by Elys Dolan. The children discussed what it means to be a good boss and they wrote letters of resignation from the perspective of chickens in the story. In Maths, the children have been deepening their understanding of multiplication and division by solving missing number problems. We have been completing lots of investigations in Science; we are observing the growth of the beans that we planted this week and we have also investigated what the best conditions for plants to grow are. On Thursday, we were lucky to have a para-athlete visiting the school. He taught us an important lesson about resilience and always believing in ourselves. We are excited to end the week by showing off our fantastic Easter bonnets that we have made!

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Year 3

What a fun-filled and exciting week we have had in year 3! In Science, we explored the transportation of water in plants using inky water to observe the effects and set up an investigation to test the conditions needed for a flowering plant to thrive. In English we completed our work on Twelfth Night, summarising the play and creating a cartoon strip. Twelfth Night has a complicated plot but we enjoyed deciphering it and understanding the humour within the play. In French, we revised the vocabulary from this half term and completed our assessment. We designed a chalice and paten and explained the significance of the Eucharistic Rite in Mass during RE and are looking forward to celebrating Holy Week next week. We enjoyed very much the visit from the Paralympian Michael Churm, our lovely Mass on Thursday and 3LW's Class Assembly. As always, the children have been a credit to the school and we continue to be amazed by their enthusiasm, hard work and many talents.

Question – How does cerebral palsy affect Michael?

Year 4

In Year 4 this week we have been extremely busy enjoying our continuing work on Macbeth as the plot thickens! We looked more closely at the witches' scenes and made our own potions in Shakespeare style.

On Thursday we were excited to meet a Para Olympian and hear about his amazing determination and faith as he strove to become a successful international athlete. His powerful message made us all feel inspired to work hard and achieve the best we can. The children also completed an exercise circuit with him which was great fun.

This week we also enjoyed our first experience with 'Press Play.' This is an exciting way of learning as children immerse themselves in a particular topic by listening as an imaginary environment is built for them. This is done with the use of headphones. Miss Scaife's class did a lesson on Materials and Mrs Bilic's class did a lesson on Anglo Saxons.

Question: Which is larger, 0.59 or 0.60?



Year 5

As always, Year 5 have been working hard in all areas of their learning this week.

In English, the children have started their the study of, 'The Man Who Walked Between The Towers.' They have been fascinated by his actions and completed some lovely questions, predictions and sentence work to begin the topic.

In English, the children have continued to work hard on fractions. They have persevered with adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators and have now realised the importance of knowing their times tables fluently.

Practising all table facts is something we would like them to continue to practise regularly at home.

In our foundation subjects, the children have continued to shine. Their interest in the Tudors has continued to soar in History! They have been great historians by analysing sources to make conclusions about Henry VIII as well as commenting on the provenance of the source and its reliability.

Additionally, the children have shown their creative sides as they have continued to study the work of Lowry and made their own imitations of his work.

Finally, the children were lucky enough to meet a Paralympian this week and completed a short fitness circuit with him. They understood the importance of perseverance and how obstacles during any journey in life can be overcome with hard work and belief.

We look forward to another busy (yet short) final week for Holy Week.

Question: What was Henry VIII like during his reign?

Year 6

This week has been non stop in Year 6! On Tuesday, we welcomed MANACTCO into school who performed Romeo and Juliet and led a short workshop. On Thursday, we went to HOME theatre to watch 'The House with Chicken Legs'- more about this on the next page!

In class, we have been working extremely hard in all areas of the curriculum. In Maths, we have finished our work on percentages and have moved onto ratio. In English, we have been writing story openings. The purpose of these was the scare and the children have been extremely adventurous with their vocabulary!

In Guided Reading, the children read a text entitled: 'Hidden Figures'. The children were alarmed to read about segregation and discrimination and held mature discussions about this.

Question: If you summarise 'The House with Chicken Legs' in three words, what would they be?

Homework	
Maths	34 and 35
English	40 and 41
Comprehension	24 and 25

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Pupil Voice

Year 6

Our Trip to Home Theatre



It was very impressive how they turned the house around for the next scene.
George

I really liked Baba. I thought she was really funny!
Rubi

I thought the actress who played Nina was really funny!
Ethan

When the house came down with its chicken legs, the sounds it made on the floor were funny!
Kyrah

I like the songs, especially the jazz songs!
Evie

I really liked how the house changed for the different scenes. It was decorated differently for the Ancient Yaga.
Joshua

The jokes were really funny!
Emily

I liked all the performances in general!
Frasier

I liked the Ancient Yaga. She was really sassy and funny!
Desmond

I liked it when the Ancient Yaga was singing the songs and reading the story!
Daisy

I liked the puppets that they used to retell the stories.
Archie



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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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