



St Stephen's RCP

'A world class school for children that want to make the world a better place as God intended.'

NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th May 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

Another week has passed us by and it has been a very busy one! I hope you and your families are well.

Year 6

A huge WELL DONE to our Year 6 children who have worked so very hard on their SAT tests this week. I am so proud of each and every one of them for their positive attitude and determination. I would like to thank all staff for supporting the children this week, especially the Year 6 team who have prepared the children so well.

Year 2 children have also started their SATs papers. These are a little different to Year 6, they can be completed over the month of May. As always, children will be doing their very best. Well done to all.

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

You will have received an email this week regarding our special school dinner on **Thursday 19th May**. You can order the special menu on your School Grid account.

Please remember children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal so do take up this opportunity to experience a special menu for the day.

On **Friday 27th May**, we will be holding a special day in school to mark the Queen's Jubilee. Children can come into school in red, white and blue colours, or even dress up in fancy dress from one of the decades of the Queen's reign. We will have special activities throughout the day for children.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Lavin, Head teacher

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

18/05/22	Nursery Class Assembly
19/05/22	Y1, 3 and 5 Mass
24/05/22	Y2 Titanic Museum Trip
25/05/22	Y5LS Class Assembly
25/05/22	Y6 PGL trip
27/05/22	Queen's Jubilee Celebrations
27/05/22	Y6 Return from PGL
27/05/22	Half Term at 3:15pm

WELL DONE!

Congratulations to Lola in Year 5 who received the highest amount of votes on a virtual art competition.

Her amazing piece of artwork will now be entered into the next round of the competition and displayed in a virtual gallery and The Whitworth.

Well done!

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Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Bobby
RKF	Milliane
RCL	Felix
YILD	Emily
YILB	Jensen
Y2SH	Laicee
Y2AL	Dolly-Rae
Y3LW	Macy
Y3CS/DH	Finley
Y4DS	Cody
Y4HB	Lacey
Y5LS	Beatrice
Y5DM	Fletcher
Y6HG	All 6HG
Y6DF	All 6DF

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Henry
RKF	Isla
RCL	King-Samuel
YILD	Roman
YILB	Boma
Y2SH	Lola
Y2AL	Leraya
Y3LW	Emily
Y3CS/DH	Orla
Y4DS	Ava
Y4HB	Eddie O
Y5LS	Olivia
Y5DM	Jayden Lee
Y6HG	
Y6DF	

Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Noah
RKF	Esme
RCL	Parker
YILD	Peyton
YILB	Grace
Y2SH	Sul
Y2AL	Oscar
Y3LW	Hannah
Y3CS/DH	Phoebe
Y4DS	Payton
Y4HB	Daisy
Y5LS	Noah
Y5DM	Grace
Y6HG	
Y6DF	





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Odin
RKF	Elijah
RCL	Panagiotis
Y1LD	Hollie
Y1LB	Samuel
Y2SH	Layla
Y2AL	George
Y3LW	Rosie
Y3CS/DH	Lelia
Y4DS	Mason
Y4HB	Ethan
Y5LS	Charlie
Y5DM	Edwin
Y6HG	
Y6DF	

Sports Star of the Week

Nursery	Arthur
RKF	olivia
RCL	Anastazja
Y1LD	Jeremiah
Y1LB	Oscar
Y2SH	Lola
Y2AL	Harrison
Y3LW	Evelyn
Y3CS/DH	Eva
Y4DS	Evan
Y4HB	Toby
Y5LS	Eve
Y5DM	Alex
Y6HG	Ethan
Y6DF	Kate

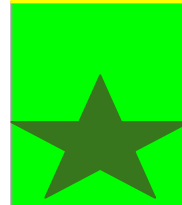
House Points

Blue
9524



Red
6539

Yellow
7395



Green
9012

Totals So Far!

Blue 119, 660
 Green 117, 729
 Red 128, 326
 Yellow 122, 487



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Attendance

Whole School	93.3%
Nursery AM	87.1%
Nursery Full Day	94.2%
RKF	94.3%
RCL	90.6%
Y1LD	83.2%
Y1LB	94.2%
Y2AL	96.6%
Y2SH	87%
Y3LW	96.7%
Y3CS/DH	90%
Y4DS	92.2%
Y4HB	93.5%
Y5DM	93.5%
Y5LS	93.3%
Y6HG	98.7%
Y6DF	99.6%

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	32	5th: NurAM	21
2nd: 2AL	30	6th: RKF	18
3rd: RCL	27	7th: 1LD	14
4th: 1LB	24		
4th: 2SH	24		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	52	5th: Y4DS	16
2nd: Y3LW	31	6th: Y5LS	13
3rd: Y3CS/DS	29	7th: Y4HB	9
4th: Y5DM	22		
4th: Y6HG	22		



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

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Religious Education

Hail Mary

Last week, the prayer of the week was the Hail Mary.

Mary's special prayer is the Hail Mary. The Hail Mary is based upon Sacred Scripture. When the Angel Gabriel was sent to Mary by the Father, he greeted her. "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" (Luke 1:28) When Mary visited Elizabeth, Elizabeth exclaimed, " Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" (Luke 1:41 – 42) The second part of the prayer is in response to the first, asking Mary to pray for us and addressing her as the Mother of God.



Sacramental Programme Notice Years 4, 5, 6 Only

If you have emailed Mrs Gibson regarding your child completing the Sacramental Programme, you should have received an email with information about the Sacraments and the dates for Reconciliation and Communion this morning.

If you would like your child to participate in the Sacramental Programme and have not yet contacted Mrs Gibson, please do so by **Monday 16th May 2022**

If you have any questions regarding the Sacramental Programme, please do not hesitate in emailing Mrs Gibson using the following address:

hannah.gibson@st-stephens-droylsden.tameside.sch.uk



Mass Times St Stephen's RC Church

✝ Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm ✝
Sunday: 10.30am

Father B. Wilson 0161 370 1505

Prayer of the Week

Holy Mary, mother fair,
Filled with love for God,
Pray for us in all our needs.
Pray for us today.
Amen



Nursery

This week has been very exciting for us. On Monday, 10 eggs arrived for us to look after. We have put them in a incubator and waited for them to hatch. On Wednesday 4 of the hatched and then on Thursday 5 more hatched. We have three boys and 6 girls. We are so pleased with them.

We have been making sure they are well fed and warm. We have been learning all about the life cycle of a chicken!! We look forward to seeing you at our assembly next week!

Reception

We have been very busy working on our reading and writing skills this week. The children are writing amazing sentences about minibeasts. Mrs Finn's class worked hard preparing for their class assembly. It was wonderful to welcome parents/grandparents into school. The children were magnificent and we are sure that you were very proud of them.

We have our very own caterpillars in Reception. We are very excited to see them transform into butterflies. We also have newly hatched chicks in Nursery class. We have had a visit to see them.

The children love painting and their work linked to minibeasts has been completed with detail, care and individuality. We have introduced the artist Andy Goldsworthy who created art with nature. This has really inspired the children and we are all excited to use the natural world to create a picture. We thank you for your continued support and hope that you have a great weekend.

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Year 1

Another action packed week in year 1. Our highlights included:-

- Beginning our RE topic on holy days and holidays. We remembered lots of holy day celebrations with our families, especially Christmas and Easter.
- Making happy hats and writing instructions for how to make them.
- Programming numbots to move forwards and backwards, predicting where they will stop.
- Finding out about life for Victorian children when they had to go to work instead of school.
- Sorting animals into different categories.
- Printing our own wallpaper designs.
- Working on position and direction- half and quarter turns.
- Learning a new strategy to add numbers within 20, by finding a 10 first.
- Learning some songs children would have sung in the past.

Question: If you lived in Victorian times would you prefer to go to work or school? Why?

Year 2

Y2 have continued to work hard this week. In English we have been working on improving our sentences with expanded noun phrases and we are beginning to use commas and apostrophes to extend our understanding of punctuation.

In maths we have been reviewing topics we have covered throughout the year. The children have shown great retention and resilience.

In RE we have begun learning about how the Holy Spirit helped the disciples. In geography the children really enjoyed using Google Earth to look at different characteristics of each continent.

We have been finishing off our science work on plants and we have been thinking about our new topic on Habitats.

Look for different Habitats in the local area.

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Year 3

What a fabulous week! In our workshops, we learned how to use Egyptian measuring equipment, built our own pyramid using the net of a square-based pyramid and used shaped wooden blocks and square numbers to build wooden pyramids. In the afternoon, we learnt about Egyptian artefacts and painted our own daggers, bangles, shabtis, statues and papyrus Gods. The children were amazing and learned so much.

In English, we edited and improved passages from Egyptian Cinderella and wrote a persuasive letter to Kipa and the other servant girls. We applied our understanding of column addition to problem solving in Maths and began our work on column subtraction. In Science, we explored magnetic and non-magnetic materials, whilst, in French, we wrote phrases to describe Spring.

Question – How tall is the Great Pyramid?

Year 4

We have had another busy week in Year 4. In English, we continued with our book 'Dare to Care: Pet Dragon'. This is an explanation text which informs the readers about how to care for a pet dragon. The children have been really enjoying the book. This week, the children created a new breed of dragon and explained all the different parts of its anatomy. They had lots of unique and interesting ideas and the pieces of work produced were amazing!

In Maths, we have been using a grid method which relies on partitioning to solve 2 digits by 1 digit multiplication equations. In Science, the children learned how to build a simple circuit to light a bulb. In Geography, we carried out some field work Droylsden in preparation for drawing our maps.

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Year 5

Year 5 have had yet another busy week.

In English, we have continued to explore arguments for and against the question: 'Was Philippe Petit's punishment too lenient?' Here, they have considered positive and negative aspects linked to the legal system, impact and accomplishment.

In Maths, the children have been multiplying fractions. They have shown great enthusiasm and determination when multiplying two fractions together; multiplying a fraction by a whole number and multiplying mixed number fractions by a whole number (integer).

Additionally, we have started our new Science topic. The children have led some interesting conversations surrounding how we change as we grow older and completed a data handling activity to display how a baby grows over the space of 13 months.

Finally, the children have continued to work hard in Geography. Here, they have been identifying different lines of longitude and latitude and, using their mathematical skills and knowledge of the lines, have been specifically identifying the location of different countries.

Question: What is the difference between a line of longitude and a line of latitude?

Year 6

WELL DONE YEAR 6!!!

This week the children in Year 6 completed their SATs tests. We are all extremely proud of the children; they showed fantastic resilience, determination and maturity. As a treat, the children have enjoyed a chippy lunch today! You will notice there are no individual certificates for year six this week; Mrs Gibson and Mr Fitch are awarding the certificates to ALL the children in Year 6 for their amazing reading, handwriting and maths during the tests this week. You are all superstars!

In the afternoons this week, we have been thinking about our class text: 'Cicada'. Our focus was on Cicada's boss and how he felt about Cicada working at his company. We thought about complaints Cicada's colleagues might have made about him and how this might have led to him being dismissed. The children have typed formal letters of dismissal using the laptops and chromebooks which has been enjoyed by all!

In RSE this week, we have thought about body image and peculiar feelings we might be having. We have discussed new feelings we might have as we go through puberty and how we can manage these. Remember Year 6, always talk about how you are feeling to your family, friends or a trusted adult.

Next week we are looking forward to continuing with work on Cicada, Science and History.

Question: Why did you choose to dismiss Cicada from his role?

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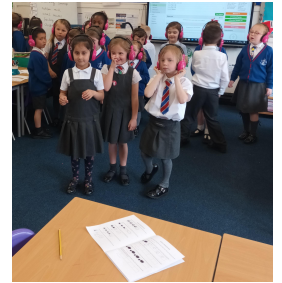


THIS WEEK IN PICTURES



It's been another remarkable week!

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



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