



St Stephen's RCP

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

NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th May 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

Another week has passed us by and we are almost at the end of another busy term at St Stephen's. I hope you and your families are well.

Ofsted Report

Just to keep you updated, we are still awaiting the final Ofsted report and this should be made public in June at some point. As soon as I receive it, I will make sure you receive a copy.

Reconciliation

A huge well done to those children in Years 4, 5 and 6 who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last night in Church. It was a beautiful service and as always the children were wonderful and respectful. We look forward to these children now making their First Holy Communion in June. Please keep them in your prayers.

Tameside Music Service

Yesterday, children were very lucky to welcome to the Tameside Music Service into school. They held an assembly to showcase their talents. We are really lucky to have the music service working with children in Key Stage 2.

A REMINDER: Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

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.

**A REMINDER: School closes on Friday 27th May
for the mid-term break at 3:15pm.**

Enjoy your weekend, Mr Lavin, Head teacher

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

24/05/22	Y2 Titanic Museum Trip
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



Hot Chocolate
Friday Winners

Nursery	Jessica Evie-Rose
RKF	Ava
RCL	Kaiden
YILD	Alisha
YILB	Olivia
Y2SH	Riley-James
Y2AL	Jacob
Y3LW	Hannah
Y3CS/DH	Jenson
Y4DS	Payton
Y4HB	Dexter
Y5LS	Lola
Y5DM	Alex
Y6HG	Erin
Y6DF	Analiece

Readers
of the Week

Nursery	Poppy-Kay
RKF	Raya-Mae
RCL	Anastazja
YILD	Emily
YILB	Eva
Y2SH	Avaya
Y2AL	Freddie
Y3LW	Chen
Y3CS/DH	Alexis
Y4DS	Freshta
Y4HB	Blaize
Y5LS	Harley
Y5DM	Scarlett
Y6HG	Joe
Y6DF	Camille

Handwriters
of the week

Nursery	Sofia
RKF	Thomas
RCL	Evelyn
YILD	Emmanuella
YILB	Conor
Y2SH	Luca
Y2AL	Hanna
Y3LW	Delilah
Y3CS/DH	Emelia
Y4DS	Amelia
Y4HB	Louie
Y5LS	Frederick
Y5DM	Noah
Y6HG	Alisha
Y6DF	Lexi





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Harper
RKF	Bruke
RCL	Linen
Y1LD	Freya
Y1LB	Evelyn
Y2SH	Alisha
Y2AL	Penelope
Y3LW	Abigail
Y3CS/OH	Seth
Y4DS	Mabel
Y4HB	Eddie
Y5LS	Willow
Y5DM	Jayden M
Y6HG	Hugo
Y6DF	Max

Sports Stars will
return next
week!

House Points

Blue
5448



Red
2270

Yellow
3194



Green
3925

Totals So Far!

Blue 125,108
Green 121,654
Red 130,596
Yellow 125,681





Attendance

Whole School	94.2%
Nursery AM	81.3%
Nursery Full Day	77.8%
RKF	91.5%
RCL	100%
Y1LD	85.8%
Y1LB	96%
Y2AL	95.2%
Y2SH	98.6%
Y3LW	92.5%
Y3CS/DH	95%
Y4DS	92.2%
Y4HB	96.6%
Y5DM	98.3%
Y5LS	97.5%
Y6HG	95.3%
Y6DF	98%



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 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
2nd: RCL	30	7th: 1LD	14
3rd: 2SH	26		
4th: 1LB	25		
St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	54	6th: Y4DS	16
2nd: Y3LW	31	7th: Y5LS	14
3rd: Y3CS/DS	29	8th: Y4HB	9
4th: Y5DM	25		
5th: Y6HG	22		

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Religious Education

Mary The Greatest of all Saints

Mary is considered by many to be the greatest of all saints because she was chosen by God to be the mother of His Son, and because she freely chose to say yes!

. In Mary's Song of Praise (The Magnificat), she says, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked on the humble estate of His servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for He who is mighty had done great things for me, and holy is His name" (Luke 1:46-49).



Mass Times
St Stephen's RC Church



Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm



Sunday: 10.30am

Father B. Wilson 0161 370 1505

Reconciliation

Congratulations to our children in Year 4, 5 and 6 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last night.

It is not always easy to say sorry, it can even be a little scary, but God will always forgive us when we say sorry.

We are extremely proud of the children and we can't wait to support them in their next stage of their spiritual journey- receiving First Holy Communion.

Prayer of the Week

Merciful God,

We are truly sorry for the things that we have done wrong.

. Forgive us and help us to try to forgive others as your son Jesus teaches us.

Amen.



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Nursery

This week it has been all about the chicks in our Nursery. We have learnt about what we need to do to take care of animals. We talked about ensuring they have enough food, water and exercise, and the importance of keeping their environment clean. We have watched them carefully and talked about their behaviour, also noticing the changes in how they look in such a short space of time. In Mathematics this week, we have been comparing height, deciding who is taller and who is shorter. We have been measuring ourselves, working out how many construction blocks tall we are. In the forest this week the children wanted to look for minibeasts. As we were exploring, we noticed some litter and talked about why it is damaging for our wildlife, then collected it and binned it.

Reception

This week we have been looking at the story of Christopher's Caterpillars. In the story Christopher loses his 6 caterpillars and then finds 6 butterflies. We have enjoyed making lost and found posters.

Our caterpillars are growing fast! We have watched them grow that bit more each day and we are excited to watch them transform into a cocoon ready to become butterflies.

Tameside Music Service visited us in school this week and we had a special assembly. We were introduced to a variety of different instruments. We were fascinated with the music they played for us. Ask your child what instrument was their favourite.

We have turned our role play area into a cafe. We have been getting it ready this week ready for its grand opening next week!



Year 1

Year 1 have been very busy this week! A huge highlight was a special assembly from Tameside Music Service, who showed the children a variety of instruments and played us some songs. The children were very engaged and inspired. In English, we have been looking at some poetry to link with our new story 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and we created our very own colour poem. In Maths, we continue our work on adding and subtracting numbers, looking at related addition and subtraction facts to 20. In History, we compared Victorian school rules to St Stephen's school rules and discussed what is the same and what is different. In Science, we have been looking at what different animals eat to survive and how animals can be grouped according to what they eat. As Pentecost approaches, we have explored different symbols of the Holy Spirit in R.E and recognised that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit as a helper. In Computing, the children enjoyed programming Beebots to turn left and right, as well as predicting where the BeeBots would travel after programming different sequences of instructions. In our D&T unit, we have designed a sandwich and planned how to make it.

Question- Can you think of some words that rhyme?

Year 2

We are so proud of Year 2's hard work, resilience and determination this week. In English, they have been generating their own exclamation sentences and writing a diary entry from the perspective of the badger or the sandwich, re-telling the events of The Disgusting Sandwich. In Maths, the children have been revising concepts taught so far this year and applying different methods. In R.E, the children wrote beautiful prayers thanking God for the gift of the Holy Spirit. The children have completed lots of Geography work this week including making a circle book to compare the continents and they have learnt about the importance of the oceans and how we can protect them. The children enjoyed a fantastic music assembly on Thursday and they have spent lots of time in the sunshine!

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Year 3

This week, we enjoyed a lovely Mass in Church on Thursday. All of the children sang beautifully and the readers were very clear. We also had the pleasure of welcoming the Tameside Music Service into school for a special assembly. The children loved finding out about the different instruments and were thrilled by the music performed by the musicians. In English, we planned and wrote a diary entry from the viewpoint of Rhodopis and changed sentences into the present perfect tense. In Maths, we assessed subtraction calculations to identify the most efficient method: mental calculation, number line or a formal method. We then completed the calculations using the chosen method. We have also continued to practise formal decomposition methods to secure our understanding. In RE, we learned about Pentecost and created interviews for the Apostles, whilst, in French, we wrote phrases to describe Summer.

Question – Why was it important for the Apostles to speak in different tongues?

Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been busy practising for their times table check test by playing loop games, beat the clock games and doing practice exercises on I-Pads. The children are keen to challenge themselves and are gradually improving their speed and accuracy.

On Thursday we enjoyed a music assembly provided by Tameside Music Services. It was great to see and hear different musical instruments like the cello, the saxophone and the drums. The team explained the different pieces of the instruments and had us guessing the different tunes they were playing. It was great fun and made us all want to start learning a musical instrument.

We have finished off making our bags in D & T. All the children showed patience and determination when learning to thread a needle and use the appropriate stitching. We finished the bags off by designing an image or pattern to decorate our bags. Everyone is proud of their creations.

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Year 5

Year 5 have had yet another great week!

In English, we have been continuing to write our balanced arguments surrounding Philippe Petit. The children have worked hard to write formally and present a balanced viewpoint.

Within Maths, the children have been finding a fraction of an amount by completing both fluency questions and word problems.

On Thursday, during assembly, the children enjoyed an engaging performance by the Tameside Music Company. They were introduced to a range of different musical instruments which they thoroughly enjoyed!

Finally, in Geography, the children have continued to explore lines of longitude. They have focused more closely on the equator and its impact on the climate of different countries.

Question: How do you find a fraction of an amount?

Year 6

We've been busy bees this week in Year 6! We have continued with our text about Cicada (which we are loving!) and have researched Cicadas in the wild. We used this information to write an informative leaflet about Cicadas; aimed at people who are fans of David Attenborough. Did you know that Cicadas burrow underground for 17 years during their nymph stage?

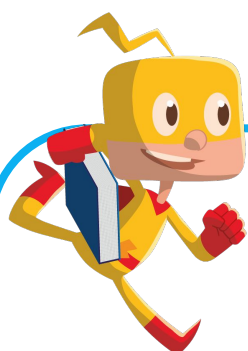
In maths we have been learning about the difference between discrete and continuous data. We have explored different ways of representing data and have chosen the most suitable way to represent a range of data.

Our Science lessons this week have focused on the life of Charles Darwin. We have learnt about his life and the research he undertook. We explored some of his theories of adaptation and linked this the investigation we did regarding different bird beaks.

We have started to prepare for Pentecost in RE. We have thought about how the disciples were witnesses of Christ.

We are extremely excited for PGL next week!

Question: What is the difference between continuous and discrete data?

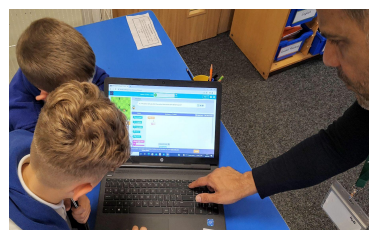


THIS WEEK IN PICTURES



It's been another remarkable week!

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



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