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NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th June 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

What a great week it has been here at St Stephen's! The sun has been shining down on us and the children have loved being outside a little more, enjoying our amazing space.

We've had a lot to celebrate after achieving our 'Good' Ofsted Report! We had some further good news too - we have achieved the 'Gold' standard PE award, further demonstrating the amazing progress we are making here at St Stephen's. A big WELL DONE to Mr Grantham for all of his hard work in improving our PE offer here at school.

Assessments

Whilst the sun has been shining, many of our children have had to complete Government assessments this week. Our Year 1 children, and some of our Year 2 children, have completed their phonics screening check - we could not be prouder of our young children who have worked so hard. Our Year 4 children have started their Multiplication Tables check too - these will be completed next week. Again, the children have been amazing!

Finally, our Year 6 children's writing has been moderated by the local authority on Thursday. They were very impressed with the children's writing - well done Year 6!

A huge well done to all children who have taken these assessments, they have taken them in their stride and I am sure they will have achieved well. Thank you parents/carers for supporting the children and a big thank you to the staff who have prepared them so well.

Next week

Next week looks to be a busy week for us all. Miss Scaife and Mr Grantham will be hosting our annual 'Sports and Science Week'. Children will take part in a variety of activities that relate to Science and Sports and I am sure it will be really exciting. Children can wear their school PE kit all week. Mrs Bilic has also organised a poetry week for children - they will have the chance to perform poetry to each other and be introduced to many new poems.

Sacramental Programme

Our first group of children will receive their First Holy Communion tomorrow. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue on their Sacramental journey.

Foundation Governors

We currently have vacancies on our school Governing Board for two foundation governors. If this is something you would be interested in, please speak to Father Wilson directly after mass. If you'd like some more information on the role, you can arrange an appointment with myself via the school office.

Enjoy your weekend, Mr Lavin, Head teacher

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

THESE DATES MAY BE ADDED TO / AMENDED SO PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON CHANGES.

18/06/22	First Holy Communion 9:45am	Parents will be aware of which date is for their child
20/06/22	Science & Sports Week Poetry Festival	Children will take part in a variety of science/sport activities across the week. All children can wear school PE kit each day. Children will also take part in performing poetry/listening to each other's work .
25/06/22	First Holy Communion 9:45am	Parents will be aware of which date is for their child.
29/06/22	4HB Class Assembly	Parents warmly invited - 9:05am start in the school hall.
30/06/22	St Stephen's Got Talent	Videos/Pictures posted online for parents.
01/07/22	INSET DAY	School closed for all
04/07/22	Y1,2,3 & 4 Sports Day	Times to be confirmed nearer to time.
05/07/22	Y5 & 6 Sports Day	Times to be confirmed nearer to time.
05/07/22	Reception trip to Blue Planet Aquarium	Information has been sent to Reception parents.
06/07/22	Nursery & Reception Sports Day	Time to be confirmed nearer to time.
06/07/22	3CS/DH Class Assembly	Parents warmly invited - 9:05am start in the school hall.
08/07/22	School Fair	Straight after school.

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

13/07/22	3LW Class Assembly	Parents warmly invited - 9:05am start in the school hall.
14/07/22	Year 6 Production 1:30pm Year 6 Production 6:30pm	Production: Wizard of Oz Tickets issued nearer to time.
19/07/22	Leavers Mass 2pm in church	Parents warmly invited to attend
19/07/22	Leavers Prom 6-8pm	Children to arrive at school hall at 6pm and collected at 8pm. Further details to be sent to Y6 parents.
20/07/22	School closes for summer at 1:30pm.	Summer holidays begin at 1:30pm for children.
21/07/22	Inset Day	School closed to all children.
22/07/22	School closed	

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Hot Chocolate
Friday Winners

Nursery	Luke Hazel
RKF	Leo
RCL	Parker
YILD	Tegan
YILB	Luna
Y2SH	Elise
Y2AL	Lotsie-Lou
Y3LW	Lexi
Y3CS/DH	Lucie
Y4DS	Tyler
Y4HB	Alfie
Y5LS	Frederick
Y5DM	Jayden Lee
Y6HG	Joe
Y6DF	Reece

Readers
of the Week

Nursery	Arthur
RKF	Harrison
RCL	Myley-Dean
YILD	Charlie
YILB	Pippa
Y2SH	Esme
Y2AL	Patrick
Y3LW	Rosie
Y3CS/DH	Ellenore
Y4DS	Brock
Y4HB	Rihanna
Y5LS	Orla
Y5DM	Edwin
Y6HG	Stanley
Y6DF	Kate

Handwriters
of the week

Nursery	Gabriella-Rose
RKF	James
RCL	Felix
YILD	Ember
YILB	Adam
Y2SH	Alisha
Y2AL	Dolly-Rae
Y3LW	Harrison
Y3CS/DH	Travis
Y4DS	Mabel
Y4HB	Olivia
Y5LS	Lucas
Y5DM	Lilia
Y6HG	Ted
Y6DF	Abigail





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Cornelia
RKF	Niall
RCL	Deanah
Y1LD	Bella
Y1LB	Alex
Y2SH	Isaac
Y2AL	India
Y3LW	Deborah
Y3CS/OH	Nico
Y4DS	Payton
Y4HB	Callen
Y5LS	Bonnie
Y5DM	Ollie
Y6HG	Hugo
Y6DF	Ksenia

Sports Stars will
return next
week!

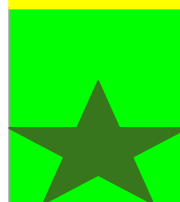
House Points

Blue
7468



Red
8294

Yellow
8565



Green
7515

Totals So Far!

Blue 140,576
Green 128,169
Red 138,890
Yellow 134,246





Attendance

Whole School	93.6%
Nursery AM	93.8%
Nursery Full Day	97.5%
RKF	84.1%
RCL	91.9%
Y1LD	95.7%
Y1LB	98.1%
Y2AL	92.6%
Y2SH	99.1%
Y3LW	98.1%
Y3CS/DH	96.7%
Y4DS	93%
Y4HB	88.4%
Y5DM	98.3%
Y5LS	85%
Y6HG	87.1%
Y6DF	97.3%



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: NurFD	33	5th: NurAM	21
2nd: 2AL	30	6th: RKF	18
2nd: RCL	30	7th: 1LD	14
3rd: 2SH	29		
4th: 1LB	27		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	55	6th: Y4DS	16
2nd: Y3LW	33	7th: Y5LS	14
3rd: Y3CS/DS	29	8th: Y4HB	9
4th: Y5DM	28		
5th: Y6HG	22		

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Religious Education

The Holy Trinity

Last Sunday, we celebrated Trinity Sunday. We celebrated the Holy Trinity: The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit.

We have began our final RSHE unit in school this week, which begins with all classes reflecting upon the Holy Trinity.

Within RSHE this term, the children will explore how they can live and contribute to their local community.



Mass Times
St Stephen's RC Church



Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm



Sunday: 10.30am

Father B. Wilson 0161 370 1505

Prayer of the Week

Please keep the children receiving
First Holy Communion this weekend in your prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist.

- Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your body and blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred Sacrament.

Amen.



Nursery

It has been all about water this week in nursery. We shared ideas about the different uses for water, then read our new book, The Flying Bath. We have bathed the babies, washed clothes and been using different containers to pour in the water tray. In Mathematics, we have been learning about weight. We made our very own balance scales and compared the weight of different objects. At the allotment we were amazed to see that some of the tadpoles have finally grown their legs. We watched the froglets for a long time, hoping to see more. We also planted sunflower seeds and watered them.

Reception

It was wonderful to welcome you all back on Monday. We launched into our under the sea topic. We were amazed by how much the children already knew about life under the sea.

We released the butterflies! Such excitement! They all found their way to the flowers that the children placed especially for them. The visit from the Creepy Crawly Show was amazing! We had stories, learnt new information and experienced seeing and holding creatures first hand.

We opened the Jubilee Cafe in our role play area. Such a busy fun filled week back.



Year 1

Year One were very excited to receive a letter from the Queen this week!! Her Majesty loved our hat creations and letters we sent a few weeks ago after reading 'The Queen's Hat'. The children have been completing their phonics screening check this week and have worked so hard. The results from these will be sent home with reports next month. In English, we have started our book 'Meerkat Mail', beginning with writing a character description of Sunny and writing a reply to his postcards. In Maths, we have begun our unit on multiplication and division, introducing arrays and repeated addition to represent multiplication. Please help your child count in 2s, 5s, and 10s at home to support their learning. In Science, we have introduced our topic on plants and discussed what the children already know. In computing, children explored digital painting by drawing their faces on paint software. We have introduced our new R.E unit 'being sorry' and are looking forward to exploring this unit further.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a great first week back after half term! We have been continuing to learn about the Titanic and in English, we have been reading 'Story of The Titanic' to support this. The children have empathised with the passengers on the ship and described their emotions at the different stages of the journey. They have started to write their own diary entry, imagining that they are a child on board the ship. The children have ordered the events of the Titanic onto a detailed timeline and used this knowledge to support the chronology of their diary entry. In Maths, we have been looking at statistics and we have recorded and interpreted data on pictograms and bar charts. The children have had a fantastic week and they are excited to participate in lots of activities for Science and Sports Week next week.

Question: How many people survived the sinking of the Titanic?



Year 3

This week, we have begun our text 'Escape From Pompeii' in English. We analysed the text to identify information about everyday life in Pompeii and wrote from the perspective of a fisherman in the Bay of Naples during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. This links well into our Guided Reading text 'The Pebble in My Pocket', which tracks the life of a pebble over 480 million years from the viewpoint of a young girl who finds it on a beach. Through this text, we were able to learn about the formation of mountains, valleys and continents, as well as the evolution of animal species. In Maths, we are using dienes and place value counters to support our written multiplication methods. We will continue to practise our formal methods, applying our understanding to reasoning activities and word problems. In Art this week, we etched simple designs on to a polystyrene tile and used ink to create repeated patterns. We also learnt how to layer colours using printing methods, completing and evaluating a final piece in the style of Andy Warhol. It has been a busy, yet enjoyable, week. We can't wait to enjoy Science and Sports week next week, as well as our poetry festival.

Question – How are mountains and volcanoes formed?

Year 4

Summer is finally here and we have been enjoying the warm weather. This week, we played rounders in PE - would it be summer without a good game of rounders? The children completed the multiplication check this week. Everyone did their very best and they should be very proud of themselves. In English, we started our new book 'The Day I was Erased'. We have really enjoyed reading Maxwell's story so far and can't wait to see what happens next. In Geography we continued our 'Land Use' topic, studying the different types of maps and using a key to interpret symbols.

Next week, we are looking forward to Science and Sports Week and all the exciting activities.

Question: What Ordnance Survey map symbols can you remember?



Year 5

It has been great having the kids back this week and we have hit the ground running. In English the children have written questions to characters within our focus text of 'The Highwayman' and then hot seated to answer the questions posed. In maths we have moved onto percentages and the children have been able to transfer the fraction knowledge they acquired in the last half term to help them. In Science the children have collated data and produced data charts on the laptops using Microsoft Excel.

Question of the week- What would be a quick and accurate method to find 20% of an amount?

Year 6

It has been fantastic to see the children again after the half term! After spending three days at PGL, we really missed the chatter and laughter of the children!

This week, the children's writing has been moderated by the local authority. We are so proud of all the writing that the children have produced over the last year and it was wonderful to hear all the positive comments shared by the moderators. A big well done to all the children!

The children enjoyed writing letters this week in English. They took on the role of the year 2022 and wrote a reflective (and emotive) letter to 1945. They updated 1945 on the positive and negative changes in the world. We were blown away by the children's letters; especially the maturity of them!

We have started the audition process this week for our end of year production of 'The Wizard of Oz'. The children are keen to get started with practising the songs and their lines.

It has been a great start to our final term together! Keep it up Year 6!

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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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