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# NEWSLETTER

Friday 23th June 2022

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## A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

Happy Friday!! I hope you have been able to enjoy the fine weather we have been blessed with this week - I know we at school certainly have!

### **Sports and Science Week**

WOW! What a great week we have all had! Each day children have been involved in a range of activities promoting a healthy lifestyle and being active! A particularly highlight was our Athlete visit on Wednesday! The Sports events ended today with the children being treated to some inflatables to have some fun on!

Science has been a key focus this week too. Children have taken part in lots of experiments and today we held a 'Science Fair' where children had the opportunity to complete some investigations that other classes have worked on! Children LOVED it and I am sure have learned something new!

### **Poetry Week**

To add to an already jam packed week, we had a focus on poetry reading and writing too! Throughout the week children explored new poems, and had the chance to write some of their own. On Thursday, children had the opportunity to perform these to different classes in our 'Wellbeing Garden' at the back of the Year 2 building! I was so proud to see the children delivering their poems with such confidence and enthusiasm. Well done children - such talent! A big thank you to all staff who have worked super hard to make this week happen.

There are lots of pictures and some videos on our school website and Facebook page!

### **Holy Communion**

Congratulations to those children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion last Saturday. It was a beautiful mass and as always, the children did everyone proud. Tomorrow, the final group of children in Year 4 and 5 will receive the Sacrament. Please keep these children in your thoughts and prayers as they continue on their Sacramental journey.

**Polite reminder - children so not be playing on the playground equipment before or after school for Health and Safety reasons. Thank you.**

### **Certificates and Hot Chocolate Friday**

As we had the Science Fair this morning, we will have our Good News Assembly on Monday morning where certificates will be handed out for this week. Hot Chocolate Friday winners will receive this on Monday too!

**A reminder that School is closed on Friday 1st July 2022.**

*Have a brilliant weekend everyone - see you Monday!*

*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.

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	Y1 and Y2 - 9:30-10:30AM Y3 and Y4 - 1:30-2:30PM
05/07/22	Y5 & 6 Sports Day	Y5 and Y6 - 1:30-2:30PM
05/07/22	Reception trip to Blue Planet Aquarium	Information has been sent to Reception parents.
06/07/22	Nursery & Reception Sports Day	9:30-1:30AM
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.

### Sports Day Arrangements

**Monday 4th July - Year 1 and Year 2 - 9:30am to 10:30am**

**Monday 4th July - Year 3 and Year 4 - 1:30pm to 2:30pm**

**Tuesday 5th July - Year 5 and Year 6 - 1:30pm to 2:30pm**

**Wednesday 6th July - Nursery and Reception - 9:30am to 10:30am**

**Parents are most welcome to attend - events will take place on the school field. No videos or pictures to be taken for Child Protection reasons!**

**If we have time, there may even be a parents race so be prepared!!**



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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	Jessica & Rosie
RKF	Ava
RCL	Rahim
YILD	Koen
YILB	Bruce
Y2SH	Luca
Y2AL	Mila
Y3LW	Hannah
Y3CS/DH	Eva
Y4DS	Ameila
Y4HB	Poppy
Y5LS	Layla
Y5DM	Ruby
Y6HG	Ava
Y6DF	Lexie

Readers  
of the Week

Nursery	Myla
RKF	Milliane
RCL	Lexie
YILD	Emmanuella
YILB	Evelyn
Y2SH	Charlie
Y2AL	India
Y3LW	Harrison
Y3CS/DH	Lilly Mai
Y4DS	Vinnie
Y4HB	Jersey
Y5LS	Beatrice
Y5DM	Simona
Y6HG	Joshua
Y6DF	Georgie

Handwriters  
of the week

Nursery	Sofia
RKF	Sam
RCL	Jake
YILD	Ember
YILB	Ruby
Y2SH	Mia Bella
Y2AL	Tarandeep
Y3LW	Sam
Y3CS/DH	Sienna-Rae
Y4DS	Carter
Y4HB	Ethan
Y5LS	Isla
Y5DM	Kate
Y6HG	Desmond
Y6DF	Alfie







## Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Frankie
RKF	Isla
RCL	Evelyn
Y1LD	Rocco
Y1LB	Olivia
Y2SH	Laicee
Y2AL	Lotsie-Lou
Y3LW	Evie
Y3CS/OH	Darcy
Y4DS	Kaitlyn
Y4HB	Dolton
Y5LS	Jake
Y5DM	Charlie
Y6HG	Ella
Y6DF	Lily

## Sports Stars of the Week

A massive thank you  
to our Sports  
Ambassadors who  
have done an amazing  
job this week keeping  
our Sport and  
Science event  
running smoothly!



## 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%
Nursery AM	100%
Nursery Full Day	88.7%
RKF	82.4%
RCL	92.5%
Y1LD	88.8%
Y1LB	97.3%
Y2AL	94.2%
Y2SH	95.8%
Y3LW	99.2%
Y3CS/DH	95.8%
Y4DS	89.7%
Y4HB	85.3%
Y5DM	97.4%
Y5LS	97.5%
Y6HG	90.5%
Y6DF	94.4%



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%** very special prize!

Good Luck!



## St Stephen's Attendance League

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: NurFD	33	4th: NurAM	24
2nd: 2AL	30	5th: RKF	18
2nd: RCL	30	6th: 1LD	14
2nd: 2SH	30		
3rd: 1LB	29		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	55	5th: Y4DS	16
2nd: Y3LW	36	5th: Y5LS	16
3rd: Y3CS/DS	29	6th: Y4HB	9
3rd: Y5DM	29		
4th: Y6HG	22		

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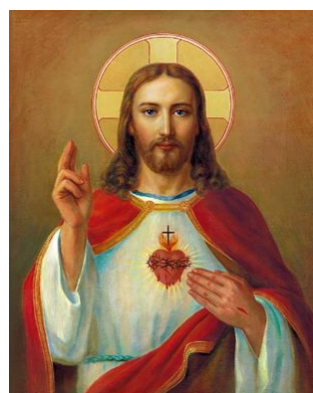
## Religious Education

### Feast of the Sacred Heart

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

This morning our chaplains prepared and led a beautiful assembly explaining the history of this feast day and why it is important to Catholics. Here is some of the information our Chaplains shared:

- The Sacred Heart of Jesus represents Christ's love for mankind through his sacrifice on the cross for human sin.
- The Sacred Heart of Jesus is often depicted in Christian art as a flaming heart, shining with divine light, pierced by the crown of thorns. It is surrounded by a cross.
- In 1675, Jesus told St Margaret Mary that he wanted the feast of the Sacred Heart to be celebrated in the Friday after Corpus Christi.



Well done to our fantastic chaplains on leading us in prayer.

Please pray for the children receiving  
First Holy Communion on Saturday.

Mass Times  
St Stephen's RC Church



Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am



Father B. Wilson 0161 370 1505

### Prayer of the Week

Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we have  
all received,  
We thank you for your great goodness to us  
today.

Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all Praise,  
May the Angels and Saints praise you while  
we are asleep.

Dear Saviour, in the tenderness of your  
heart watch over us tonight and always,  
Amen





## Nursery

Sport and Science week really got our bodies and brains working. We have conducted so many experiments with water this week. We found a way to get a pompom from the bottom of a container to the top, without touching it! We have explored floating and sinking, making a prediction then testing many different objects from around the nursery. We tried to work out why some objects floated but others did not. The children have made boats with various materials, then tried them out in the water tray to see whether their boat floated. Some of our boats were great at first, but became soggy and soft after sitting in the water for too long, so we talked about why that would happen. We have been learning about keeping healthy too, talking about the different foods that are good for our bodies. Sports week has been great fun with various team games, Yoga and even PE with an Olympic athlete!

## Reception

We have had such an amazing week!! The story we are focusing on at the moment is "Somebody Swallowed Stanley" by Sarah Roberts. Look up the author she is involved in animals and their environments.

This week we have been predicting and testing. We have investigated, explored and taken part in many different experiments. Ask the children to tell you about the coins and the pipettes experiment. We have enjoyed doing our daily mile, PE and yoga.

A fantastic memory was made at the Poetry Festival. It was wonderful to perform our poem to Year 1 and then listen to their brilliant poetry recital.

We finished the week with a bouncy castle. Lots of new learning, exercise and fun! Have a fantastic weekend.

Question - Who swallowed Stanley?



## Year 1

What a busy week we have had in Year One! This week was science and sports week. The children took part in many activities to celebrate this. As part of our science topic, 'plants', we began our investigation to support our idea that plants need water, sunlight, and soil to grow. We planted seeds, giving plant A all of the three things it needs to grow and plant B just 2 of the things it needs to grow. We will find out what happens in the coming weeks! The children also did an experiment to showcase at our school science fair. As part of sports week, we were visited by the athlete, Leon Baptise, who shared his road to success and ran a fitness challenge for the children. The children have been completing the daily mile and yoga sessions. We also took part in the outdoor poetry festival, where each class performed part of the poem 'Noisy' by Shirley Hughes to other year groups. Some children even performed their own poems they had written!

Question: What three things do plants need to grow?

## Year 2

Science and Sports week has been a great experience! In science we have been completing some of our class curriculum activities on Habitats. The children showed good understanding of why certain animals are suited to their environments. We had fun looking for minibeasts in their micro habitats too. For our science fair project, we made a link with our Titanic work and investigated floating and sinking. Meeting and listening to Leon Baptiste was inspirational and we had great fun taking part in his fitness challenge. Our daily mile has kept us fit this week too. We have explored the great exercise and fitness opportunities our school grounds give us too. For our poetry presentation we focused on a poem called Wings by Pie Corbett. We looked at the patterns and format of the poem to create our own verses and then performed them to our Year 1 classes. We have also enjoyed Now Press Play session on Habitats and Healthy Living. We ended our week with a fun session on the bouncy castle!

Perhaps you could investigate some Microhabitats in your garden.

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## Year 3

A wonderful Science and Sports week in year 3! The children completed the daily mile each day, enjoyed yoga and athletics, met Leon Baptiste (a 100m and 200m champion who has even raced against Usain Bolt), completed circuit training and had a wonderful time on the inflatable assault course. In assemblies, we learned about the importance of a healthy diet and exercise on our mental health and wellbeing, as well as how to be more resilient to ensure we achieve our goals. In Science, we completed our work on Magnets and Forces, investigating poles and attraction and repulsion. We also researched, asked and answered questions about Michael Faraday, who was the first scientist to explore electromagnetism. For the Science fair, we planned, conducted and evaluated an investigation into friction, using a range of materials on ramps and measuring the distance travelled. We presented these findings to the rest of the school and helped them to investigate the question for themselves. During the Poetry festival, we recited 'I'm Walking with My Iguana' by Brian Moses and wrote our own poems in the same style. We were able to perform these for 6DF, as well as enjoying their work. A fun-filled, informative, active and educational week!

Question – Why is it important to be resilient and never give up?

## Year 4

What a busy week in Year 4! We carried out two exciting Science experiments linked to our topic of Teeth and Digestion. The first one involved exploring how damaging different liquids are to our teeth. We used egg shells to observe how a range of drinks affected their colouring. The results were very interesting, The other experiment was fun as we had to eat different flavoured jelly beans whilst wearing a blindfold and holding our nose. It was quite difficult to guess the flavours!

On Wednesday, we were inspired by Leon Baptiste, the amazing athlete who came into school and talked to us about his journey to success, as well as all the challenges he faced on the way. He showed us the importance of being determined and resilient.

On Thursday and Friday we enjoyed performing the poems we wrote based on Maya Angelou's work, 'Caged Bird.' We paired up with Mr Fitch's class to edit our poems then we performed to one another.

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## Year 5

Year 5 have had a fun filled Sport and Science week this week.

On Monday the children began their next Science unit based on Forces. The children have enjoyed studying Isaac Newton and completed different investigations. The children have shown their perseverance and scientific enquiry, especially when completing the balloon rocket- which didn't necessarily go as planned! The children then presented their experiment and findings to all other classes during a science fair.

Additionally, we have been studying the work of the poet Kwame Alexander. They were tasked to choose their own sport to write a poem about, using his style. The children enjoyed sharing their work with a Year 4 class during our poetry festival.

Throughout the week, the children have also been taking part in the Daily Mile; played rounders and enjoyed their PE lessons with Mr Grantham. To their delight, they completed their week having access to a large inflatable to play upon.

Question: What were the constants and variables within our balloon rocket investigation?

## Year 6

Wow! What a week it has been in Year 6. We are extremely proud of how many children stepped outside of their comfort zone to audition for the Wizard of Oz. All the children's auditions were amazing which made casting parts extremely difficult! Since finding out their roles on Tuesday, the children have been practising for the play with great enthusiasm.

As it has been sports and science week, the children have participated in a range of activities linked to these subjects. We have completed the daily mile, circuit training and played rounders in addition to our usual PE lessons. In Science we have further explored inheritance and adaptation.

In RSHE, we have been talking about peculiar feelings. We have explored how thoughts, feelings and actions are all interconnected by looking at different scenarios involving negative feelings and thoughts. We put a positive spin on the negative feelings and thoughts and explored how the associated action would change.

We have ended this week by participating in a poetry festival. After reading the poem 'New Beginnings' by Tony Walsh, we wrote our own versions based upon our feelings regarding high school.

**Question: Ask your child to share a verse of their New Beginning poem with you.**

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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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