



St Stephen's RCP

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

NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th May 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

I hope you and your families are well and you enjoyed the long Bank Holiday weekend. I have been inundated with incredible work this week but I must give a special mention to some incredible writing I read in Year 1 Mrs B's class. We have some very talented writers in Year 1.

Class Assemblies

Reception CL delivered a wonderful class assembly this week. It was beautiful to hear the children singing, be confident in their spoken words and showcase their drama skills. You should be very proud of your children. Next week, on Wednesday, is Mrs Finn's classes turn.

Year 6 SATs

Next week, our Year 6 children will take their SATs tests. We are incredibly proud of the children's resilience and hard work so far this year. COVID has disrupted much of their learning in Key Stage 2 but the Government are still requiring them to complete the assessments. As always, children will do their very best and I am sure you will keep them in your prayers.

Crowning of Mary

Today, our Chaplains delivered a lovely Assembly all about our Mother Mary. All children then had the opportunity to lay some flowers as we crowned Mary. It was a beautiful service. Thank you children.

Thoughts and Prayers

You may, or may not be aware, our school community suffered a tragic loss last week. One of our mothers, Kellie Poole, sadly passed away. Kellie was a lovely lady, and always had such a warm, happy smile on her face. I am sure you will join me and the staff in sending your thoughts and prayers to her husband, Simon, her three beautiful children and her wider family and friends at this difficult time.

Take care of each other, Mr Lavin, Head teacher

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

09/05/22	Y6 Grammar SAT
10/05/22	Y6 Reading SAT
10/05/22	Egyptian Workshop 3LW
11/05/22	Egyptian Workshop 3CS
11/05/22	Rec KF Class Assembly
11/05/22	Y6 Maths SAT
12/05/22	Y6 Maths SAT
12/05/22	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

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Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Harper & Ronnie
RKF	Sophie
RCL	Arabella
YILD	Rocco
YILB	Clark
Y2SH	Estee
Y2AL	Oscar
Y3LW	Ted
Y3CS/DH	Bobby
Y4DS	Freshta
Y4HB	Eddie
Y5LS	Brooklyn
Y5DM	Alfie
Y6HG	Kai
Y6DF	Mason

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Luke
RKF	Bruke
RCL	Jake
YILD	Freya
YILB	Ebony
Y2SH	Evianna
Y2AL	Isla
Y3LW	Jemima
Y3CS/DH	Eva
Y4DS	Amelia
Y4HB	India
Y5LS	Evie
Y5DM	Elijah
Y6HG	Alisha
Y6DF	Joshua

Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Felicity
RKF	Oscar
RCL	Freddie
YILD	Oscar
YILB	Sahichpreet
Y2SH	Esme
Y2AL	Serenity
Y3LW	Sara
Y3CS/DH	Lacey
Y4DS	Cody
Y4HB	Isabella
Y5LS	Jake
Y5DM	Kate
Y6HG	Alexia
Y6DF	Jayla





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Luke
RKF	Raya-Mae
RCL	Kaiden
Y1LD	Elliot
Y1LB	Kacper
Y2SH	Charlie
Y2AL	Daisy
Y3LW	Macy
Y3CS/DH	Beau
Y4DS	Nancy
Y4HB	Harvey
Y5LS	Donald
Y5DM	Edwin
Y6HG	Emelia
Y6DF	Harley

Sports Star of the Week

Nursery	Arthur
RKF	Olivia
RCL	Anastaja
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

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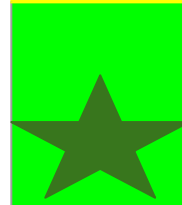
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Yellow
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Green
7470



Totals So Far!

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



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Attendance

Whole School	95.1%
Nursery AM	88.2%
Nursery Full Day	95%
RKF	89.4%
RCL	98.3%
Y1LD	89.7%
Y1LB	99.4%
Y2AL	94.9%
Y2SH	97.5%
Y3LW	100%
Y3CS/DH	90%
Y4DS	96.6%
Y4HB	95.4%
Y5DM	94.8%
Y5LS	94.4%
Y6HG	93.7%
Y6DF	97.3%

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	31	5th: NurAM	21
2nd: 2AL	27	6th: RKF	16
2nd: RCL	27	7th: 1LD	14
3rd: 1LB	24		
4th: 2SH	23		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	49	6th: Y4DS	16
2nd: Y3LW	30	7th: Y5LS	13
3rd: Y3CS/DS	29	8th: Y4HB	9
4th: Y5DM	22		
5th: Y6HG	19		



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

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Religious Education

May is the Month of Mary

This morning, our Year 6 Chaplains led the whole school in a beautiful assembly where we crowned Our Lady. Thank you to all the children for the beautiful flowers that they presented to Our Lady. Our altar is looking beautiful!

May is a special month as it is a month where we honour Mary, the Mother of God.

In assembly, the Chaplains shared ways that the children could honour Mary at home. These included:

- Drawing/ painting a picture of Mary
- Saying the Hail Mary as a family
- Saying a decade of the Rosary together as a family.



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 13th 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-droyl
sden.tameside.sch.uk

Mass Times St Stephen's RC Church

✝ Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm ✝
Sunday: 10.30am

Father B. Wilson Obl 370 1505

Prayer of the Week



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Nursery

This week in nursery we have been retelling the story of Walter's Wonderful Web. We have been drawing spiders and looking carefully at a spiders body parts. We have been singing nursery rhymes and using props to help us. In Mathematics we have been sequencing our day, comparing our morning routines and talking about the differences. At the allotment this week, we planted wild flowers and were lucky enough to collect 15 eggs from the chickens!

Reception

We have had a wonderful week learning more about lots of different minibeasts. We have read information books and found out lots of facts. We have enjoyed painting minibeasts and making them with playdough. May is the month of Mary and we went into the whole school assembly to crown Mary. Thank you for the beautiful flowers! The children have painted some beautiful portraits of Mary.

Miss Seville's class welcomed parents to watch their very first class assembly at St Stephen's and they were fantastic. Just a reminder that Mrs Finn's class assembly is on Wednesday 11th May in the school hall at 9:05am. We look forward to seeing you.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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Year 1

Year 1 have been working hard this week in all of their learning. In English, we introduced our new story Big Bad Owl and the children wrote a setting description and generated questions to ask Scowl. We continue our work on fractions in Maths and have started findings halves and quarters of quantities by sharing. In Science, we created fact files about fish, comparing them to other animal groups. In History, we compared our classroom to those in the Victorian era. The children were shocked at the punishments children in those days had to endure! We introduced floor robots in Computing and are looking forward to experimenting with programming in the coming weeks. We have started our unit on Pentecost in R.E and are celebrating Mary as it is the month of May.

Question- How was school different in Victorian times?

Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed starting their new book in English this week - The Disgusting Sandwich. They have been developing their descriptive skills by using expanded noun phrases and they have been using commas to separate items in lists. In Maths, the children have been subtracting two 2 digit numbers and Miss Leigh and Mrs Healey have been very impressed with how well the children have retained their knowledge from earlier in the year! In R.E, we have started our new topic 'Pentecost' and we have discussed the importance of messages. In Geography, we have generated our own questions to find out facts about the different continents and we have researched these on the iPads. We are ending the week by celebrating the Month of Mary and crowning Our Lady with flowers.

Question: Which is the hottest continent? Which is the coldest continent?

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Year 3

This week, in Maths, we have been working on using formal written methods for the addition of 2 and 3 addends. We analysed calculations to identify whether they required no regrouping, regrouping once or regrouping twice and explained our thinking. We also practised the column addition method crossing the tens and hundreds. In English, we used comparative and contrastive conjunctions to write sentences about the main events in Egyptian Cinderella. We also used the text to practise editing and improving our writing. In French, we described seasons in terms of weather and appropriate clothing. We have begun our unit of work on Pentecost in RE and enjoyed celebrating the crowning of Mary on Friday. We used 'Just Press Play' to explore Egyptians and revise the Stone Age and are extremely excited for our Egyptian workshop next week.

Question – What rules must we follow when setting out our calculations in Maths?

Year 4

In Year 4 this week we have begun our exciting new book – 'Dare to Care, Pet Dragon.' This book is a guide, giving information and tips on how to choose a pet dragon and how to look after it. The children have been researching the features of non-fiction genres and exploring how the information is presented.

In Maths, we have gone back to looking at multiplication, this time with a view to solving more complex problems which will involve written, formal methods of working out.

In 4HB we are coming to the end of our class book, 'I Was a Rat.' We have been anxious to see whether the Rat Boy will be exterminated and have discussed how his guardians could find a way of proving his innocence.

On Friday we honoured Our Lady (as it is the month of May), by crowning her statue with flowers in a whole school assembly.

Question: How many **factor pairs** of 36 can you find?



Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have been working on multiplying fractions and using our knowledge of converting fractions to answer in the form of improper and mixed number fractions. In Geography we have moved on in our Navigation studies. We have looked at the terms longitude and latitude and even searched for the exact degrees where many of the biggest UK cities can be found. In Music 5LS have continued to progress with their music lessons provided by Tameside. 5DM have been learning to sing 'Dancing in the street' and studying music from that period of time. The children have been creative this week and made their own individual flowers out of materials to use at the crowning of Mary.

Year 6

We have been working hard this week in Year 6 revising for the SATs tests next week. All of the children have put an amazing amount of effort into their learning this year and we are incredibly proud of them. We know that the children will go into next week with a positive attitude; supporting each other. We would like to take this opportunity to remind all the children in Year 6 that SATs are only a snapshot of the learning that has taken place during key stage two. At St Stephen's, we know that our children are talented in many ways including: sports, art, music and dance. This weekend, we would like the children to take a break from revision and relax. Our homework for the weekend is to play outside, watch a film, bake or complete a creative task! Alongside revision, we have been writing our class text 'Cicada' in the form of a narrative. The children have shared some mature thoughts about the character of Cicada and the way he was treated by his co-workers. In RE this week, we continued to celebrate Easter. We read the resurrection as told in John's gospel and discussed the language John chose to recount the event.

Question: How was Cicada treated differently to his colleagues? Why was he treated this way?

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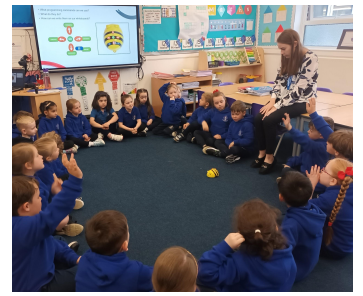


THIS WEEK IN PICTURES



It's been another remarkable week!

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



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