



St Andrew's Church of England (VC) Primary School

'Learn to love and love to learn; in God's love each one will shine.'

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." Matthew 4:19

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St Andrew's Weekly Update

Date: 2.2.24 Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Joy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Number Day

This has been quite a quiet and steady week, with all of the classes working hard to progress with their learning. However, it ended with a real flourish with our exciting Number Day. This is a day which encourages our children to celebrate and explore number through many different ways in aid of NSPCC.



In Nursery, the children discovered and explored numbers in our Forest School, while our Reception class built a beautiful 'number garden'. Throughout Year 1 and 2, the children were set and made number puzzles, including number bond Top Trumps! From Years 3 to 6, the children explored increasingly more difficult number challenges, including those set by the celebrities who partnered with the NSPCC. Year 6 completed a range of puzzles to find out who had stolen the Golden Numeral Trophy. It turns out that Millie was the culprit!

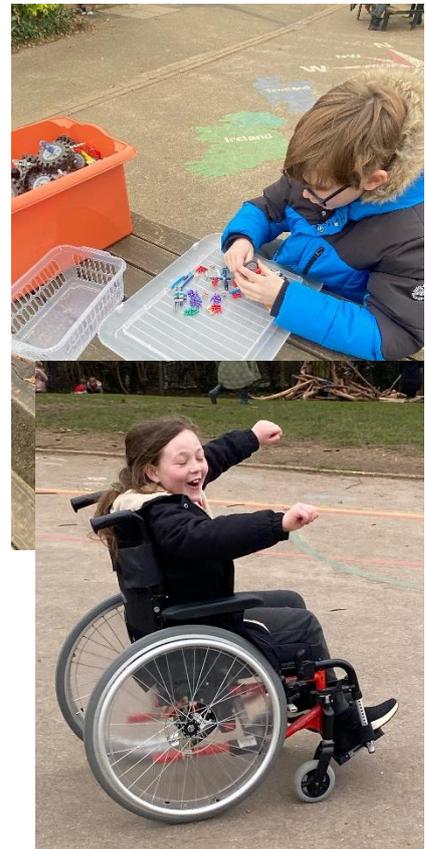
The children enjoyed showing off their costumes in the morning and there were some brilliantly thought-out number outfits. It was wonderful to see the children have fun with numbers all whilst raising money for the NSPCC. Thank you to all the children and parents who donated to our fundraising cause, we raised a total of **£158!**





OPAL News

This week has been wheelie (a Mr Cooper joke!) good fun on the playground. The children have loved pushing, pulling, developing their strength and generally having lots of fun! Even the playtime staff have been joining in on the action.



Football News

Sadly our football team did not win against Sacred Heart Primary at their away game last night but they did play exceedingly well and showed good sportsmanship. The match was very close in the first half so well done Team St Andrew's.

Year 6 History

Year 6 also had a visit from Mrs Drury today who told them about some family history from World War II. The children loved hearing the story of Horace and Marion, trying on Marion's uniform and looking at some newspapers from the war.



Matisse Art Work

Art Club explored Matisse's artwork and techniques and then produced their own Matisse-inspired work. Their efforts are now decorating our dining room and have really helped to brighten the room up. Their work is stunning.

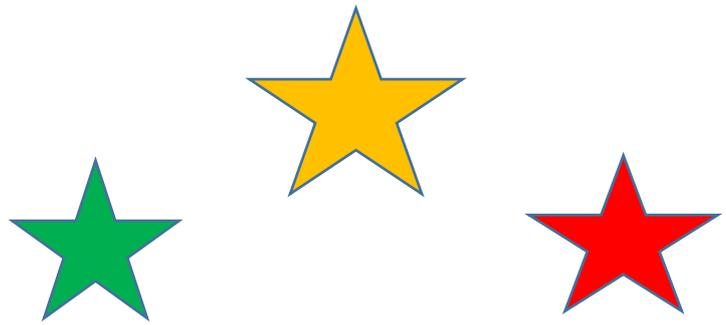


Excellent Homework

Well done to Megan (Year 4) who, as homework, researched a rainforest animal and then produced a high quality presentation, which she shared with the rest of the class. Her knowledge about ocelots was extensive and she clearly loved completing the project.



Attendance Ladder



Best Class Attendance Award
Week beginning: 29.1.24
Year Reception



Times Tables Rock Stars

This week's mini league winner:

Year 6

You Can Toucan Awards

The You Can Toucan awards are presented each week to those children who have gone above and beyond the expected.

This week staff have chosen:

Nursery: Denis for his determination & pride in learning to write his name.

Reception: Joey for his fantastic effort in all our writing this week

Year 1: Stanley for being a great friend and always making good choices with his behaviour.

Year 2: Elizabeth for her effort and dedication to her learning.

Year 3: Marnie for always doing great work.

Year 4: Hattie for her enthusiasm for learning.

Year 5: Alex for his determination to improve his times table knowledge.

Year 6: Annabelle for his fantastic effort in everything she does.





Our Half Term Value: Joy

"Rejoice with those who rejoice."

Romans 12:15

Our new Value Advocates chose the following class Value Champions. These are children who have lived the value during the week.

Class Value Advocate	Class Value Champion
Nursery: Brooke chose	Myla for her joyful approach to learning
Reception: Gwilym chose	Alice for bringing joy to the class
Year 1: Olivia chose	Ellie for always living the value of Joy
Year 2: Florence chose	George M for always showing joy
Year 3: Evie chose	Cianna for always being joyful in class
Year 4: Alby chose	Joe for bringing joy to all
Year 5: Dolly chose	Ava for being joyful and a kind friend
Year 6: Annabelle chose	Rebecca for bringing joy to the school community with her new 'RRR' club

With kind regards

Mrs H Gillingham

OFFICE UPDATE

Parent Consultation Meetings

We launched our Parent Consultation Meetings via ParentMail this week. If you are yet to book your slot, please do so as soon as possible. If you are having any difficulty with the booking system, please contact the School Office.

Applications for NURSERY class for Sept '24

Applications for St Andrew's Nursery class for September 2024 are now open. This is applicable to children born between *1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021*. Application forms are available on our school website and from our School Office. The application deadline is **29th February 2024**. All on-time applications must be returned to school, either directly to the School Office or via email: admissions@standrews323.herts.sch.uk. Prospective Nursery class parents are encouraged to book a tour with Mrs Gillingham for an opportunity to look around the school and ask any questions. Please contact the School Office to book an appointment.

After School clubs – 1st Half Spring Term

Booking for Super Star Sport's clubs for this half term is now available at <https://superstarsportuk.class4kids.co.uk> – Superstar Sport also continue to provide after-school care from 3.15pm – 5.45pm, Mon-Fri. Further information is available at www.superstarsport.co.uk. For any queries: email info@superstarsport.co.uk or phone 01992 766 707.



UPCOMING DATES - 2024

Tues 6th Feb:	Safer Internet Day
Wed 7th Feb:	Year 2 Trip to St Albans Cathedral Year 3 & 4 Parents' Multiplication Workshop 3.20pm - 3.45pm
Tues 13th Feb:	Parent Consultation Meetings
Thurs 15th Feb:	Parent Consultation Meetings
Mon 19th – Fri 23rd Feb:	Half Term
Mon 4th– Fri 8th Mar:	Year 5 Bikeability – details sent home today
Mon 11th Mar:	Shooting Star Circus Science Workshop in school (Yr 1 - Yr 6) - details to follow
Tues 12th Mar:	Year 1 Hertford Museum Workshop in school - details to follow
Fri 15th Mar:	World Book Day in school – details to follow
Wed 20th – Fri 22nd Mar:	Year 5 Hudnall Park Residential
Thurs 28th Mar:	Last day of Spring term
Mon 15th Apr:	Return to school – Summer Term
Fri 26th Apr:	'Chance to Shine' Cricket Day school workshops (Yr2 - Yr6) in school
Mon 13th – Thurs 16th May:	Year 6 SATs week
Sun 19th - Weds 22nd May:	Year 6 PGL Residential trip

