



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

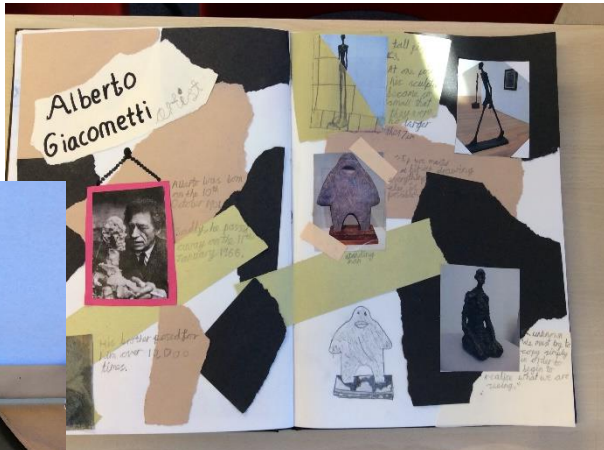
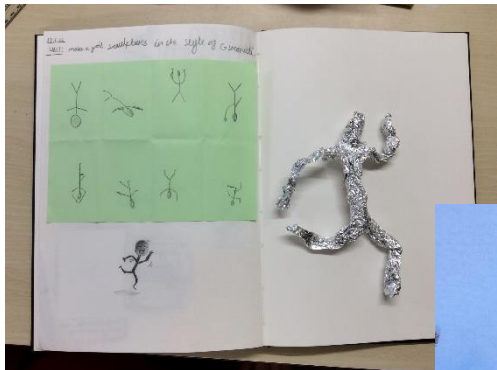
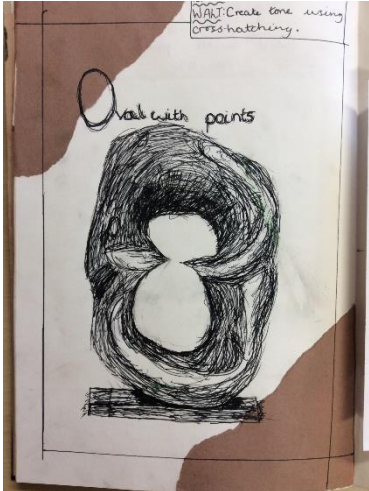
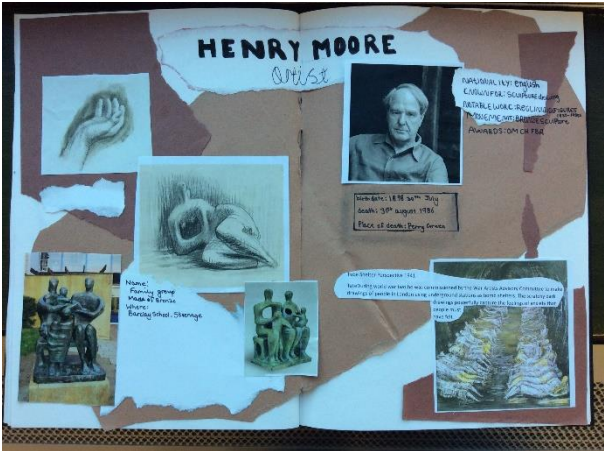
'Learn to love and love to learn; in God's love each one will shine.'

## St Andrew's Weekly Update

Date: 21.1.22 Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham Value: Courage

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term, we are reviewing our broader curriculum to ensure that it is fulfilling the expectations of the national curriculum and also providing our children with engaging learning opportunities. Each subject leader is being given time to collect pupil voice for their subjects, and to observe their subject being taught throughout the school. This week Mr Cooper, as our Art coordinator looked to see how the Art Knowledge Organiser is being interpreted in the classroom. Mr Cooper was very impressed with all that he saw particularly with the development of the children's art portfolios in which the children explore the artwork of an artist and then use the ideas as a stimulus for their own work. Here are some examples from Year 5 and 6. You can see the Knowledge Organiser on this page on our website; <https://standrews323.herts.sch.uk/curriculum/subjects/art-2/>



### **New Piano and Guitar**

We have been gifted a beautiful piano by a local family. The piano has been in their family for many years and they wished for it to be given to a Church of England school. We were the very lucky school chosen to receive this generous gift. The tone is beautiful and will enhance our school Collective Worship for many years to come.

Our Road Crossing Patrol, Mr King, has also donated a guitar which we have gratefully added to our collection ready for the Year 4 guitar lessons.

We would like to thank them both for thinking of our school.

As a result, we have our old piano available if anyone would like it. If this is something of interest to you, please do contact the School Office.

### **Covid-19 Information from HCC - reminder**

#### **Isolation periods for people who test positive for COVID-19 have changed**

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with an LFD test on both day 5 and day 6 and do not have a temperature. The day when they developed symptoms or tested positive is counted as day zero.

For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported at: [https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result?utm\\_source=18%20January%202022%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result?utm_source=18%20January%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

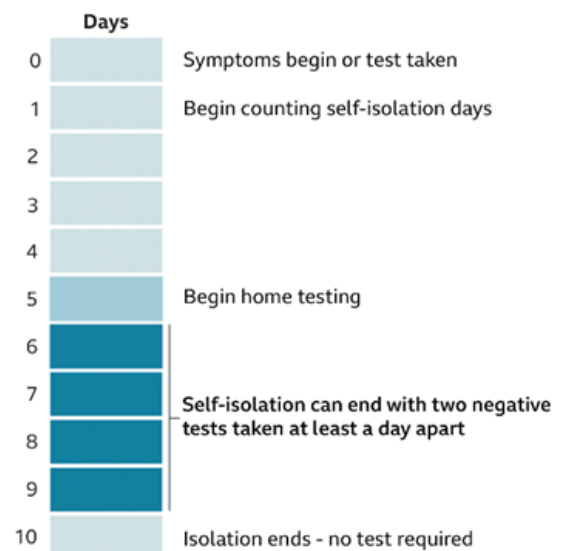
If the result **of either** test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

The new rules also apply to people who are already isolating – so if someone was already isolating before Monday 17 January, they can take LFD tests on day 5 and 6 and if they are both negative and they have no temperature they can end their isolation.

For example:

- Child A tested positive on 14 January, which is day zero. They could take an LFD test today, 19 January at 8am and another on 20 January at 8am and proving both tests are negative, the child can return to school on 20 January.
- Child B tested positive on 14 January, they do an LFD test on 19 January and it is positive. They will need to test on 20 January and 21 January which will both have to be negative before they can end self-isolation and return to the setting.
- If a child or member of staff continue testing positive up until day 10, they can end self-isolation on day 11, with day zero being the day they originally developed symptoms or tested positive.

### How five-day isolation rule works in England



Source: NHS

BBC

Anyone unable to take LFD tests or who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day self-isolation period.

This change applies to all positive cases, regardless of vaccination status.

Further information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19 is available

at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

### Parent Governor

Last week our Chair of Governors and I sent out election papers for a new Parent Governor. Please be reminded that all nomination forms need to be returned to the School Office by **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January**. Parent Governors are an important voice on our Governing Body, so please do give the post serious consideration. If you have any questions about the role and life as a Governor, we will be happy to answer them.

### International Languages Day – Message from Miss O'Reilly

Can you speak another language? Do you have cultural links to another country? If so we need your help! On Wednesday, 2nd February we will be holding an International Languages Day and it would be lovely to have parents, who are able to speak a language other than English to come and talk to the children. If you are able to come in to school, please contact Miss O'Reilly through the School Office. If you have any items which represent a different country's culture and would be happy to share these with the children, they would also be greatly appreciated.



### Times Tables Rock Stars

Mr Chesterman has restarted the inter-class multiplication competition, which was won last week by Year 4. **This week, with an incredible 20,020 points are Year 5.** Maksim was the 'Rock Star Champion' of the school with a personal score of 3380. Well done Year 5 and Maksim.



### 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: Violet** for engaging other children in her play.

**Mikaela:** for her brilliant start in Nursery.

**Reception: Finn** for his wonderful writing, both in school and at home.

**Year 1: Eva** for her fantastic attitude towards her learning, particularly for her writing.

**Year 2: Alfie** for being an excellent team player and **Lily** for her amazing writing this week and **Max** for his continued excellent maths.

**Year 3: Ethan** for his focus and can-do attitude towards his learning.

**Year 4: Mimi** for her positivity towards her work at all times and excellent progress.

**Year 5: Madison** for her excellent effort in all lessons.

**Year 6: Zoe** for her excellent sportsmanship in P.E.



### Our half term Value: Courage

Our Value Advocates, who are; **Emily (Nursery) Florence (Reception), Frankie (Year 1), Daisy (Year 2), Abigail (Year 3), Rebecca (Year 4), Annabelle (Year 5) and Dolly (Year 6)** have chosen the following children as our Values Champions for the week:

**Nursery: Dennie** for trying new things.

**Reception: George** for having courage to ask for help.

**Year 1: Stellan** for having courage to play and make new friends.

**Year 2: Louie** for showing courage throughout the week.

**Year 3: Huxley** for supporting and giving courage to others.

**Year 4: Emma** for showing courage and confidence in class and throughout lessons, particularly with her singing.

**Year 5: Miss Sewell** for teaching even with a hurt wrist.

**Year 6: Alex** for showing courage, listening to advice and improving his work.

I hope you have a happy weekend.

Kind regards,

**Mrs Gillingham**

### **OFFICE UPDATE**

#### **Applications for Nursery class for Sept '22 – NOW OPEN!**

**Applications for the Nursery class starting in September 2022** are now open. The closing date for on-time applications is Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> February. Further details are available on our school website. Application packs are available from the School Office or can be emailed as requested.

Prospective Nursery class parents are encouraged to book onto a tour with Mrs Gillingham or with Mr Price, for an opportunity to look around the school and ask any question. Please email [admissions@standrews323.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@standrews323.herts.sch.uk) or contact the School Office for more information.

#### **Nasal Flu Vaccinations**

Please see letter attached from the School Immunisation Team & Vaccination UK regarding catch-up appointments for nasal flu vaccinations for children.

#### **Local News**

The Jolly Fisherman in Stanstead Abbots are holding 'Mental Health Walk' tomorrow – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, please see the attached flyer from one of our parents, who is organising the event.

#### **Upcoming dates:**

##### **Spring Term**

**27<sup>th</sup> January:** Year 5 – Stibbington residential – parents' meeting

**31<sup>st</sup> January:** Year 1 - Castles Workshop in school

**2<sup>nd</sup> February:** International Languages Day

**7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 5 - Bikeability week

**8<sup>th</sup> February:** Parent Consultation meetings

**10<sup>th</sup> February:** Parent Consultation meetings

**11<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 6 - Bletchley Park visit

**11<sup>th</sup> February:** End of term - school closes 3.15pm



- 21<sup>st</sup> February:** Inset day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> February:** Children back into school
- 22<sup>nd</sup> February:** Number Day
- 1<sup>st</sup> March:** Year 6 - Sculpture Workshop in school
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March** Year 2 - St Albans Cathedral
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** World Book day (Character costumes welcomed)
- 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 5 - Stibbington residential trip
- 1<sup>st</sup> April:** End of term
- 19<sup>th</sup> April:** Children back in school

### Summer Term

**First Half Summer Term: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April to 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** May Day Bank Holiday
- 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> May:** Key Stage 2 Test Week
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 6 - PGL residential trip
- 30<sup>th</sup> May-3<sup>rd</sup> June:** Summer Half Term
- 6<sup>th</sup> June:** Additional Bank Holiday - Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- 7<sup>th</sup> June:** Inset day

**Second Half Summer Term: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022**