

St Anne's C of E (A) Primary News



"Developing the whole child, spiritually, mentally and physically in a caring Christian Environment through close links to the Church and Community"

Friday 8 March 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

Did you know that today is International Women's Day? In classes today, the children will begin to think of the influence women have in all areas. We are encouraging them to think and then write about who inspires them – perhaps there is a scientist, sports person or historical figure. We would like to create a display of the children's work. Please encourage them to write on an A4 piece of paper as a published piece of work.

Well, what a busy week! Curriculum enhancement has been demonstrated in a variety of ways this week!

Planetarium

On Tuesday some classes experienced a session inside a mobile planetarium. They looked at the constellations in the stars and listened to a presentation. Each class that took part were excited following the session, talking about new information they had learnt.

- Class Reception explored light and dark, learning about nocturnal animals.
- Class 1 learnt more about space travel and the first astronauts in space.
- Class 3 explored Space travel and studied the planets in more detail.
- Class 4 listened to a presentation about Earth and Space.
- Class 5 looked at Greek mythology in the stars.

World Book Day

We were a day early due to gymnastic classes, but it was so lovely to see the array of costumes for 'World Book Day'. The children enjoyed the 'Book Swap Café Exchange' and thank you to the multitude of cakes that came through the door. We were amazed by the creative designs! The cake sale raised an astonishing £167.05 and this will be used to purchase books for the pupils in school. Thank you to FOSAS for their support in this matter.

Winners of the cake competition:

1st Place – Paddington Bear Cupcakes – Oscar (R) - £15 Amazon voucher

2nd Place – Goosebumps cakes – Harry A (6) - £10 Book Token

3rd Place – Tom Gates Biscuits – Abigail (4) - £10 Book Token



Science Week Reminder

We are very excited about our upcoming Science Week on the **w/c 11th March**. You will all have received a letter inviting you to one of our parent workshops, we can't wait for you to join us and your children to participate in some Science.

Science Fair Competition

British Science Week will soon be upon us and we would like to run a competition that all pupils can participate in.

We would like you to create a model, poster or experiment based upon this year's Science Week theme.

The theme this year is **'Time'**, – there are loads of STEM topics to explore! Children are tasked with creating a project linked to this theme.

They could show how a certain type of technology has changed over time, or even the advancement of time-telling technology itself.

They could also go futuristic and show us how they think the world might look in years to come, designing their own invention or time-telling piece.

Or perhaps they could look at nature – lifecycles, lifespans, evolution and hibernation – nature is full of timely topics.

British Science Week 2024 marks the Week's 30th anniversary, with the inaugural celebration happening in 1994. Students could think about scientific innovations since then, or explore 1994 itself – what was life like 30 years ago?

How will the competition be judged?

- **Creativity in approach** – Innovative angle on the content or creative interpretation of the theme – don't be afraid to think outside the box.
- **Content** – Clear, accurate and informative about a STEM topic
- **Effective communication** – presented and communicated in an engaging way.

How will the day work?

On Wednesday 13th March, projects can be brought to the school hall from 8:30am to be displayed, viewed by the rest of the school and judged throughout the day.

At 2:30pm, parents are invited to come along and view the children's projects and find out this year's winners. Teas, coffees and biscuits will also be available. At 3pm, we will host a short assembly, where the winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded.

Prizes:

1st Place: Magna voucher

2nd place: Science kit

3rd place: Science book

All entries will receive a participation certificate and team points.

It would be lovely once again to see lots of exciting entries showing the work of our young scientists.

Please come along and support this event. It was such a fantastic afternoon at our Science Fair last year.



Vacancies In School

Governors are currently looking to recruit a Site Manager working 25 hours per week on a split shift and two cleaners working 10 hours per week. Please see our website for all the information on how to apply or contact our Business Manager Mrs Matthews to discuss further.

FOSAS

Sadly, the 'Rock and Roll Bingo' has had to be cancelled due to insufficient ticket sales. The committee work hard to create a variety of events and the 'Mother's Day Gift Shop' was well supported- thank you. They are planning their Easter event and there will be a further update shortly.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day will take place next Friday. The theme this year is 'Do Something Funny for Money'.

School Council have organised a 'Red Nose Riddle Hunt' for all to take part in. They have suggested voluntary contributions to be gathered and sent onto the charity. We have arranged with ParentPay.com to accept donations electronically via the link on the app. The School Council are suggesting that all children come to school wearing school uniform with a red item whether it be socks, a top, head band etc but not to go and buy anything new.

News from the Classes

Class Reception

This week Class Reception enjoyed a session in the Planetarium learning about the stars in the night sky and nocturnal animals we have in Britain. They listened to the noises the animals made and found out some facts about what they eat and how they survive at night. On Wednesday they came dressed up as their favourite book character and could confidently share who they were and tell us something about their character.

Class One

This week Year 1 enjoyed a session in the mobile planetarium where they expanded their knowledge of Space. They looked at the different planets in the solar system and learnt more about the first astronauts in Space and on the moon. Also, this week, they have enjoyed walking around the school grounds to find different wild and garden plants. They found daffodils, lavender and holly.

Class Two

In English, the children are learning to write non-chronological reports. They have learnt about both the features and their purpose. The class have used their knowledge of early 19th century mining to write a report about jobs down the mine, focusing on writing in the past tense and using subordinating conjunctions.

Class Three

What a busy week the children have had in Year 3, they have all been working really hard to learn about measurements (mm cm and m) in their Maths lessons. In History lesson this week the children have been learning all about Boudicca and in RE the story of the last supper has

been the focus. The children all looked amazing on Wednesday for 'World Book Day', some great costumes and props. The children are looking forward to their science workshop next week and parents being involved in their learning.

Class Four

It has been a busy week in Year 4 this week. On Tuesday, the children enjoyed their visit inside the planetarium where they learnt lots of facts about earth and space. They listened carefully to the information given and asked some well thought out questions. On Wednesday, Class 4 celebrated 'World Book Day' by swapping a book in the book café before spending some time to read and enjoy their new book. There were some fantastic costumes on display also. In Design and Technology, the children have finished their finals designs and moved on to producing their prototypes. Judging by these, their final products are going to be amazing.



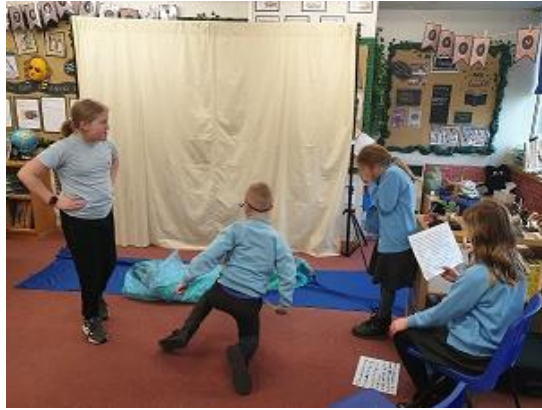
Class Five

What a fabulous week it has been in Class 5. They have had so much going on from World Book Day from a book cafe, sharing favourite stories and exchanging books to reading with the younger children across different classes. The fabulous costumes worn on Wednesday absolutely blew Mrs Camish away and it was great to see so much enthusiasm from the children.

In Computing, the children worked well in small groups to combine DT skills and computing knowledge to make a motorised carousel using crumble kits.

In RE, the children considered what Jesus taught about being generous and being greedy by reading the story of the widow-Mark 12:41-44 and the story of Jesus and Zacchaeus-Luke 19:1-10.

The highlight of the week however has been the Ancient Egyptian workshop on Thursday where the children travelled back in time to re-enact the story of Osiris and Isis, learnt about the Sun God Ra, made cartouches and learnt Egyptian dances. The children learnt the significance of the river Nile and how it flooded each year to make the soil fertile for farming.



Class Six

Children in year 6 have been excitedly practising for their DART graduations, which they have written, directed and produced independently. They also been working hard in writing to plan and write descriptions based on their 'curious creatures.' The children have also started looking at which cities in the UK were impacted during the Blitz and using their geography skills to locate them on a map. They all enjoyed World Book Day and a visit to our very own reading cafe as well this week. Hopefully they have new books to engage with and find their love for stories.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Class Reception – Beatrix & Ollie F

Class One – Lola

Class Two – Grace & Charlie

Class Three – Sam A & Christina

Class Four – Harriet B

Class Five – Nadia

Class Six – George

Lunch time Stars: - Christina (Y3)

Out of School Achievements

Grace (2) – Brownies Promise
George R (6) – Swimming Gala – 3 medals
Pippa (1) – Swimming Kindness Award
James (4) – Start of the Month - SJR

Dominic (6) - Gold Swimming Award and Bronze Amateur Lifeguard Award. By all accounts Dominic has found his 'very loud voice' to say, 'whistle, whistle, whistle! Lifeguard in the water!'"

Gymnastic Awards

Core Skills One: Charlie (R)

Explore Core Skills 2: Heidi, Annie, Evan, Harrison, Sonia, Sophie & Georgiana

Explore Skills 3: Nicole

Explore apparatus 1: Annie

2023-2024 Attendance

Class	Attendance
R	95.4%
1	95.39%
2	96.85%
3	96.83%
4	96.42%
5	95.69%
6	95.84%
ALL	96.09%

Church Services

9am Holy Communion

10.15ish Service for All Ages

6pm Informal Service of Worship, Word & Prayer

Wednesday 13th March 2024

3.20pm St Anne's Connect - Family Worship in the school hall with food, games and a time to worship together (Suggested donation to cover costs of £1-£2 per family)

Thursday 14th March 2024

5.00pm St Anne's Kidz - Children's Club for Y4-Y6 in St Anne's church. Games, crafts, worship and lots of fun. All welcome.

6.00pm St Anne's Youth Choir - from Y6 upwards at St Anne's church.

Friday 15th March 2024

3.00pm -5.00pm St Anne's Drop In - in the church hall for Y5 upwards. Crafts, games, tuck and video games. A time to chill out after school at the end of the week. All welcome.

Prayers for the week from Jude in Class 6

Dear Lord, help us to remember to be kind and never be rude. Help us to remember that our kind words can make a huge difference to someone's day. Amen

With my best wishes.

Mrs Middleton & the St Anne's Team

Diary Dates

INSET DAYS 2023- 24

4th September 2023
20th October 2023
9th February 2024
25th July 2024
26th July 2024

Key Statutory Weeks (Assessment)

KS2 SATS – 13th May -all week – Year 6
Class 1 Phonics - 10th June week – Year 1
Statutory Multiplication Check -3rd to 14th
June – Year 4
Please ensure your children are in school.
during these times.

Looking ahead:

March

Science Fair

11th Y1 13.05 – 14.05 & Y5 14.00 -15.00
12th Y3 & Reception 14.00-15.00
13th Y6 14.00
14th Y2 13.15 – 14.15
15th Y4 14.00 – 15.00
13th – Science Fair Bring Science Projects into school – Celebration Assembly
14th – Y1 Class Assembly 14.45
County Final Sports Hall Athletics
14th – 21st Travelling Book Fair
15th – FOSAS Rock and Roll Bingo
18th – Y6 Parents SATS Information Evening 17.00pm
19th – Science workshops for whole school
19th & 20th Bikeability for Y3
21st – Y2 Class Assembly 14.45
22nd – Y6 DaArt Graduation 14.30pm – parents welcome
28th – End of term service 2pm in the Church

April

15th – Return to school.
26th – Rugby Megafest – Y3/4

May

13th – SATS for Year 6 all week
27th – 31st Half term

Notts County Council publish the school holiday patterns for forthcoming years – take a look on the County Council website.