

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 1 March 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

This week we continued to follow our theme of 'wise words' in collective worship, looking at the 'Book of Proverbs'. We considered '**Whenever you are able, do good to people who need help.**' (*Proverbs 3:27*) and looked at the example the 'Good Samaritan' showed to the injured man. Compassion can be demonstrated by all people regardless of faith or no faith and the children gave examples of ways in which they could show compassion to one another, within the community and beyond.

While we continue to drive our curriculum through our vision of 'developing the whole child, spiritually, mentally and physically' there is always work to do. Online games, apps and group chats can be challenging – a place where love and kindness isn't always being transferred by WiFi. Once again, we encourage all home settings to implement filters and monitor your child's activity on line.

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.



Secondary Place Offers

Today, all Year 6 parents should have received communication in relation to places offered for Year 7. If you have not received any communication please contact NCC School Admissions. Please remember to access your allocated place by the deadline 15th March 2024.

Sporting News

A huge well done to our swimming gala competitors who came a fantastic 2nd out of 12 schools. Every child swam their heart out and were great representative of the St Anne's team. A big thank you also to the parent cheering section in the balcony for your support and Mrs Middleton, Mrs Venners and Mrs Hayes who co-ordinated and supported the running of the event – Miss Burgoyne.

FOSAS

Don't forget – the Rock and Roll Bingo will soon be here – tickets available from FOSAS members and through their Facebook page. It really is a fun family evening.

Mother's Day Secret Shop

This is a sale of small gifts for the children to buy at £3 each. They are gift wrapped all ready for them to give to someone special on Mother's Day. The gifts are on show so they can choose from a lovely collection available and they take away one that is gift wrapped. The sale is held straight after school in the shared area in KS2. It will be held on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th March. This event is usually a sell out as it is very popular.

News from the Classes

Class Reception

This week Reception have been thinking about special people in their lives. The children were able to share that their special people are people who make them feel happy, help them, love them and play with them. In Maths they have been thinking about time and have been discussing the different things they do at different times of the day. They have been using lots of new vocabulary including 'today, tomorrow, yesterday, morning, afternoon, evening and the days of the week'.

Class One

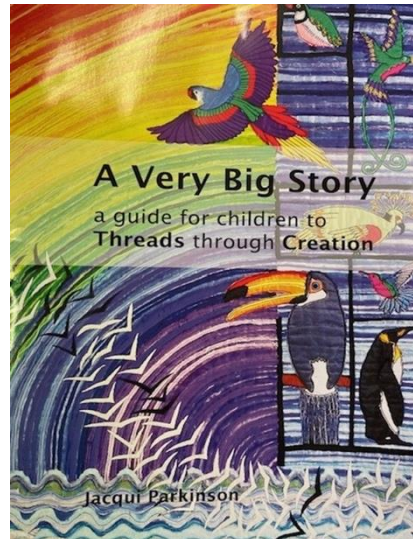
This week Year 1 have been learning about symbols of Easter. They listened to the story of Easter and made a list of key symbols that appear in the story. They chose the donkey, palm leaves, wine, bread and the cross. They wrote riddles for their classmates about the symbols. Here are some examples of their riddles, do you know the answer:

I am brown.
I am wooden.
Jesus died on me.
What am I?

I am red.
You drink me.
I am the blood of Christ.
What am I?

Class Two

Re - Creation: Inspired by 'A very big story, a guide for children to Threads through Creation', by Jacqui Parkinson, the children were challenged to create pictures demonstrating their understanding of the story.



Class Three

This week the children in Year 3 began their school swimming lessons, all children had great fun and are looking forward to next week's lesson. The start they have made has impressed staff. In class they have concluded their multiplication and division unit and are now focussing on length and perimeter. In History the children have been looking at Roman architecture and spent time carrying out research about some famous Roman buildings and sketching them too.

Class Four

Year 4 have loved their learning this week. In PE they are really engaging in their dance unit and this week were tasked with incorporating different levels within their group motif. They are focusing carefully on listening to the beats in the music and matching their actions accordingly. In Design and Technology they were investigating and trying out different mechanical systems, gathering all of the knowledge needed to create their own moving picture book. They needed to think about the input and output, whether to use a fixed or loose pivot and combine levers to make a linkage. Based on this week's prototypes, their final products are going to be amazing! In Maths they have been conquering fractions, focusing on converting mixed numbers and improper fractions. They needed to follow the rules carefully to convert their fractions and it has been great to see this learning start to click.

Class Five

Year 5 have been working their socks off this week in English and have been planning and writing a narrative based on a well-known traditional tale. They have had to think differently in their approach to writing and "write as a reader" and it has been all about the impact and effect of their words on the reader. They have been ambitious with their vocabulary choices and thought carefully about how they create a picture in the reader's mind.

At the start of the week, the children became historians and investigated the belief system of Ancient Egypt. They discovered that the ancient Egyptians were polytheistic and made comparisons to Christianity and other faiths.

In Maths they have begun their decimal unit of work and have used place value charts to partition decimal numbers below 0. They have also applied their existing knowledge to convert these decimals into fractions - a super start!

In PE, the children had fun developing their motifs in dance and in RE the children discussed the meaning of Gospel and used Matthew Chapter 3:13 to support their point of view. What a great week it has been, keep up the fabulous work!

Class Six

After completing a SATs mock week, the children are hopefully feeling confident and proud. They have worked so hard and are happy to take feedback and make improvements ready for next time. They are enjoying their writing this week as they have invented their own curious creatures and are creating non-chronological reports to inform their audience about their creatures. In Design and Technology they are making their 'scrap toys' based on the 'Make Do and Mend WWII campaign'. They have also started their new unit of Science - Light.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Class Reception – Charlotte and Alex

Class One – Aza and Emma

Class Two – David and Billie

Class Three – Hugo

Class Four – Kyla

Class Five – Aylin

Class Six – Ella

Lunch time Stars:

Harper (5) & Harry A (6)

Out of School Achievements

Jack (4) – player of the match for Dinnington rugby

Jasper (1) – came 1st in his motorcross race

Teddy (1) – Water Safety level 1

Laurel (2) – Level 5 swimming

Harper (5) – Guide dog adoption pup date

Gymnastic Awards

Core Skills One

Maks, Jude, Daisy and Sophie in Class 2

Explore Core Skills 2

Lailah (4)

2023-2024 Attendance

| Class | Attendance |
|-------|------------|
| R | 93.4% |
| 1 | 95.4% |
| 2 | 94.8% |
| 3 | 91.4% |
| 4 | 94.1% |
| 5 | 86.8% |
| 6 | 96.3% |
| ALL | 93.3% |

Church Services

9am Holy Communion

10.15ish Service for All Ages

6pm Informal Service of Worship, Word & Prayer

Wednesday 6th 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 7th February 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 8th 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 Dominic and Anya in Class 6

Dear God,
Share what you have with others and it will help you to feel fulfilled. You never know what sort of day someone might have had and your compassion might brighten their day. Amen

Dear Lord,
help us to show compassion and kindness to not only humans but to the many living creatures on our earth. 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

6th – World Book Day for our school (not the 7th due to Gymnastics)
7th - Year 5 Egyptian Worksop in School
6-8th FOSAS Mother's Day Sale afterschool

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**