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St Andrew's News



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Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I have loved walking around classrooms and seeing our pupils so engaged in their new projects. We have had some great 'engage' activities: a Viking workshop, the Butser Farm visit and a trip to the local St Andrew's Church.

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our curriculum meetings this week. For those who were not able to attend the materials will be emailed to you. As you will have seen home reading is a real focus for us. It is vital that our pupils develop a good 'reading mileage' through reading at home. We appreciate that this can be challenging but we would encourage you to persist. Please talk to your class teacher if you are struggling with reading at home so we can offer some strategies.

A huge well done to our new pupils in reception who have completed their first full days at school. It is such a big step starting school and they have done brilliantly.

Finally on Monday morning our Year 6 pupils are off to Pensarn. A huge thank you to Miss Mercey and Mr Gunton who were determined to go despite it being a bank holiday on Monday. Check out our Instagram to follow their week - they are going to have a lot of fun!

Best wishes,
Bethan Willetts



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Reception

This week we have welcomed our new Reception pupils into school. They may be our youngest pupils but have bounced in happy and full of joy everyday. We are so pleased to see them settle so quickly and happily.

Reception have been learning about their new topic: Dangerous Dinosaurs! They have played in underground dinosaur caves, waded through sandy swamps and even driven an explorer jeep. So much learning and adventure and it is only the first week. (Mrs Witkowski)



Viking Day

On Tuesday, the school was invaded by fearsome Viking warriors! Gorman and Mendes class had an amazing day in their Viking workshop, with Jack from Portals to the Past, complete with a raid involving taking captives some Year 5 and 6 pupils! The costumes were fantastic, engagement at an all-time high and we learnt SO much including how to spear wrestle! We're very much looking forward to following up in class next week. (Mrs Mackie-Gandy)



Black History Month

We look forward to celebrating Black History Month this October. We are using resources from www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk but would love to involve our parent and carer community- if you are able to get involved, either by coming in to be part of assembly/classwork, or by contributing ideas/feedback then please do email Ms Chaffe: o.chaffe@standrews-primary.surrey.sch.uk.

Movers and Shakers

Last Thursday Simmonds and Thunberg class went to St Andrew's church to find out more about why we are named after St Andrew and what makes him significant. We met Shirley and Rev Brian at the church who told us all about Andrew becoming a 'catcher of men' and helping Jesus to spread the word of God. They then took us on a tour around the church where we looked for clues as to who St Andrew was. We even found a picture of him in the centre stained glass window, look out for him next time you are there! Thank you to all the parents and helpers that walked with us. (Miss Joyce)



School Gates

Please note that both Gate A and Gate B will be open from 3.15pm for parents to collect children.

St Andrew's Church

Community Choir is rehearsing for the Harvest Family Worship on 2 October. If you love singing please join the rehearsals 16, 23 & 30 Sept from 7-8 pm. See attached flyer.



Sunflowers

Before the summer holidays, Savills Estate Agents in Cobham launched their sunflower challenge for us again. Each child from Year 1 to Year 5 (now Year 2 to Year 6) received a packet of seeds to plant over the summer. We had some truly fantastic entries with our children demonstrating amazing commitment to growing their flowers – from watering them throughout the day, to even talking to them! A very impressive feat considering how hot it was this summer! Thank you for all the entries and measurements provided – Savills joined us in our celebration assembly to give out prizes for the top 3 flowers.



- 1st – Auden – Thunberg class – 126 inches
- 2nd – Tilly – Rashford class – 113 inches
- 3rd – Isla – Shiva class – 85 inches



Great Big Elmbridge Litter Pick is being organized as part of The Great Big Green Week. The idea of the litter pick, co-ordinated by the Elmbridge Community Eco Hub, is to inspire young and old to come together and benefit the community and environment as well as inspire civic pride.

If families would like to join the event they can meet at 2 pm on **Sunday, 2 October** at the entrance to Hollyhedge Car Park. Litter pickers, Hi-Viz jackets and litter bags will be provided but you will need to bring your own gloves.

Best Class Attendance
Thunberg

House Points
Painshill

Next week's value
Achieve

Celebration Certificates

Value - Aspire

Attenborough: Indianna & Bryahnie-Rae
Simmonds: Riley **Thunberg:** Ernie
Rashford: George
Mendes: George **Gorman:** Sherrell
Shiva: Sofia **Malala:** Olivia

Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

Attenborough: Bodhi
Simmonds: Winnie **Thunberg:** Crystal
Rashford: Elliott
Mendes: Jennifer **Gorman:** Breiahna
Shiva: Roman **Malala:** Kade