



# St Andrew's News



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## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's incredible that we are already at half term. We finished the half term with two amazing discos organised by our wonderful PTA. A big thank you to all the parents and staff who volunteered.

It's been a busy seven weeks. Our reception pupils have done their first half term in school, we have had lots of trips, visits and visitors including our Year 6 residential to Pensarn. Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend the Project drops-ins this week. Our pupils were very excited to be able to share their learning with parents and carers.

We hope that everyone has a super half term break, and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Next half term is very busy so please do keep an eye on the diary events for what it going on.

Have a super half term.  
Bethan Willetts

## Operation Christmas Child

Every year people generously pack shoebox gifts for children in need around the world. The school is supporting St Andrew's Church's Operation Christmas Child collection. This is part of our charity work, and helps the children learn about **our value of contribute**. If you would like to pack a shoebox please see <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> for further details and ideas on what to put in the shoebox. Please return boxes to school by Friday 11 November or to St Andrew's church by 13 November. We have some pre-printed shoe boxes in the office if you need one. Thank you



## Year 6

Year 6 have been waiting patiently for the announcement of the leadership and responsibility roles. All pupils wanting to be considered for the role of prefect, Head Boy, Head Girl or, House Captain had to write a letter of application. Head Boy or Girl candidates then delivered a speech to their peers about what they could bring to the role. From this, some children were interviewed by Mrs Willetts, who made the final decision.



Congratulations to Jack and Olivia who are our Head Boy and Head Girl.

Our prefects are expected to establish and maintain the highest levels of behaviour, appearance and attitude at all times and be a positive role model for other pupils. They also have responsibility for certain subject areas.

### Prefects:

Maths: Refentse & Tianna	History: Freddie
Technology: Fionnlagh	Art & DT: Mary
Sustainability: Amber	Faith: Phoebe & Ruby
English & Library: Charlie & Bella	EYFS/KS1: Ava

**House Captains** lead their Houses in school events and ensure pupils in their House actively participate in events or tasks. On Fridays, they count the weekly House points and help announce these in celebration assembly.

Box Hill	Brooklands	Painshill	Polesden Lacey	Wisley
Laura	Gracie	Leah	Abi	Bethany
Daniel	Kade	Ethan	Arthur	Siena

We look forward to these children setting a great example around school. Congratulations to all the children. ( Miss Mercey)

## Year 4

Year 4 have had a great time designing and making packaging for a healthy fruit snack. We thought about the net of our packaging as well as what would be an environmentally friendly but waterproof material.



The rainbow fruit skewers were also yummy!

(Mrs Mackie-Gandy)

Pupil Parliament

St Andrew's Pupil Parliament Elections were held this week.



All the candidates were fantastic and delivered speeches in their classrooms to try and win over classroom voters. Our cookery room was turned into a polling station, filled with 8 voting booths, a ballot box and ballot papers.

The new pupil parliamentarians were announced today in Celebration Assembly.

Chair: Rosie    Vice Chair: Iyrisa    Secretary: Lara  
 Attenborough: Sham    Simmonds: Nadia  
 Thunberg: Elliot    Rashford: Max  
 Mendes: Josie    Gorman: Liyla & Iyla  
 Shiva: Tommy    Malala: Fionnlagh

Art Workshop

Today, Year 6 had the first of two workshops with contemporary artist and printmaker Julie Hoyles. They made graphite drawings with textures to provide content for a large format digital collage. The final piece is intended to celebrate Africa culture and links to Year 6's Maafa project.



This is an amazing opportunity for the children as Julie is a renowned local artist who has recently completed a large public installation at Guildford Station. We are very grateful to Cobham Arts Society who have generously funded the workshops.  
 Thanks to Mrs Abbott, from the Arts Society, and Mrs Collins for their help with the workshop today ( Mrs Eley -Art and DT subject lead)

Black History Month

During October, the whole school has been learning about Baroness Floella Benjamin through her story 'Coming to England'. The learning was intended to explore some elements of Floella's life in Trinidad and to understand how and why she and her family came to England along with others as part of the Windrush Generation. We recognised that she (along with many others) suffered racism at school, identified how she overcame adversity, looked at her achievements and discussed why she is an inspirational individual. Each class has also explored an additional significant figure, including Marcus Rashford, Tessa Anderson, Diane Abbott, Seaman William Brown and architect David Adjaye. Malala and Shiva classes presented poems in assembly linked to the workshops that you read about last week - it was great to see them all speaking so confidently! At St Andrew's we think it's important to celebrate Black History Month- if our community has any ideas/ feedback for next year (and how we can continue this important learning through the year) please do get in touch with Ms Chaffe.



Recycling



Bra recycling is now available at St Andrew's. Our target is to collect 300 bras in 30 days. Talk to you bra wearing friends and relatives to help us meet our target! See attached leaflet. ( Mrs Mackie



**Best Class Attendance**  
**Thunberg & Shiva**

**House Points**  
**Brooklands**

**Next week's value**  
**Aspire**

Celebration Certificates

Value - Respect

**Attenborough:** Rocco  
**Simmonds:** Maxwell    **Thunberg:** Lillie  
**Rashford:** Mia  
**Mendes:** Ciara    **Gorman:** Carter  
**Shiva:** Samuel    **Malala:** Laura

Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

**Attenborough:** Poppie  
**Simmonds:** Cjey    **Thunberg:** Auden  
**Rashford:** Poppy  
**Mendes:** Myschka    **Gorman:** Joshua  
**Shiva:** Isla    **Malala:** Aleah-Rose