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St Andrew's News



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Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted that our polytunnel has been repaired after the storms last year. We are looking forward to being able to use this now as we move into Spring.



On Monday we are welcoming a group of volunteers from Ahmadiyya Women's Association who will be helping us to plant the 6 fruit trees, 12 feather trees and 20 whips for a copse that were donated from the Tree Planting Project. This will support our commitment to sustainability as we start to reduce our carbon footprint and encourage wildlife to our school field. A huge thank you to Mrs Mackie-Gandy for organising this.

Our local partners ACS have a number of workshops and speakers you may be interested in attending. Please see details of this below.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Bethan Willetts

American Community School Workshops

Family series – for children and parents to join from home starting 17th January, parents register directly via the website [Family - ExpertEd \(expertedlive.org\)](https://www.expertedlive.org)

Family Science (Years 5-8) - Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm

Highlight Speakers 1.30pm Friday 27th January

Dr. Simon Foster, 'Space Lab' Imperial College London - Speaking on **Climate Change and Aurora**. Dr. Foster is a regular speaker in the media and a leading public engagement figure for the UK's leading STEM university.

Register for Dr. Foster [here](#)

Young Voices

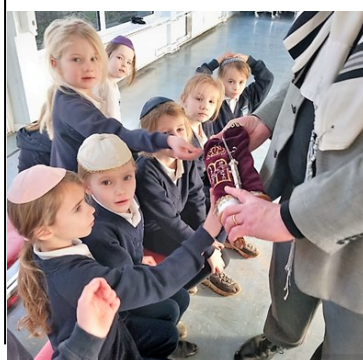
On Monday choir took part in the Young Voices Concert at the O2 where they were part of a choir including over 9,000 children. They performed a diverse and interesting repertoire of songs including a Trolls Pop

Megamix, a Spike Milligan inspired medley called "Milligantics", as well singing some Welsh in the "Over the Hills" Medley. If that wasn't amazing enough they sang alongside Heather Small on her very well-known track "Proud", which was even recorded earlier in the day for a charity single! It was an incredible afternoon and evening and I hope all the parents who were able to come and support us enjoyed the show. A huge thank you to Mrs Mitchell and her daughter Katie for accompanying us on our trip. (Miss Joyce)



Judaism Workshop

On Wednesday, Rashford and Thunberg classes had a visit from a Jewish Rabbi, Rabbi Zvi. He explained that Rabbi means "teacher" and taught the children about how the Jewish faith began using stories from the old testament of the bible. The children sat as they would in a synagogue and were allowed to try on kippahs (skull caps) and prayer shawls. They were allowed to look at but not touch the torah scroll and were shown the "yad" or pointing stick. Rabbi Zvi sang to them in Hebrew and played the "shofar", or ram's horn which is sounded on special Jewish occasions. The children listened well and were keen to try to answer the Rabbi's questions. Well done everyone! (Mrs Wilde)





OPAL has continued to be a great success this year but what has been even more amazing is the fantastic support offered by our Play Mentors.

A team of Year 5 and 6 pupils have volunteered and organised a weekly timetable where they come out and support our younger pupils. Alongside this our Pupil Parliament children have received training from our School Counsellor Mrs Taylor on how to support positive play, sharing and taking turns during games as well as resolve small friendship issues.

Here are some fantastic pictures of our wonderful Play Leaders in action! (Mrs Witkowski)



Thank you

A huge thank you to the team of Year 4 and 5 folk who helped to bake and then run our cake sale. We hope you enjoyed what we made. Thank you for supporting us. (Mrs Mackie-Gandy)



Mental Maths

A huge well done to these children who made the biggest improvement with their mental maths last term:



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| Attenborough: <i>Louie F</i> | Simmonds: Saahir |
| Thunberg: <i>Josie and Damon</i> | Rashford: <i>Cooper and Mia</i> |
| Mendes: <i>Charmaine</i> | Gorman: <i>Mate</i> |
| Shiva: <i>Alex</i> | Malala: <i>Leah</i> |

Keep up the great work this term - well done 😊 (Mrs Mackie- Gandy)

Friends of St Andrew's

All parents are welcome to attend the PTA's annual general meeting on Friday 27 January at 2.30pm at school. Various roles are available including Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Please see attached flyer.



ROLES AVAILABLE

Want to be our next chair?

The chair leads meetings and steers the committee towards its fundraising aims. Suits those with good leadership and communication skills and a willingness to get involved.

Register your interest on classlist via the AGM event or get in touch at friends@standrews-primary.surrey.sch.uk



The PTA has arranged a Doughies pizza & cookie event. Orders need to be placed by Saturday 28th January (<https://doughies.co.uk/products/st-andrews-ce>) and can be collected at school pickup on Friday 3rd February. See attached flyer. Please support this fundraiser.

Best Class Attendance
Thunberg

House Points
Wisley

Next Week's Value
Integrity

Celebration Certificates

Value – Contribute

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| Attenborough: Jackson | |
| Simmonds: Riley | Thunberg: Auden |
| Rashford: Luna | |
| Mendes: Charmaine | Gorman: Maiya |
| Shiva: Samuel | Malala: Abi |

Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

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| Attenborough: Bryahnie | |
| Simmonds: Jamie | Thunberg: Ernie |
| Rashford: Cataleya | |
| Mendes: Annie | Gorman: Carter |
| Shiva: Fahad | Malala: Kevin |