



*Life in all its fullness*  
**Head teacher's Newsletter Thursday 29th March**

Dear Parents/Carers

### Governors Maths Prize

Last term the Governors awarded Writing Prizes, and today they awarded the Governor Maths Prizes. The teachers had been asked to nominate a child from their class that had either demonstrated greater resilience with problem solving or an improvement in their maths reasoning skills. The Governors then selected the winner from each year group. Every nominee has been awarded with a letter of congratulations and the winner has received a medal. Next term the Governors will be awarding prizes for all round effort and success. Congratulations to our winners this term.

Reception: Jess Griffin, Monty Hepburn and Sophie De Jong  
Year 1: Siena Taylor and Tianna Dunham  
Year 2: Emmie Hepburn, Ben Roper and Grace Wild  
Year 3: Toby Haughton, Cara O'Shea and Nancy Hanson  
Year 4: Katie Campbell and Daisy Spence-Padley  
Year 5: Brinley Protheroe, Amelie Dunbar and Holly Moreno  
Year 6: Charlotte Lucas, Annabelle Herle and Poppy Johnston

### Easter Pause Day

The children demonstrated their learning and understanding of Easter yesterday during our annual Easter Pause day. As they progress through the year groups they experience the story of Easter in different ways; from children in Year 6 developing their understanding of different perspectives to children in Year 1 exploring the symbolism linked to Easter.



The day also featured our Easter Service at St Andrew's Church and it was wonderful to welcome so many family members; we really do value your attendance. It provided a special moment to reflect on the gift of new life that the Easter message brings.

### Football Teams

As the football season ends we want to acknowledge the amazing football teams. Both the boys and the girls' teams have been incredibly strong. The girls went through to the semi-final while the boys reached the final narrowly losing in the penalty shoot out to come second in the league. Congratulations to both teams on this fantastic achievement.

Mr Ferrier chose Madison Williams to be the Manager's Player of the season and the team chose Bella Race St.Clair as the Player's Player. Mr Menke chose Sam Cook as his manager's player and the team chose Johan Koster. Thank you to both coaches for your dedication to your team this year.

### Looking back

Once again it has been an amazing term of learning through activity for our children and life has indeed, been lived in all its fullness!

We have experienced considerable competitive success in cross country, Year 5&6 girls' football, Year 5&6 boys' football and KS1 football. Our Year 6 Bake Off Team also did particularly well this year at the Claremont Fan competition. Year 4 had a great experience on their residential trip to Sayers Croft gaining independence and learning many new skills. What is also commendable is that it was noted on all occasions how our school teams demonstrated genuine encouragement and support for each other, which gives me a great sense of pride.

The Year groups have been around the world with their topics; from Chinese New Year and Dinosaurs in Reception, to Ancient Egyptians in Year 4, to 1666 and the Great Fire of London in Year 2. Year 1 has studied transport and 'What a wonderful world', Year 3 learnt all about Tudors and then Rivers, Spectacular Space was the topic in Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed learning about World War 2. Showcases have been well attended and we hope you have enjoyed sharing in your child's learning through this opportunity.



The Governors joined the Leadership Team on a Maths Learning Walk this term, and talked to the children about their reasoning skills; they also saw a clear enjoyment of maths, and a determination to problem solve.

For the first time, this year we celebrated Book Week with a whole school theme. Our children were genuinely inspired by the dragon theme and the 'Tree-mendous Writing' display in the entrance hall will soon be updated with some of their work. It was a shame that the school had to be closed on the Friday due to poor weather conditions as we missed our Book Week Showcase, but watch out for the work on the entrance hall display.

I am delighted to say that so many children have completed their 100 Club (Mental Maths) challenge that we need an extra large space to record their achievements. More details will follow in the newsletter after Easter. Well done everyone for working on their number bonds and multiplication tables.

Congratulations to **Box Hill** on winning the House Point Trophy this term and to

Robins on winning the class attendance award for the term.

### Looking forward

After Easter we welcome Bethan Thomas as Co-Head Teacher. She will be working Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, whilst I shall work Mondays Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We have already been working together in the last few weeks and I know Bethan is very keen to get to know the staff, children and parents. We have arranged for opportunities to meet us and hear our vision for the future of St Andrew's. The meetings will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 2:45 and 6:30pm. More details will follow, but please consider coming along.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter and restful break with your families.  
Jo Mitchell