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# St Andrew's News



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## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

What an AMAZING science week we have had! Last Friday was a brilliant introduction with our Silly Science workshops which was continued by a special science assembly this Monday. Mrs Bayat dressed up as a scientist and all the teachers introduced an element of scientific knowledge they would be sharing with the children.

I have seen exploding volcanoes, mini greenhouses of snails, life size body-part maps and walkie-talkie sound proofing boxes in classrooms. It has been a glorious week of investigations and the children have loved every minute.

Our STEM governor, Jason Davies joined us Wednesday afternoon to observe lessons and commented on the enthusiasm of the pupils and staff.

We even managed to sneak in a live musical theatre performance of Alice in Wonderland for the whole school and an exciting trip to Bird World for Cole class.

The other week, the pupils made some beautiful 'Miss You' cards for our Pastoral Assistant Mrs Coward. She absolutely loved them and sends her thanks. Unfortunately, Mrs Coward is not very well and we send our prayers and thoughts to her and her family at this time.

I think we are all looking forward to a restful weekend after such an energetic week.

Have a wonderful weekend with family, and for those who are fasting, I wish you Ramadan Mubarak in this holy month.

Stina Witkowski

## Science Week

Science week has been a great success. The children have been enthusiastic and engaged throughout the week and have covered a range of lessons from the Science curriculum. In Monday's assembly we were delighted by several exciting experiments. We also began to hear about the research projects children worked on at home. We've had such a great response that more have been shared today and others will be in Monday's assembly. It has been wonderful to see so many people engaged in their own areas of scientific interest. Prizes next week!

Cole Class have had a thoroughly slithery science week learning about snails. We have had 10 live garden snails in the classroom which we have observed, prodded and poked! The snails have been very resilient and have been released back into the wild today. Through our investigations we have discovered that snails are colour blind, only like eating fruit and vegetables and can crawl over any surface no matter how rough. ( Mrs Wilde )

In Nadim, we've set up various experiments which we're checking in with each day to note their progress. We've all learnt more about oral health and how teeth are designed to meet the need of the diet of the animal they belong to.

As omnivores, we have a range of teeth for a variety of purposes. Year 4 have explored more about how different parts of plants work to keep plants alive and able to reproduce whilst Year 5 learnt more about rocks and soils. We still have several investigation under study so some conclusions still to come! ( Mrs Mackie-Gandy )

Brown looked at what makes a person healthy. We drew round a person on a large piece of paper and labelled the human body parts as well as discussing what we need to eat to keep ourselves healthy. We looked at a variety of materials including wood, metal, brick, glass, rock, cardboard and paper and discussed what each is used for. We explored and compared the differences between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive. On the field and looked at different habitats and microhabitats and how they provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants. ( Mrs Nicholson )



Year 6 has been all over the world of science. We looked at how to categorise living things into groups and the different rocks on Earth. Additionally, some investigated the circulatory system and dissected hearts whilst others become botanists and identified different parts of plants and flowers and their functions. (Miss Mercey) Biles class classified minibeasts that we found in the school grounds. During our sound experiment, we made telephones and soundproofed a mini music studio using different fabrics to see which was the most effective at blocking sound. We found out about different types of rocks and classified these. We learnt about the different types of teeth that we have and identified the differences between our teeth and different animal teeth. We conducted an experiment to see the effect different liquids have on eggshell and we will see these results next week. (Mrs Ellard)



#### Alice in Wonderland

Monday morning was the most exciting dramatic surprise at St Andrew's. A visiting theatre company (M&M Productions) delighted us with their live musical performance of Alice in Wonderland. Four actors, a lighting rig, sound system and stage set were unloaded ready to enthrall and delight us all. We were captivated for the hour long performance. As a last minute addition to our diary, it was a hit!



#### Outdoor Learning and

Over the next two weeks, all classes will have their second Outdoor Learning and Forest Schools session. Please see letter sent today for more information. All

children will need a coat and spare pair of shoes on their assigned day. ● **Monday 18 March:** Farah ● **Thursday 21 March:** Nadim & Brown ● **Friday 22 March:** Biles & Kolisi ● **Tuesday 26 March:** Cole



FoSA were proud to support Science Week kicking off with last Friday's fun and learning with a show for the whole school, "Silly Science". It's a privilege to be able to use money raised from our school and local community in this way.

Next week, at parents evening, we will have our lovely Pre-loved uniform shop running alongside the meetings. Please see flyer for details. We are also lucky to have our parent crafter from "Hearts and Crafts" providing accessories to go with our uniforms. Take a look and see if there is anything you need or catches your eye!

Our next free, whole school event is an Easter Egg Hunt taking place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. If anyone wishes to help, please sign up on ClassList or let your Class Rep know. I know the Easter Bunny would be very appreciative of any help. Parents please get your FREE ticket via ClassList - launching soon! Flyer attached.

#### School Easter Service

All parents and grandparents are invited to the school Easter Service at St. Andrew's Church on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30 a.m.**



The children will be assembling to walk down to church at 9.00 a.m. If you are able to walk along with us to keep the children safe, and then back again to school at about 10.30 a.m. please let the office know.

#### **NUT FREE SCHOOL**



Please remember that we are a nut free school. Please ensure sure that your child's lunch and break time snack does not contain any nuts or nut products. Even a small amount can trigger very serious health issues for

some of our pupils. This includes peanut butter and chocolate spread with hazelnuts /Nutella on sandwiches as well as fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts, pesto containing nuts and cakes made with nuts. Thank you



Thank you for your contributions to Red Nose Day. We raised over £80 for this worthy cause.

#### **Best Class Attendance**

**Farah**

#### **House Points**

**Wisley**

#### **Next Week's Value**

**Respect**

#### Celebration Certificates

##### Value– Resilience

**Cole:** John  
**Brown:** Sham  
**Kolisi:** Dillon  
**Nadim:** Maddie  
**Biles:** Zain  
**Farah:** Joe



##### Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

**Cole:** George  
**Brown:** Jamie  
**Kolisi:** Harry  
**Nadim:** Evie  
**Biles:** Yuri  
**Farah:** Alfie