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St Andrew's News



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Message from Head Teachers:

Dear parents and carers,
This week we have been learning about our school value 'respect'. In the classrooms, playgrounds and corridors we have been seeing our pupils treating their friends, teachers and our school environment respectfully. We hope that our pupils continue to demonstrate this at home.

Next week our value is *Aspire*. For us at St Andrew's this means we have high expectations of what we think our pupils can achieve but also that we teach our children to believe in themselves and that they reach their goals.

'Our aspirations are our possibilities.' Robert Browning

Our Year 6 pupils have had a fantastic time on their residential school trip this week in Pensarn. I (Miss Thomas) joined them for a couple of days and had the pleasure of seeing our pupils take part in some incredible activities. I saw resilience and determination by the bucket load during rock climbing and gorge walking!

Finally a gentle reminder that we require all pupils to have a school or plain navy rucksack. These are available to purchase from the school shop.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Bethan Thomas and Jo Mitchell

Year 6

This week, our Year 6 pupils had a week to remember on their residential trip to the Christian Mountain Centre in Pensarn, Gwyedd, situated in a scenic part of Snowdonia. The week was designed to be challenging and the activities enabled children to achieve personal goals—think harder, climb higher, plunge deeper. The Centre instructors were encouraging and fun helping the children to manage new situations with growing confidence.

This is Amelie V's account of the trip: 'When we got there, everyone who was staying at the Top Site (Bryn-y-Moel) had to load their luggage onto a mini-van. Mrs Willis took the luggage while the rest of the top site children walked up the hill. We unpacked and claimed beds. We had dinner and a beach walk. We then went to bed.

When we did rock climbing, Lexie and Isaac climbed to the top even when they were scared. These were some highlights: In orienteering, Tristan and Emily T-S were good at reading the maps. When we were gorge walking, Ela overcame her fear of jumping into the gorge. For initiatives, Amy was good at making everyone work together. In archery, Isabella persevered to hit the target and got a really good score! When we went to Harlech castle, it was very interesting to find out how the Welsh people defended their castle with all of the gory weapons. It was a great week.'

The children who did not go to Pensarn enjoyed a variety of activities at school. This is Ivy's account: 'Two of the highlights of our week not at Pensarn were the pizzas we made on day 4, and the interactive Lego®. We programmed the Lego® to do things and (obviously) ate the pizzas!! In the afternoons we had to do Year 5 work. We also made key-rings which were fiddly but fun. Everybody loved playing on the computers during two days, and we set up a competition on Temple Run PC. Even though we weren't at Pensarn, we had a good time.'



Football

On Saturday the Key Stage 1 football team participated in the annual U7's football tournament at Parkside School. The children played fantastically well and finished the group stage second overall. This enabled us to advance to the cup semi final and came 4th overall. The children demonstrated tremendous spirit and determination scoring 8 goals and working together as team. Many thanks to Mr Gunton for coaching the team and to all the parents who came along to support us. (Miss Tinson)

The Daily Mile

The Daily Mile is a fun and free national initiative which improves the physical and mental health of children. Children run or jog for 15 minutes a day and it improves focus in the classroom. We're now in our second week of doing The Daily Mile. Jess in Year 1 says he enjoys challenging himself to run quicker and running with his friends. Ask your child if they are starting to find it any easier, or are managing to run for longer?



Year 5

It was great to see parents at the Year 5 Curriculum Meeting. It gave Miss Simmons and I the opportunity to discuss the new format of homework; the new behaviour policy and get to meet some of you. If you were unable to make that meeting, do come and introduce yourself to us before or after school one day. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions or were unable to attend. (Mrs. Dunn)



Reception

The children have had a great first week in school. They have been making new friends and

practising sharing our fabulous resources which were purchased with money raised by SASA. We have been learning the names of places that we visit in school e.g. hall, cloakroom and playground. We have been practising identifying the shapes we learn in reception, triangle, square, rectangle, circle and star as well as singing counting songs. Next week we will be painting our self portraits and going on sound walks. You can support your child's learning by sitting quietly and listening for all the sounds you can hear both inside and outside.

A huge well done to the children and parents for supporting us with the children coming into school on their own, hanging their coats up, putting their book bags and water bottles away. The photo of all the children will be in the Surrey Advertiser in a few weeks.

Messy Church - meeting for the 1st time after the summer break - on **Thursday 27th September** between 3:45-5:45pm. The theme this month will be 'Wonderfully Made'. Everyone welcome

Key Dates: • Year 4 parent Sayers Croft meeting—Monday 24th September at 3.15pm • Individual school photos—Monday 1st October • Reception Curriculum Meeting—Tuesday 2nd October at 3.15pm • Year 6 Curriculum Meeting—Tuesday 2nd October at 3.15pm. • Year 4 trip to Fishbourne—Thursday 4th October.

Positive Playtime winners Earhart & Potter	Transition Trophy Hawking & Attenborough	Winning House Painshill
Best Class Attendance Djawadi Year 5 (99.6%)	This week's value Respect	Next week's value Aspire

Celebration Certificates

Values—Respect

Dahl: Karmel	Earhart: Samuel
Hawking: Acacia	Luther King: Maddie
Attenborough: Lola	Potter: Laura
Johnson: Cameron	Lowry: Bligh
Parks: Vittoria	
Djawadi: Liam	Shackleton: Izzy
Franklin: Dominic	Mandela: Joonkee

Virtue—Caring

Dahl: Jasmine	Earhart: Olivia
Hawking: Acacia	Luther King: Iyrisa
Attenborough: Elen	Potter: Frank
Johnson: Marainna	Lowry: Anton
Parks: Lexi	
Djawadi: Genevieve	Shackleton: Maria