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St Andrew's News



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Message from Head Teachers

Dear Parents

It was with a very heavy heart that we started this week. The staff and pupils pulled together wonderfully and supported each other in managing and processing their grief. We have started the process of remembering the incredible lady that Aly Menke was and the impact that she had at St Andrew's over the last 14 years. We will be making a memory book available for all to contribute to. Details of this follow in the newsletter.

On Wednesday we celebrated 13 exceptional pupils across the school who consistently demonstrated our school values over the last half term. We hosted a special tea party for them where we all indulged in some treats!

I launched my debate club this week where we began to develop and practice the skills necessary to put forward persuasive arguments on certain topics. We are hoping to enter some local debate competitions so if there are any more potential debaters in Years 5 and 6 please ask them to sign up for the Friday lunch time club.

We hope that you all have a wonderful weekend.

Bethan Thomas and Jo Mitchell



Memory Book

Following from the deeply sad news of Alyson Menke passing away we will have a memory book in school for any parent wishing to contribute a memory, prayer or annotated photograph to celebrate Aly and the impact that she had on our school community. The memory book will be available from Monday from 2.15-3.00pm daily. If you are unable to come into school please write something that we can add to the book. The children will have an opportunity to write something at school.

Cross Country

On Thursday 3rd January, the children took part in their second Inter-House competition. This time it was a cross-country competition. Every pupil in Year 1 to 6 ran various distances to earn points for their House. This was the first time Year 1 had competed in the competition - so a special well done to those children. Every child who ran completed the race - well done. Thank you to Mrs McLoughlin and Mrs Amos who helped organise the event and to all the other parents who volunteered on the day. The points were incredibly close, and the winning Houses are:

Year 1 - **Wisley**

Phase 2 (Ys 2-4) **Brooklands**

Phase 3 (Yrs 5&6) **Boxhill**
(Mrs Munford)

Platinum House Point Winners

In the final assembly last term we awarded 37 pupils with gold (60 house points) and platinum awards (80 house points). All pupils with gold and platinum awards were entered into separate draws. Six gold award pupils received a £5 book token and three platinum pupils were taken to the Cobham Bookshop to choose a book



Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school please phone or email to inform us why your child is absent. If we don't receive a reason the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. If you are unable to inform the school on the day of the absence you can still let the teacher or office know the following day and the absence can then be changed to an authorised absence.

Staff News

This term we welcomed Mrs Evans and Miss Greco as the new Donaldson class teachers and Mrs Johnston as a new member of the SENCO team. We have also welcomed Mrs Boyd back after her maternity leave. Mrs Boyd will be teaching in Attenborough with Mrs Haining.



Mrs Evans



Miss Greco



Mrs Johnston

Congratulations to Mrs Harburn on the birth of her twin daughters, Olivia and Grace. Best wishes to the family and we look forward to meeting the twins.

Our congratulations also go to Mrs Munford (Potter class) who is expecting her first baby later this year.

Parent Partnership meeting

Reception and Year 1 parents are invited to a parent partnership meeting focusing on how we teach children to write on Wednesday 16th January from 9.00-9.45am. We look forward to seeing you there

SASA

SASA's Annual General Meeting will be held next Friday (18th), 2pm at school. There are several current committee members that will be stepping down as their children come towards the end of their time at St Andrew's so we need some new recruits! If you are interested in finding out what being on the SASA committee involves, please get in touch with Sharron Eklo, SASA Chair, via the school office.

Even if a committee role is not for you, there are many other ways that you can help - with ideas, organisational skills or muscle-power! Everyone is welcome to come along to the AGM next week and hear about what SASA have been up to in the last year and how we have supported all our children at St Andrew's.

Swimming

Congratulations to Caiden, in Year 5, who is a Great Britain U11 champion swimmer. At the recent Royal Kingston Gala Caiden won an amazing medals 7 medals across all strokes. (50M butterfly, breaststroke, backstroke, 50, 100 & 200M freestyle and the medley) Caiden trains 5 days a week in Guildford and we look forward to hearing of her future achievements.

Parking

The issue of inconsiderate parking in the streets around the school has once again been raised by disgruntled neighbours. Please can people driving to school not park on pavements or block driveways.

Key Dates: • Parent Partnership meeting for Reception & Yr 1 parents- Wednesday 16th January 9.00-9.45am • Parent Partnership meeting for Yr 2, 3 & 4 parents Wednesday 23rd January 9.00-9.45am • Parent partnership meeting for Year 5 & 6 parents- Wednesday 30th January 9.00-9.45am • **Inset Day—Monday 28th January**

Positive Playtime winners Dahl & Potter	Transition Trophy Hawking & Lowry	Winning House Polesden Lacey
Best Class Attendance Shackelton(Year 5) 99.2%	This week's value Resilience	Next week's value Respect

Celebration Certificates

Value—Resilience

Donaldson: Riley
Nightingale: Charmaine
Dahl: Daisy
Hawking: Dylan
Attenborough: Theo
Johnson: Lewis
Parks: Ibrahim
Djawadi: Chloe
Franklin: Reuben

Einstein: Lara
Earhart: Freddie
Luther King: Sofia
Potter: Megan
Lowry: Tiegan
Shackleton: Max W
Mandela: Dylan

Virtue— Reflection

Donaldson: Mollie
Nightingale: Jayden
Dahl: Nathaniel
Hawking: Freddie
Attenborough: Alice
Johnson: Emily
Parks: Vittoria
Djawadi: Jake
Franklin: Hannah

Einstein: Holly
Earhart: Fahad
Luther King: Ruby
Potter: Jake
Lowry: Anton
Shackleton: Leo
Mandela: James