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St Andrew's News



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Message from Head Teachers

Dear parents and carers,

This week we focussed on our value of achievement. Perfect timing for Parents' Consultations. We would like to thank all of you who attended and heard from the teachers, and most importantly, saw in the books, the progress of your child. As a Leadership Team we are lucky enough to look at children's books regularly to track for progress and attainment; its always a pleasure. Thank you to SASA who organised fruit platters and biscuits for our teachers, in recognition of the dedication they continue to give to our pupils.

We also celebrated our school's achievement in the Cross Country Competition (more details in this newsletter). Needless to say we are very proud!

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed our parent questionnaire at Parents' Consultations. We had the most responses in many years, and we plan to use this forum to gather parent views in October as well. Once the analysis has been completed it will be shared and posted onto the school website. If you have not had a chance to express your views, you can collect a form from the office or request it to be sent via email office@standrews-primary.surrev.sch.uk. We shall collect views until Wednesday 27th March.

Have a super weekend.

Jo Mitchell & Bethan Thomas

SASA Mothering Sunday Sale

SASA still need a few more donations to ensure every child has a gift to bring home for their mum or another special person next week. Books, stationery, jewellery, beauty products, candles or chocolates would all be welcome. Please drop at these at the office early next week. On Wednesday children need to bring £1 for the sale and take home their special gift on Friday all ready for Mothering Sunday. Thanks for your support. SASA

Year 4

On Thursday 21st March, Year 4 travelled a long way back in time to Ancient Egypt. We were greeted by the explorer Lauren from Portals to the Past who led an amazing workshop for us, throughout the day and in many locations around school. We learnt about measuring using cubits, palms and fingers in Egyptian maths, learnt how to play an Egyptian board game and explored boards of fascinating facts that helped us answer the Egyptian quiz. In the afternoon, we enjoyed a gruesome but fascinating investigation into the process of mummification. The children were entirely gripped and we all learnt that alongside the many gods that Ancient Egyptian people worshipped, they also worshipped onions!



A huge thank you to Mrs Johnson, at school, as well as to lots of families for the most amazing effort with costumes. You really looked (and walked) like an Egyptian! (Mrs Mackie-Gandy)



Year 5

On Wednesday this week, the established author, Simon Cherry visited both the Year 5 classes. He talked to them about his writings in addition to teaching them how he plans a story. The children all started their own plans which, if they write up, we will send to Mr. Cherry for him to judge. He has offered the children signed copies of his books as prizes. There is a special offer on his books at the Regency Bookshop in Surbiton. (Mrs Dunn) Red Nose Day. Thank you for your contributions which raised £333 for this worthwhile cause.

Indoor Athletics

On Tuesday, it was the final of the Indoor Athletics competition! We had beaten all the schools in our district to attend this event and to compete against other finalists from around Surrey. The children competed in both track and field events throughout the afternoon. The level of ability from our children and the other schools was definitely clear. After the points had been awarded, we came 10th. It was made aware that there are 150 schools that we had beaten just to get to the final so we felt very proud to make it this far.

We would like to thank Mrs Amos and Mrs McLoughlin for all the extra training you have offered to get the team ready for this event. Thank you to all the parents who supported with transport and cheering at the event. (Mrs Munford)

Easter Services

All parents, grandparents and carers are warmly invited to our Easter Services at St Andrew's Church in Cobham on Wednesday 3rd April, at 9.30 for Reception and KS1 and at 10.30 for KS2

Staff news

Today we said goodbye to Miss Davies who has worked at St Andrew's for 5 years. Miss Davies will be managing a nursery and we wish all the best in this significant step in her career.



Cross country-

On Saturday morning, the annual district cross-country competition was held at West End. St Andrew's competed in all 6 races where we won 4/6 of these races. Well done to Amy and Jack (Year 4), Caident (Year 5) and Emily B (Year 6) All children ran incredibly well (despite Storm Gareth) and finished their race, earning points for our school. Overall, we came 4th out of 13 schools - well done! We would like to thank all the parents who came to support the team and to Mr Gunton, Miss Mercey and Mrs Mitchell who marshalled at the event. We would like to extend a special thank you to Mrs Amos and Mrs McLoughlin for the huge impact their training has made on the school's cross country team. (Mrs Munford)



Key Dates: • Year 1 to Brooklands Museum—Tuesday 26th March. • SASA Mother's Day sale—Wednesday 27th March • Last day of clubs—Friday 29th March • Easter Services Wednesday 3rd April •

Positive Playtime winners Dahl & Potter	Transition Trophy Nightingale & Attenborough	Winning House Boxhill
Best Class Attendance Dahl 99.3 %	This week's value Achieve	Next week's value Contribute

Celebration Certificates

Value—Aspire

Donaldson: Rose
Nightingale: Callum
Dahl: Elizah
Hawking: Lacey-May
Attenborough: Alice
Johnson: Mia
Parks Grace.
Djawadi: Lucy
Franklin: Hannah

Einstein: Chloe
Earhart: Marcus
Luther King: Dylan
Potter: Faye
Lowry: Lucy
Shackleton: Caleb
Mandela: Brooke

Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

Donaldson: Madeleine
Nightingale: Mate
Dahl: Jess
Hawking: Kristian
Attenborough: Kadence
Johnson: Thomas
Parks: Michael
Djawadi: Raistlin
Franklin: Jack

Einstein: Chloe
Earhart: Freddie
Luther King: Maddie
Potter: Frank
Lowry: Bligh
Shackleton: Taya
Mandela: James