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St Andrew's News



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Message from the Head Teacher.

Dear Parents and Carers

We have whizzed our way through the first half of Spring term and the children have been working hard in their geography focused projects. Our pupils have been learning about naming and locating the continents, seas and oceans to climates of countries nearer and further away from the equator. Why not visit the library over the break and take out an atlas to explore with your child? Finding out about the country, continent and world we live in is such a vital part of learning for our future generations.

We have some feedback from our school survey, taken by parents over the last few months. I wanted to share with you about bullying: last year 73% of parents felt the school dealt effectively with bullying. We are pleased to say that this has risen to 93% - a 20% jump. As a staff, we will not rest until we reach 100% so please do communicate with us immediately if you feel there is an issue. We know we respond well as the parent survey also came out at 100% for the school responding well to concerns. If we know - we can act. I have attached our Anti-Bullying Strategy parent leaflet and full policy. We also have information on our website signposting what bullying is and isn't as well as contact points in the school.

I wish you all a fantastic break with family and friends. Treasure the time together and make memories. Take Care

Stina Witkowski

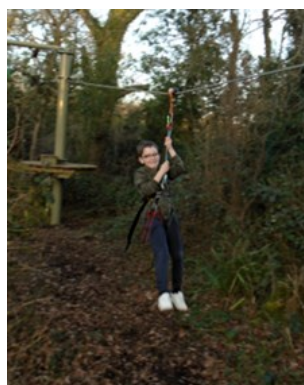
Cross Country

On Monday, KS2 competed in the interhouse cross country competition. The course took the children around the field, passed the front of the school building before finishing on the KS2 playground. Everyone ran with determination and showed that they could pace themselves throughout the race. Along the course, Year 6 children and parents cheered them along. **Brooklands** were the overall winners. Congratulations to all runners and a special thanks to the parents who acted as marshals (Miss Mercey)

Sayers Croft

Last week, almost all of Year 4 travelled by coach to Ewhurst, near Cranleigh, for their three-day residential trip to Sayers Croft. We were very fortunate and had sunshine most of the time which definitely made it warmer! The children slept in dormitories and so their first job was to make their own bed. They are all now fully trained in this and so I am sure will be happy to take on this job at home should you wish! During the stay, they tried out the ropes course (including skateboarding through the woods), orienteering, a night walk, archery, a maze, learning about four figure grid references and a river study. In between here was plenty of time to enjoy the fresh air and open spaces (woods, fields and adventure playground) as well as crafting woodland art. Each day ended with story time and hot chocolate. Year 4 had a super trip – do ask them about their favourite activity.

A huge thank you to Mrs Bowers, Mrs Johnston, Miss Joyce and Miss Fenwick for accompanying us on the trip. Thank you to the children who were working back at school who were also great. It was a superb trip and the children represented St Andrew's beautifully. (Mrs Mackie-Gandy)



Beautiful Botanicals

On Tuesday, Kolisi class created a botanical exhibition to share with their parents and carers. All the children presented their art learning



"Beautiful Botanicals" and shared the process they went through to create their own compositions based on interesting fruit. Once the presentation was over the children enjoyed sharing and talking about what they have been learning and showed their books including their own published story based on "Ratpunzel". We hope all the parents/carers enjoyed their child sharing their learning with them. (Miss Joyce)

Biles

Our DT project is called Food for Life and we started this by examining food packaging, discussing why it was appealing and identifying the claimed health benefits. We then looked at the difference between processed and organic foods, investigating further into white pasta and wholemeal pasta. On Friday, we used the cookery room to create our own pasta salad recipes and eat them! Extra thanks to Yvonne Bond for helping us out. (Mrs Ellard)



Brown

Brown Class had a wonderful showcase on Wednesday. They presented what they have been learning this term in different subjects including Science and Art. Parents were able to look at books with their child and ask questions about their learning. Everyone did a fantastic job and we are extremely proud of them all. (Mrs Eley & Mrs Nicholson)



Thank you to those who attended our Annual General Meeting, on Monday to hear all the FoSA news and plans. We really appreciate you dropping in before pick up or dialling into the meeting. The nominated and confirmed members for 2024 are :

Yvonne Bond - Chair , Helen Hotson - Treasurer and Mel Twigg - Secretary We hope for another successful year!

Biles had their cake sale yesterday. Thank you to those who popped along to support it. Money raised will go towards a school trip. After half term we hope to have two discos - both on the same evening - for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Watch out for the announcement on ClassList.

Have a great half term break everyone. Yvonne Bond

Easter Egg Design Competition

Painshill Park is having Big Statue Easter Egg trail and have invited our pupils to take part in a competition to create their own egg character. The winning design will be painted on one of the eggs featured in the trail. A form is attached for children to complete their design.

The school that submits the most entries will have the chance to win a class visit to Painshill's forest school.

Best Class Attendance

Kolisi

House Points

Painshill

Next Week's Value

Aspire

Celebration Certificates

Value- Achieve

- Cole:** Kris
- Brown:** Louie
- Kolisi:** Cooper
- Nadim:** Faith
- Biles:** Ruben
- Farah:** Anahita



Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

- Cole:** Sophia
- Brown:** Georgi
- Kolisi:** Josie
- Nadim:** Evie
- Biles:** Sherrell & Riley
- Farah:** Tiyanna