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# St Andrew's News



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## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been jam-packed with lots of lovely events at St Andrew's.

There was our World Book Day, where staff followed the theme of Alice in Wonderland and the children proudly paraded all their fantastic outfits in our special assembly. Children won certificates for outfits and for most improved reading at home.

Many pupils returned in the evening to join in Bedtime Stories, where some wonderful books were shared along with lots of biscuits and hot chocolate! Thank you to FoSA and all our lovely parent helpers who organised the event.

The Silly Science workshop came to visit and every child across the school enjoyed an explosively fun hour with our silly science professor. Head and deputy girls and boys, along with Year 6 library prefects helped measure out the new library furniture and gave feedback on final choices. We look forward to the new furniture arriving next half term.

Hope you all get a chance to spend some time with friends and family this weekend - maybe even share a good book!

Stina Witkowski

## World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day in style this year with the children dressing up as their favourite characters. We had such a variety of costumes making it hard for teachers to choose the child in their class with the best costume. As usual the teachers all joined in with dressing up and came together this year to dress as characters from "Alice in Wonderland"

During the week the whole school explored the book "Into the Forest" by Anthony Browne. From Reception to Year 6 the children were captured by the story's twists and turns and finding all the hidden detail within the pictures! We all had great fun.

Cole Class really enjoyed talking about the characters in the story and which story books they came from. We spent a long time looking at the illustrations and finding all sorts of strange details such as faces in trees and ears on a house! We created our own picture stories where we met different story book characters on the way through the forest. ( Mrs Wilde)

Brown class thoroughly enjoyed reading Into the Forest. They spent time creating a wonderful story map as well as identifying similarities between the story and well known fairytales. ( Mrs Nicholson)

Nadim enjoyed 'Into the forest'. We considered the signs that linked the text to fairy stories as well as searching for hidden picture clues. We identified elements that made the setting spooky and tried to recreate this. Lastly, we considered alternative endings to the text. ( Mrs Mackie-Gandy)

Biles class had so much fun during World Book Week! Like the rest of the school, we looked at Into The Forest and enjoyed all the tasks. We created a spooky setting description for the forest and tried to see whose was the scariest; we also wrote an alternative ending to see who could make theirs the funniest! (Mrs Ellard)

In the evening children came back to school to for "Bedtime Stories". It was an evening filled with cosy blankets, cushions and cuddly toys, as well as stories to share as a class. And we must not forget the all important hot chocolate and biscuits provided by our wonderful FoSA team. Thank you to the parents who give up their time to help out. These events could not happen without you. (Miss Joyce)



Science Workshops

All classes thoroughly enjoyed their Silly Science workshop. Year 6 were busy learning about what is needed to create a 'bang', how to defy gravity (or make it look like it by creating an equilibrium) and understanding how a plane flies. Whereas Cole class were delighted by the fire in Taya's hand, an exploding tin, a levitating ping pong ball, an exploding film pot and shooting rocket. By the end of the workshop, they had learned that fire needs fuel, oxygen and heat and that gravity brings us back to the ground when we jump up. We also thought that Graham was very funny!! Brown children enjoyed trying to defy gravity and watching as we saw the scientist make a chemical reaction. 'To see a flame in the hall was amazing' and 'I liked seeing the rocket fly like a bird across the room'. Today was a brilliant way to start Science Week - we can't wait for our own experiments next week and to see what people have been exploring in their home learning challenge! (science week letter attached)



To celebrate **RED NOSE DAY** on Friday 15 March children are invited to come to school wearing something red. Wear red from head to toe or simply dig out your brightest socks or a red ribbon. Wear something that makes you smile in return for a £1.00 donation.



Our school hosted Bedtime Stories last night, and FoSA were very pleased to help out behind-the-scenes. A huge thank you to our parent helpers who came in to make hot chocolate and deliver the scrumdiddlyumptious mixture and delicious biscuits to the classrooms! We couldn't have done it without the support of these volunteers! Photos on ClassList of our Cookery Classroom capers!

FoSA would like to wish all the mother's and all those with mothering hearts the very best Mother's Day this Sunday. Each child will bring home their sweet gift today (Friday) and we hope you enjoy it!

FoSA plan to host another event - Easter Egg Hunt- with details coming out very soon. Watch this space and ClassList for details!

Surrey Youth Games

A chance for children aged 7 to 16 in Surrey to try a new activity for FREE! Surrey Youth Games is offering 6-8 weeks of completely funded training after Easter. The aim of the games is to allow children and young people to have a go, learn new skills and boost confidence All the sessions are for beginners and fully inclusive. Learn to dance, play tennis, try out judo, give basketball a spin, plus more. For more information click here [Specsavers Surrey Youth Games \(activesurrey.com\)](https://www.specsaversyouthgames.com)



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Everyone is warmly invited to the Family Service for Mothering Sunday at St Andrew's at 10am, followed by coffee and cake. This will be an informal, interactive and fun service in which the Faith Ambassadors from school will be helping to run a creative prayer active and to distribute flowers to the Mums in the congregation. All are welcome.

**Best Class Attendance**  
**Nadim & Farah**

**House Points**  
**Boxhill**

**Next Week's Value**  
**Resilience**

Celebration CertificatesValue– Integrity

**Cole:** Gomez  
**Brown:** Phoebe C  
**Kolisi:** Nadia  
**Nadim:** Faith  
**Biles:** Liyla  
**Farah:** Ella

Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

**Cole:** Scarlet  
**Brown:** Harley  
**Kolisi:** Odin  
**Nadim:** Marnie  
**Biles:** Aiden  
**Farah:** Narin