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# St Andrew's News



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## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, Year 6 attended Guildford cathedral for a special leavers service. The beginning of several special events and celebrations our Year 6s will enjoy over the coming weeks as they prepare to leave their primary school years behind and enter secondary education.

Our year groups from 3 to 5 performed an absolute extravaganza of a showcase on Wednesday. They bedazzled us all with every dance move, song lyric, poetry line and musical performance. It was a magical event, and we were incredibly proud of them.

We hope all of our community who celebrated Eid al-Adha earlier this week had a blessed celebration.

Enjoy the sunshine with loved ones this weekend and take care,

Stina Witkowski

## Penalty Notices

New regulations come into force on 19 August 2024 in relation to issuing penalty notices for both low attendance and unauthorised leave of absence. (holidays, funerals, weddings etc). Please read the attached information regarding this. Thank you

## Hamper Raffle

Please support us in raising money for new books to enrich our school library by joining in the

**Summer Fun Hampers Raffle.**

Tickets are **£1.00 for 5 tickets** and there are 9 prizes to be won.



## Painshill Park

Last Friday, Cole Class spent the day at Painshill Park in Cobham. Before we went, we had seen photos of all the follies in the park and were so excited to see them all for real and tick them off

on our trail sheets. Our favourites were the grotto, the gothic temple, the Turkish tent and the little fairy door. We also enjoyed making gardens in the forest school area and learning about plant seeds and how they travel to find new places to grow. With all the running, actions, climbing on play equipment and long walks we were absolutely exhausted by the end of the day! (Mrs Wilde)



## Leavers Service

On Tuesday afternoon, Year 6 attended their leaver's service at Guildford Cathedral. This annual event gives the children an opportunity to reflect on their time at primary school as they visit four prayer stations titled thank you, regret, wow and please. After this, the children attended a service in the vast cathedral during which our junior leadership team walked down the aisle with our standard and collected a candle to bring the light of Christ back to pass on to Year 5. Thank you to Mrs Wild for giving up her time to come with us and to St Andrew's Church for paying for the coach for this event. ( Miss Mercey)





**Summer Showcase**

On Wednesday, we held our annual Summer Showcase for Years 3, 4 & 5. The hall was filled with joyous singing and poetry as each class performed to family and friends. Our solo musicians also had the opportunity to show what they have been learning all year and showed great courage performing solo in front of so many people. Again, a huge thank you goes to all the staff who help bring the show together, the school music teachers for preparing their pupils as well as FOSA for providing the refreshments (which were definitely needed on such a warm day!) Finally, our show was taken to the next level by Dan Joyce and Mike Knight from Dorking Halls who kindly gave up their day to provide the stage lights, with Ms Blackman helping on the sound. It truly was a wonderful performance, and all the children should be VERY proud. We are certainly proud of them! (Miss Joyce)

**Biles Class**

Biles have had so much fun in their forces and mechanisms project, completing investigations on different forces. Last week, we looked at air resistance, where we made parachutes of different sizes to see if that had an effect on the way they fell to the ground. This week, we used force metres to measure the mass and weight of objects around the classroom and then created tables and graphs to show our data. We look forward to what's next.

(Mrs Ellard)



Friends of St Andrew's volunteers hosted the refreshments stall at the Year 3, 4, 5 Summer Showcase. Thank you to the volunteers who chipped in with set up and sales – it's always lovely to get the option of a refreshing drink at our children's concerns!

On Sunday Friend of St Andrew's will be hosting a stall in Cobham village for "One Summer's Day". We believe we will be set up just outside the menswear shop Jeremy Hobbs on Oakdene Parade, so come on by and play our free ball game! Our community always invites St. Andrew's school to events, and we are very happy to be there!

As always, we will keep you posted on upcoming events through ClassList and Friends of St Andrew's social media so be sure and take a look for news, photos and updates. (Yvonne Bond)



Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme. It helps children become more confident and competent cyclists and more alert to potential risks and hazards, enabling them to really enjoy cycling whilst remaining safe on the road.

This week Year 6 pupils have undertaken the Level 2 Bikeability course and have practised many skills including how to deal with traffic on short journeys, how to pass parked vehicles, understanding road signals, signs and markings, negotiating quiet junctions, and crossroads. They received certificates at the end of the course indicating areas they were competent in and where they may still need a bit more practice.



**Best Class Attendance**  
Cole

**House Points**  
Brooklands

**Next Week's Value**  
Aspire

**Celebration Certificates**

**Value– Achieve**

- Cole:** Mikey
- Brown:** Hubert
- Kolisi:** Anya
- Nadim:** Jennifer
- Biles:** Riley
- Farah:** Narin



**Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English**

- Cole:** Logan
- Brown:** Sham
- Kolisi:** Bella
- Nadim:** Jack
- Biles:** Antoni
- Farah:** Adrienne