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# St Andrew's News



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## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have focused on our geography skills, looking into key knowledge such as map work, knowing continents, seas and oceans along with capital cities and countries of the United Kingdom. These lessons have been to refresh and build the fundamental knowledge and skills of being a young geographer. We will be doing this yearly so children can revisit and return key knowledge so once they leave Year 6 feel confident with basic geography skills and knowledge. We are going to also focus on history and science this way.

Today, the children dressed up as explorers to celebrate our week of fun around geography. It was lovely to see all the different outfits and amazing props the children brought in!

Also this week, we looked closely at writing across the school. In particular the writing toolkits we use in classrooms and the quality of writing in books for every year group. We were really pleased with the results and can see how children are improving and enjoying expressing themselves through writing.

Please do make sure spelling homework is completed each week, along with Lexia minutes. It is vital for children to learn these spelling skills and spending time every week making sure this happens will support and accelerate your child's progress.

Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend with loved one.

Stina Witkowski

Ahead of starting our new Geography projects in class, we celebrated National Geographic Week as a school! We started off learning about the National Geographic and its history during an assembly and then, throughout the week, we completed our school 'passports'. These included tasks to test our geographical knowledge such as mapping oceans, continents and countries as well as explaining seasonal weather changes and map symbols. On Friday, we dressed up as explorers to end the week; we've all had a great week exploring Geography!

Thank you to the children that have already submitted their competition entries - the final day for entries is Friday 7th February, so there's still time! ( Mrs Ellard)



"On National Geographic Day, let's celebrate the wonders of our beautiful planet and pledge to protect it for future generations!"



Winstanley

Winstanley Class (Years R and 1) are learning about rock pools in their "Beachcombers" science project. We have had fun making our own rock pool from boxes, tissue paper and coloured card. Can you spot the following creatures: crabs, star fish, sea anemones, sea urchins and mussels? (Mrs Wilde)



Year 6

Last week, Year 6 started their DT project around cooking - Eat The Seasons. The children had the opportunity to try a range of seasonal vegetables and rate them out of 5. We even found some new favourites! ( Mrs Ellard)



This week, Year 6 have been busy in our cookery room. They were given the recipe to prepare a leek and potato soup. Whilst preparing the ingredients, the children developed their knife skills - dicing the vegetables and learnt how to sweat vegetables before adding a stock and letting it simmer to perfection. Most of them were surprised at how tasty it was and got to take a sample home. The children will now go on to plan their own seasonal soup before preparing it before half term. ( Miss Mercey)



Thank you for the contributions, to our Bag 2 School clothing collection. The bags weighed 228kg and at 50p per kilo we will receive **£114** from your donations.



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



The Friends of St Andrew's Annual General Meeting is on **Monday 10th February** at 2.30pm and will be finished by pick up time. All St Andrew's Primary parents are invited to attend. You can find out what FoSA does for the school and our children. There will be updates on fundraising achieved and plans for the 2025 children's events , supplementation of cost and what events/projects are being funded. The Chair and Secretary will be stepping down so plans on how to move forward will be discussed. Hope to see you all there!

Cross Country – 3 February



On Monday afternoon pupils in Years 2 - 6 will compete in our annual Interhouse Cross Country event. Children will be running for their House to complete the course with all finishers gaining points for their House. This is a great chance for them to showcase their ability to pace themselves around the distance which is something they have all been working at in their PE lessons.

Please send your child into school in their PE kit and with a spare change of shoes for the event. They will also need a water bottle. (Miss Mercey)

Cobham Conservation and Heritage Trust litterpick

The next Cobham Conservation and Heritage Trust litterpick organised by Laurence Wells will be at **2 pm on Sunday 2 February 2025**, meeting by the (former) No. 44 Furniture Shop on the corner of Portsmouth Road and Between Streets. Hi Viz jackets, litterpickers and litterbags will be provided. But, please do wear appropriate clothes and gloves. Please do come along if you can: every helping hand helps!

**Best Class Attendance**  
Cousteau

**House Points**  
Boxhill

**Next Week's Value**  
Perseverance

Celebration Certificates

Value– Integrity

- Winstanley:** Alex
- Bingham:** Kaius
- Erikson:** Auden
- Cousteau:** Ali
- Fiennes:** Sherrell
- Mallory:** Nikol

Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

- Winstanley:** Scarlet
- Bingham:** Annie
- Erikson:** Edie
- Cousteau:** Cooper
- Fiennes:** Adi
- Mallory:** Xander

