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# St Andrew's News



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## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear parents and carers

This week we were visited by an educational theatre company, who performed a simple retelling of Oliver Twist. The children enjoyed the experience of live performance and seeing all the different sets, costumes and songs. Thank you to FoSA for funding this enrichment experience for our pupils.

Across the week, children have been enjoying extra science lessons and workshops. An inflatable planetarium visited the school and every year group had their chance to enter inside and experience the wonders of the universe! Many pupils have brought in science experiments to share with the class or research projects to share in assembly. It has been lovely to see all the enthusiasm and creativity from children.

Also, Winstanley class went on a geography walk today and the sunshine came out so they could explore and have fun.

I have been working with our Pupil Parliament over the last 2 weeks to look at our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) resources to see where we need to replenish. The parliamentarians have created a letter with pictures and labels of all the items we would like to collect in from our community. Please do open up the attached flier for OPAL and see if there are items you could donate. All donations can be dropped off from next week and left at the front of the office area. Pupil parliament will check in across the week to collect items up, store them and eventually sort them ready to go out at lunchtimes. Thank you in advance for any support you can give.

Look out for my head teacher's letter next week when I send out our amazing Ofsted report!

Have a wonderful weekend with family and loved ones,

Stina Witkowski



This week we have been celebrating Science Week in class and enjoyed a planetarium experience in a Wonde Dome in the hall.

In Year 6, we took part in the Inventor and Makers workshop where the children looked at sustainable and unsustainable energy sources. As part of this they looked at wind turbines and how gears are used to turn the wind energy into electricity using gears. They worked in teams to create their own gears. We also looked at the adaptation of polar animals to their environment which fitted in with our Frozen Kingdom topic. ( Miss Mercey)

In Winstanley Class we have been learning about which materials can be re-cycled. We sorted our rubbish into compost, recycling and rubbish bins. We also learned about how we can re-use some of our rubbish to make new things and have started to make pencil pots out of toilet rolls. We hope to have some photos of these to show next week. ( Mrs Wilde)



Erikson class have enjoyed science week! They Loved the Planetarium visit and came back sharing lots of facts they had learnt. We also learnt more about animal adaptations. We sorted and matched animals to their

adaptations and thought about our own animals and how they have adapted for their environment. ( Miss Russell)

Cousteau have been busy during Science week. Several people have been working on their projects at home, and we enjoyed two great experiments today. We plotted line graphs to support our learning about cooling water temperature in water. Today we investigated gears and renewable energy. ( Mrs Mackie-Gandy)

In Bingham we became Eco Engineers, we looked at how you can use a solar panel to create an electrical circuit. We then used our engineering skills to create wind turbines and experimented how we could make the wind turbines move at different speeds. ( Miss Joyce)





Wonder Dome

All the children had a great time venturing into outer space in the Wonder Dome. This travelling planetarium allowed the children to visualise the comparative size of the planets and helped them to understand how long a year on each planet was. All the children were fascinated and asked the presenter some great questions that really stretched her knowledge. (Miss Mercey)



Oliver Twist

On Monday the whole school got a treat of seeing an amazing show called Oliver Twist. It was heartwarming and intriguing and laughter echoed through the hall as the amazing actors danced and sang. Everyone enjoyed the show even the sad moments.

The actors sang songs from Matilda the musical and from the original Oliver movie. We are all so thankful that we get to experience amazing things like this at St Andrew's. ( Mollie- Year 6 English Prefect)



Thank you to Jackie who arranged and ran the Reception/Year 1 cake sale this week. They now have raised some money towards their trip to Sea Life Brighton!

As part of

super Science Week, Friends of St Andrew's contributed to the awesome Wonder Dome! Children got to experience this 360 degrees experience of the planets in the comfort of our school.



Year 6 have donated to and prepared a fantastic **EASTER RAFFLE!** We have beautiful baskets and huge hampers to win at just £2.00 a ticket! After listening to parent feedback, we will split prizes so they can be bought either online, through ClassList, or paper tickets can be bought by the pupils in school when our Year 6 go about selling them! Follow your Classes WhatsApp or ClassList for all the details! ( Yvonne Bond)



To celebrate **RED NOSE Day** on **Friday 21 March** children are invited to come to school wearing something red. Pop on those scarlet socks, don a full-on lobster suit, or just wear a red ribbon in return for a £1.00 donation.

Comic Relief supports incredible projects and organisations that are making a difference for people across the UK and around the world. Please give your donations to the class teacher. Thank you.



Ultimate Coaching, who run our PE lessons and after school clubs, is running a sports camp at St Andrew's in the Easter holidays ( 8 to 10 April) . Please see attached flyer for booking details.

**Best Class Attendance**  
**Fiennes**

**House Points**  
**Brooklands**

**Next Week's Value**  
**Gratitude**

Celebration Certificates

Value- Perseverance

- Winstanley:** Lilly-May
- Bingham:** Rocco
- Erikson:** Ajay
- Cousteau:** Lilly B
- Fiennes:** Mariella
- Mallory:** Zain

Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

- Winstanley:** Frankie
- Bingham:** Phoebe
- Erikson:** Lola
- Cousteau:** Rudy
- Fiennes:** Faith
- Mallory:** Evie

