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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 filled with an array of wonderful Easter activities. Our Easter service at the church was wonderful and filled with lovely singing! We were treated to Rev Mike on guitar along with the brilliant Louise and David. The church was filled with music and the children loved it.

Yesterday was also Easter Pause day in school. This is a special day where we come off timetable to really reflect and think about the Easter story and its message to us all. Mrs Wilde created an interactive walk that took the children through the story with activities at each step.

Lots more outdoor learning in the sunshine ran across the week. Do pop on to our Instagram to see some of the work the children created.

And lastly, we were visited by the Easter Bunny and his Easter egg friend today! They just wanted to wish you a happy and harmonious Easter break.

Take care, stay safe, and enjoy eating all those delicious chocolate eggs!

Stina Witkowski



Easter Service

Yesterday was Easter Pause Day when we took the whole day away from other curriculum areas such as English and Maths to focus on the story and messages of Easter. We began the day with a whole school walk to church where the classes took turns to tell one part of the story each, in a variety of choral and individual speaking. We sang 3 popular songs which we had been learning with David and Louise from the church and listened to Mrs Wilde's talk which was interrupted 3 times by staff actors! Easter Pause Day continued at school with drama, art, prayer and other activities to get us thinking. We enjoyed eating hot cross buns. Additionally, all the children went on an Easter trail around the school to "visit" and learn about the different sites in the story. (Mrs Wilde)



Outdoor Learning

Over the last two weeks, all classes have enjoyed another Outdoor Learning session. Between everyone, we've planted more than 200 seeds and some have already germinated - no pressure to keep them alive over Easter! As well as planting, we've scavenged natural resources and made natural art frames, tidied up the raised beds, turned over the soil in the polytunnel, put a lot of dead stalks into the compost bin and begun to fill our brand new raised bed. We are hoping to replace more of our raised beds in the coming weeks - watch this space! (Mrs Mackie-Gandy)



Easter raffle

Thank you for all the Easter Raffle tickets that were bought. The winners were drawn in assembly today.

Reading Raffle

Congratulations to the winners of the reading raffle for last half term.





Art Bytes is a national art and EdTech programme for Year 5 and Year 9 pupils. Sponsored by Claremont and Oxshott Arts Society, a group of Year 5 pupils have recently submitted entries to the Art Bytes inter-school art competition.

We would like your help to win! Click on the QR code to visit St Andrew's portfolio pages to see the three shortlisted artworks from St Andrew's. Using the **VOTE NOW** buttons that appear under each shortlisted artwork, vote for your preference. Voting will be open from Thurs 3rd April – Mon 28th April 2025.



The artwork from each school receiving the most votes (1st place) wins a place in the virtual gallery exhibition and goes forward for regional consideration and possibly national award consideration by an esteemed judging panel. Please get voting now! (Mrs Eley)

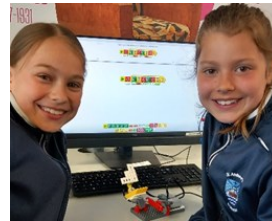
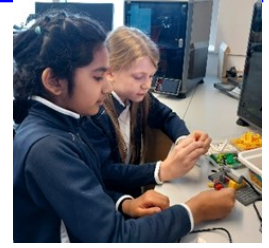
Faith Ambassadors

Last Sunday, the Faith Ambassadors took part in the Mothering Sunday service at church. We thanked mothers everywhere for the many different roles they play and jobs they do. We helped Rev. Mike with his talk about how important all children are to God and joined in with singing and dancing with streamers. We also enjoyed making flowers to give to our own mothers and the other ladies who were there. The Faith Ambassadors club meets on Mondays 3.20-4.20 in Winstanley Classroom and are always ready to welcome new members. (Mrs Wilde)



Lego Innovation

On Tuesday, Erikson Class visited Reed's School for an exciting morning of Lego Innovation. We enjoyed a Science and Engineering activity run by a LEGO® Professional Trainer, focusing on designing and creating a working model. We then programmed the model's movements. Our busy morning was followed by a delicious lunch. We would like to say a huge thank you to Reed's School for hosting the event, Brian, the Lego trainer, for the fun workshop, Mel West for helping and the other parents and grandparents who provided lifts. (Mrs Eley)



Staff news

Today we sadly said goodbye to Miss Joyce. She has been teacher at St Andrew's for the past 10½ years. We appreciate all she has contributed to her classes and the school community during her time with us. We wish her all the best in her new position.



Certificates & House Points

The 46 Gold and 19 Platinum certificate winners were congratulated in assembly today. Two Gold and two Platinum lucky dip winners received a book token, and the chance to choose a book at Cobham Bookshop with Mrs Witkowski respectively. Well done to everyone who earned Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum certificates.

The winning House this term was **Brooklands** followed by **Wisley**, **Boxhill**, **Painshill** and **Polesden Lacey**. **Brooklands** pupils have a multi day on **Friday 25 April** to celebrate their success.

Best Class Attendance
Fiennes

House Points
Polesden Lacey

Next Week's Value
Perseverance

Celebration Certificates

Value– Integrity

- Winstanley:** Theo
- Bingham:** Rocco
- Erikson:** Joise
- Cousteau:** Rudy
- Fiennes:** Carter
- Mallory:** Maisie

Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

- Winstanley:** George
- Bingham:** Arthur
- Erikson:** Hubert
- Cousteau:** Odin
- Fiennes:** Antoni
- Mallory:** Ciara

