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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 very special with all our lovely VE week learning and celebrations. We started on Tuesday with an assembly about respect and service for others. We reflected on how the armed forces still serve our country today and how even in school we can show acts of service to our friends and family.

On Wednesday, every class took part in a lesson to learn in more detail about VE day and its history and celebrations. Then on Thursday we learnt the first 2 verses of the National Anthem in singing assembly and got to sing it again today in celebration assembly. The children were really good at it!

Today was our special red, white and blue mufti day and a whole school picnic on the grass at lunchtime, which the children loved.

Class photos happened earlier this week. I had lots of fun with all the teaching team that support our year 6 pupils creating some serious but also silly memento pictures. Look out for the email soon so you can order your child's one.

Next week is Year 6 SATs. So please make sure, if you are a family with a year 6 child, that they get lots of sleep, so they are able to be at their best from Monday morning. We are running a special breakfast club each day so pupils can come in early, sit and relax with friends, all before taking each test.

Enjoy a sunny and safe weekend.

Stina Witkowski



Doodle maths

A huge well done to Cataleya, Josie, Kacper, Isabella, Xander, Edie, Elliot and Betty for completing the Spring Doodle Maths Challenge. This is a great achievement

and will help you no end with your maths. Do remember to fit in your Doodle Maths and Doodle Tables homework each week. (Mrs Mackie-Gandy)



The school has been celebrating VE day this week. Mrs Witkowski led a special assembly on Tuesday to tell the children what happened on VE Day, the impacts of VE Day and the importance of peace. She explained what happened on 8th May 1945, when people across Britain and other countries celebrated the end of World War II in Europe. This day became known as VE day, which stands for 'Victory in Europe Day'. It marked the moment when the fighting in Europe stopped, and peace could begin again after years of conflict, loss and hardship. 80 years on we remember this important moment – not just to look back, but to think about what peace means today.

In Thursday's assembly Mrs Mackie-Gandy elaborated on the ending of WWII and the children observed a one-minute silence before singing the National Anthem.

Today was a chance for the children to celebrate with a red, white and blue mufti day and a fish and chip picnic lunch on the field.

Thank you for the contributions to the Royal British Legion. We raised nearly £50.



Year 6 SATs

Our Year 6 pupils will be doing their SATs next week. We know they will try their best and that are well prepared. The children and teachers have been working hard over the last few months to get ready for these assessments and they deserve to achieve the very best that they can. No matter the outcome it is important to remember that you are more than a test score and to remember all of the things you are good at that are not measured by SATs. Year 6 are reminded that there will be breakfast before the SATs starting at 8.10am.

Big Write

At the end of last term, or the start of this one, all the children in the school completed our second ever 'Big Write'. This time the children were using Catch It - a video about a mob of meerkats and a piece of fruit - as their stimulus. Again, staff were amazed at the quality of writing and today, in assembly, awards were handed out for the most improved writers in each year group and those that were the strongest. Well done to all. (Miss Mercey)



For the second week running, we were able to award a Junior Duke Finisher in Assembly. A huge well done to Edgar who has completed all of his Mini Duke Challenge - such a great achievement - well done! Mrs Mackie-Gandy



Are you self-employed? Do you have time to help us?

We're looking for someone who is registered self-employed who could do 10 - 12 hours of gardening and tidying in the next few weeks. We have a grant to tidy up an area of school that is looking in need of a bit of attention but need someone able to help us

with the manual moving of soil/ tidying. It could be after school hours (e.g. 4pm - 7pm over a few evenings) if that fits with other jobs.

We would love to hear from you ASAP if you can help us out.

Year 5

Cousteau have been experimenting with collage of material 'crumbs'. After they collaged their square they then embellished with gluing and sewing. The collection of squares together looked really rather striking. We also enjoyed experimenting with quilting and decoupage. Here are some of our best efforts. (Mrs Mackie-Gandy)



Best Class Attendance
Fiennes

House Points
Brooklands

Next Week's Value
Integrity

Celebration Certificates

Value- Respect

- Winstanley: Ove
- Bingham: Maxwell
- Erikson: Georgi
- Cousteau: Princess
- Fiennes: Alfie
- Mallory: Kacper

Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

- Winstanley: Meghan
- Bingham: Matthew
- Erikson: Stella
- Cousteau: Marnie
- Fiennes: Alex
- Mallory: Scarlett L

