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St Andrew's News



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Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week was a particularly special week, as our Year 6 pupils and our school choir were celebrated as part of an Elmbridge Museum exhibition at the Civic Centre. Our Year 6 pupils had taken part in two workshops with museum staff and their work has been used within the exhibits. Some of our pupils also recorded voiceovers for an interactive display and our choir were part of the special opening at the civic centre.

The Mayor opened the event and spoke with some of our children. The head of Elmbridge Museum also commented on how wonderful our children had been to work with and the beautiful performance by our choir. It was a lovely evening event and I felt incredibly proud of our pupils - they were superb!

We are taking part in a special reading challenge called The Golden Bookmark, a joint initiative between Parkside School and The Cobham Bookshop, created to encourage reading for pleasure and give children a voice in the books they love. There are 3 books in each category to read as part of the challenge and a special bookmark to fill in. If your child has not yet shown an interest but you think they would enjoy the competition, please pop into the school office to collect a bookmark.

The weather held and the children took part in the cross country yesterday. Many of our Year 6 pupils running alongside other year groups to encourage them.

Next week are project drop ins and showcases, so look out for your child's day to take part.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend with friends and family.

Stina Witkowski



Sayers Croft

Year 4 had an amazing time on their residential trip to Sayers Croft and got up to lots of fun outdoor activities, including high ropes, orienteering, a maze, blindfold trail, 4-figure coordinates and even had the opportunity to stand in a shallow river to see if they could find and study small insects too! The fun didn't stop there either; every evening Year 4 enjoyed a hot chocolate and played games like Uno with their dorm-mates! They even had a disco one night! An enjoyable time was had by all, and a brilliant experience. (Miss Wyatt)



Echoes of War

The choir sang brilliantly at the opening of Elmbridge Museum's Echoes of War exhibition, that is at the Civic Centre from 4 to 27 February (9.30-4.30), with special family days on Saturday 7 & 21 February (10.30-3.30)



The Golden Bookmark

The librarian from Parkside School explained the Golden Bookmark Challenge in an assembly this week. Children aged between 7 and 14 are invited to read, vote and help choose their favourite books within their age category. We have copies of the selected books in the library. See attached flyer for details.



Faith Ambassadors

Last Sunday, our Faith Ambassadors took part in the St. Andrew's Church all age worship service. The theme of the service was "Candlemass" which marks Jesus being taken to the temple for the first time by his parents.



There he meets old man Simeon and Anna whose desire it was to see the Messiah before they died. The children told the story clearly, confidently and expressively. They also enjoyed joining in with the rest of the service and especially singing one of our school's favourite songs, "My Lighthouse". (Mrs Wilde)

Cross Country

On Thursday, we completed the annual Inter-House Cross Country competition. Despite the cold drizzly weather, there were some outstanding performances from many of our pupils, but most importantly, every child who took part showed great determination and successfully completed the course. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event such a success, and a huge congratulations to our overall winners, Boxhill.

(Coach Rachel)



Parent Drop in/Showcase

Next week parents are invited to see their children's work. Classes will either put on a showcase in the main hall or parents can see their child's work in the classroom.

Monday 9: Henry class Showcase 3.00-3.20pm

Monday 9: Parton class drop in 3.20-3.50pm

Tuesday 10: Craig class Showcase 3.00.-3.20pm

Tuesday 10 Teresa class drop in 3.20-3.50pm

Wednesday 12: Hamilton class drop in 3.20-3.50pm

Geography Day Competition

We will be celebrating Geography Day after half term and Mrs Ellard has devised a Geography Day Competition where children can research a country within the UK or any of the British Isles. See attached flyer for details. All ages welcome to submit entries by Friday 27 February.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 looked at evolutionary adaptations amongst animals, specifically birds. We completed an experiment, using different tools to act as beaks, to try and pick up a variety of foods. We predicted which ones we thought would work best and, after completing the experiment, made judgments about which beak was suited to which type of food. (Mrs Ellard)



The Friends of St Andrew's Annual General Meeting is on Thursday **12 February at 2.45pm** This is an opportunity to hear about their work and how you can get involved.

Best Class Attendance
Hamilton

House Points
Boxhill

Next week's value
Gratitude

Celebration Certificates

Value– Perseverance

- Teresa:** David
- Parton:** Summer
- Henry:** Simi
- Craig:** Daisy
- Hamilton:** Hamilton Class

Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

- Teresa:** Al Ameen
- Parton:** William
- Henry:** Sham
- Craig:** Millie
- Hamilton:** Ali

