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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 taken part in National Science Week. The children have focused on scientific thinking and investigation vocabulary such as compare, observe and variable. The children have really enjoyed this and hopefully we have inspired a new generation of scientists of the future!

Some of our pupils took part in the District Cross Country event earlier in the week and did brilliantly. All of them showed great determination, perseverance and support for others.

Next week is Parents Evening, so if you haven't already booked in an appointment, please do. It is a great opportunity for teachers to share the progress and next steps for your child.

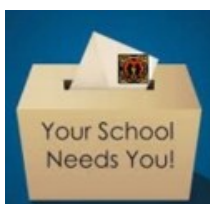
Thank you to everyone who took part in the Book Fair last week. We were able to raise a few hundred pounds for books, which we are going to use to allow our Pupil Parliament to add some exciting new titles to our library.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Stina Witkowski

Parent Governor

Would you like to make a difference to the running of your child's school? If so, then you may be interested in becoming a parent governor at St Andrew's Primary. We are recruiting for a parent governor to join the local governing body of our school. We would welcome nominations from any parent (or anyone with parental responsibility) who is keen to get involved. You do not need any special qualifications to be a parent governor, and training will be provided. This is for any parent who would like to contribute to our school community. More information to follow.



This week our classes have been enjoying 'Science Week' as part of British Science Week. British Science Week is a celebration of science, technology, engineering

and maths! The theme this year is 'Curiosity: what's your question?' It is all about encouraging people to think about what they most want to know and explore ways to investigate their question.

Year 6 have been looking at surface area by conducting experiments. We investigated whether objects would sink or float and then changed the shape of these objects to test again. We also enjoyed observing how the size of parachutes affects the rate in which they fall. By recording information, we could recall our observations and draw conclusions from our investigations. We had lots of fun! (Mrs Ellard)



Henry class has been learning about the skills of observing, comparing and predicting for Science Week and have done a lot of fun mini-experiments including comparing how far different shaped paper-aeroplanes fly! (Miss Wyatt)

Teresa class have been "observing" and "comparing" this week. For our final experiment, we had 4 trays of ice. To one we added salt, to one we added sugar, to one we added nothing and for the last one we were allowed to hold the ice in our hands. Can you put the trays in order of how quickly they melted? (1. holding in hands, 2. salt, 3 and 4. no difference.) (Mrs Wilde)





To celebrate **RED NOSE Day** on Friday 20 March children are invited to come to school wearing something red. From scarlet socks to ruby slippers, a raspberry beret to a crimson cape or just a classic Red Nose or Red Nose Day t-shirt or just wear a red ribbon in return for a £1.00 donation. Comic Relief supports incredible projects and organisations that make a real difference to people across the UK and around the world. Please give your donations to the class teacher. Thank you.

Cross Country

On Thursday we took an eager team of children to the annual District Cross Country competition, racing against 11 other schools on a fantastic, but muddy, course in Thames Ditton. The whole team showed great determination and supported one another through each of the races.



It was wonderful to see such positive teamwork and encouragement from everyone involved. Well done to George, who finished 7th in his race and Poppy who achieved 14th – our best individual results amongst some strong competition.

Congratulations to all the runners, Coach Rachel was proud of all of you. Thanks also to Mrs Jackson and Mrs Proctor for your support on the day. (Mrs Wild)

Football

On Monday our boy's football team played a match against Chandlers Field Primary. At the start we went 1-0 down but we made a brilliant come back to end 3-1 with goals from Rudy, George and Ali (our captain). Chandlers Field voted Ali as man of the match, and we voted their number 9 for his good dribbling. Many thanks to Coach Rachel, Mrs Eley and to Mr Michael for taking us to the match in the Reed's School minibus. (Ali and Max)



A big thank you to everyone who purchased a Mother's Day gift at our sale. The children always love choosing something special themselves.

Thank you also to the volunteers who helped organise the event and make it run so smoothly. (Mel West)

Thank you to Mel and her team for organising the Mother's Day Sale.

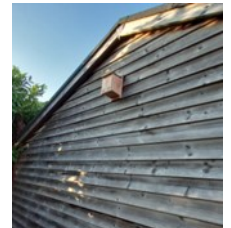


We have been given 10 bird boxes by Tom Rawson (Green Tweed Eco) as part of the Surrey Primary Schools Birdbox Project. He is a teacher and, over the last few years, has been building and delivering birdboxes to primary schools across Scotland and now England. So far he has built and delivered 10,500 boxes.

The Surrey Primary Schools Birdbox Project will see 3,000 boxes going to the 300 primaries across the Surrey County Council region.

The idea is to promote engagement between young people and the wild world around them by putting nature directly into their eyeline at an early age.

Mr Stafford has installed the boxes around the school, and we look forward to seeing if birds nest in them.



Everyone is welcome at St Andrew's Church All Age Service for **Mothering Sunday** at 10.00am on Sunday.

Faith Ambassadors will be helping with the service, and Mrs Wilde will be talking.

Best Class Attendance
Henry Class

House Points
Brooklands

Next week's value
Gratitude

Celebration Certificates

Value– Perseverance

- Teresa:** Al Ameen
- Parton:** Logan
- Henry:** Buddy
- Craig:** Jamie
- Hamilton:** Solomon

Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

- Teresa:** Delilah
- Parton:** Kris
- Henry:** Arthur
- Craig:** Harry
- Hamilton:** Axel

