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St Andrew's News



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Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week it has been in school!

Our Summer Forest School sessions have begun, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed their time outdoors. One of the highlights has been making popcorn over the fire. The children have also been getting creative with natural clay, carefully decorating their pieces with flowers, twigs, leaves, and other natural treasures found around our beautiful grounds. It has been a joy to see their imagination and teamwork flourish in such a hands-on environment.

We are also delighted to share how much the children continue to enjoy our singing assemblies with Louise and David. Their enthusiasm has been fantastic, especially as they have been practising songs for a special upcoming event.

You are warmly invited to join us for a Children's Service this Sunday, 3rd May at 10:00am at St Andrew's Church. It promises to be a lovely occasion, and it would be wonderful to see as many families there as possible to support the children and enjoy the service together.

As we head into the extended weekend, I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable time with family and friends.

Stina Witkowski

Reed's School Car Launch Challenge

Last Friday, Bella, Betty and Maggie travelled to Reed's School for the final of the 'Reed's Car Challenge'. They were tasked with creating a vehicle using a provided construction kit – a test of their design and craftsmanship skills – to fit a number of key judging criteria. The children presented their completed vehicle to judges, alongside their logo and presentation poster, before the final test event in the Reed's hall. Well done to all three girls for taking part and thank you to Jenny Rushton for taking them to the event. (Mr Hunter)



Forest School

This week, on a windy but gloriously sunny day, Teresa and Craig class had another Forest school session. Reception helped roll 6 new log seats into place and we're looking forward to some more arriving soon as we replace those that are quite weathered. Super natural faces and wool weaving were created during our outdoor crafts and the fire was lit. Despite the wind, a little cooking was achieved and everyone showed excellent Forest School skills and sensible behaviour around the fire circle. Well done Reception, Year 1 and Year 5. (Mrs Mackie-Gandy)



Football

The boys football team played against St Lawrence School on Monday. In the second quarter we were down 3-0 but then Finn scored a great goal from the right side of the box. Later Ali scored to make it 3-2 - we were on a comeback. Max scored an insane volley into the top corner of the goal with three minutes to go! The game ended 3-3 and they chose Finn as the Man of the Match. What a comeback! (Rudy and Max)



Parton Class

Parton Class have investigated pollination this week. We made finger bees and flew from flower to flower moving pollen around our classroom. We found out that insects like bees land on flowers to collect nectar but also find themselves covered in pollen! When they go to the next flower, they leave some of the pollen behind and that is how flowers reproduce. (Miss Harris)



Hamilton Class

This week, in Music, Year 6 have been learning about percussion instruments and using them to keep a steady beat. We played along to Boléro and discussed which instruments were easiest/hardest to use. We then practised our busking song and used harmonisation to bring it to life! (Mrs Ellard)



Singing at Church

On **Sunday 3rd May** at 10am the **All Age Service** at St Andrew's Church will



celebrate the relationship between the school and the Church. All families are invited to join the service as the children will be singing the song 'I believe' that they have learnt in singing assemblies. The children have really enjoyed learning the song and are keen to be part of the performance. The church is hoping that as many children and their families as possible will attend. Faith Ambassadors will also be involved in the service. Children do not need to be in school uniform. After the service there will be a coffee and biscuits and a chance to chat with people from our school and church communities. (Mrs Wilde)



We collected 241kg of clothes in the Bag2School collection on Wednesday. Not only does this raise funds for the school but it also reduces waste in landfill.



Best Class Attendance
Hamilton

House Points
Polesden Lacey

Next week's value
Respect

Celebration Certificates

Value– Gratitude

- Teresa:** Toks
- Parton:** Ells
- Henry:** Ruby
- Craig:** Lola
- Hamilton:** Effie

Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

- Teresa:** David
- Parton:** Leo
- Henry:** Sophia
- Craig:** Cooper
- Hamilton:** Max

