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St Andrew's News



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Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been quite a week with the weather, but the children and staff have been brilliant. We have utilised our air-conditioning and run an early morning extended play from 10am to make up for not being able to run around during lunchtime.

Our lovely Friends of St Andrew's bought ice-pops for the children - thank you so much! In school we adapted our curriculum so that the afternoons were more creative with art, quizzes, singing and practical activities. The children have enjoyed this and been brilliant.

At the beginning of the week, we held one of our special Care For assemblies. The children created cards for people in our community to say thank you for how they look after us. Year 6 then sorted through them and delivered them out to adults across school, but also members of our wider community such as the church team and reading volunteers. It was lovely to see our value of gratitude in action.

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend,

Stina Witkowski

Art

Earlier this year, some Year 5 pupils entered **Arts Bytes**, a national competition for Year 5 and Year 9 pupils.

Last week, Phoebe and I attended the National Gallery in London, as Phoebe was St Andrew's first-place winner, and we were invited to attend the exhibition of work and prize-giving at St Martin-in-the-Fields. We had a lovely afternoon with Phoebe's family and the other school winners, viewing the exhibits and enjoying a tour of the gallery.

A huge well done to Phoebe for her winning artwork, and to Annie and Emily for achieving second and third places respectively. Well done also to the other members of the group: Edie, Millie, Hubert, Betty and Bella. It has been an absolute pleasure to spend time with you all over the last few months.

We would also like to thank **Claremont and Oxshott Arts Society** for their sponsorship, which enabled us to take part in the event. The Arts Society has been a wonderful advocate for St Andrew's for many years, and we are very grateful for their continued support in providing our children with these fabulous creative opportunities. (Mrs Eley, Art and Design subject lead)

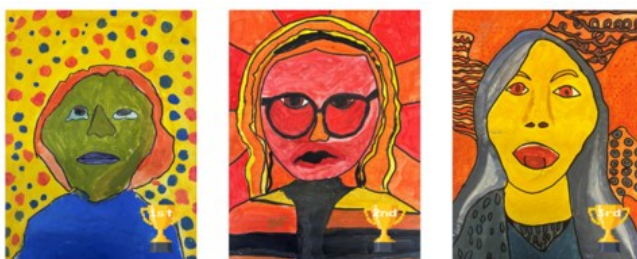
To view the online exhibition and the winning entries, please visit <https://artbytes.co.uk/browse-schools>

Care for Assembly

This week we held our last "Care for...." assembly of the year. As one of our school values is Gratitude, it was all about saying thank you to the



people who have cared for us, supported us and taught us at school. Every child made a card for an adult in school they wanted to thank. The children were encouraged to think about thanking someone who doesn't work directly with their class but has still been important to them. (Mrs Wilde)





Thank you to everyone who volunteers at our school; whether it is a regular time slot or helping on a school trip, we really appreciate the contribution you make to St. Andrew's. As a small way of saying Thank You to our wonderful volunteers we held a tea party for them. They have provided invaluable support for trips, cooking, additional reading practice (including Lexie the reading dog), and sports. The children enjoy working with volunteers and experiencing the richness of the curriculum that volunteer work allows us to provide. Thanks to Mel West for all the work she has put into FoSA and Thank You to all FoSA members and the Class Reps; your hard work enables all our parent community to involve themselves in benefiting our pupils. Thanks to Mrs Reed for arranging the tea party and to our Year 6 pupils for welcoming our guests and serving the tea and cakes.



Parton Class

In Science, Parton Class are investing the human skeleton. We have learnt that our skeleton does three important jobs (support, protection and movement). We have carried out an experiment to find out why we have joints. We used cardboard tubes to 'stop' our elbows and wrists moving properly and found out it is very hard to move without bending our joints! Next, we investigated our muscles and learnt that they work together in pairs, with one contracting and the other relaxing to help us move our bodies. (Miss Harris)



Craig Class

Year 5 were excited to put their cooking skills to the test last Friday - a part of their DT project. The class spent time learning about the seasonality of foods as well as where they came from. After choosing which one they'd like to try, they made either chicken, vegetable or leek and potato soups which they enjoyed along with a bread roll. Thanks to those parents who gave up their time to help - especially in the heat! (Ms Blackman)



The whole school is currently learning a signed song "Lord I lift your name on high" to perform at St. Andrew's Church, Cobham, on **Sunday 5th July at 10.00 a.m.** The service will be a very informal all age service including a game and interactive talk led by Mrs Wilde. The Faith Ambassador group will also be leading a signed "Lord's Prayer". After the service there will be a coffee and biscuits and a chance to chat with people from our school and church communities. The children are really enjoying 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. Please put the date in your diary and come along if you can! (Mrs A Wilde)

Best Class Attendance
Parton

House Points
Boxhill

Next week's value
Respect

Celebration Certificates

Value- Gratitude

- Teresa:** William
- Parton:** George
- Henry:** Maxwell
- Craig:** Cooper
- Hamilton:** Rudy

Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

- Teresa:** Al Ameen
- Parton:** Isaiah
- Henry:** Bonnie
- Craig:** Georgi
- Hamilton:** Isabella

