



WEEKLY NEWS



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Safeguarding

The link below provides some fantastic advice to parents/carers about gaming – it's well worth a look!

<https://www.askaboutgames.com/get-smart-about-play/>



If you feel you need to talk to someone about safeguarding or have any concerns regarding a child then please contact school and ask to speak to Mrs McClean, Mrs Wood, Mrs Somerville or Mr Swift.

Curriculum

We are constantly working hard to ensure that children in all classes have access to a broad and balanced curriculum. It is lovely to walk round school and see high-quality lessons in all subject areas. This week in Nursery, I played with the children whilst they were in the outdoor area. In Reception, I joined in with a group of children who were working with Miss Hollis to read their first ever book using their phonics knowledge. Their Fred Talking (sounding out) was incredible! In a Read, Write Inc lesson in Mrs Wood's class this week the children were learning about creatures that can swim. Miss Mullins was developing the children's use of vocabulary to describe a spider – which sounded like it was a very scary spider! Listening to Class 2's enthusiasm about their bake sale was lovely – they are determined to do their bit to help the Australian bush fires! Class 3 have been very busy learning about the Stone Age and producing non-chronological reports. Even I learnt things I didn't know! It was fabulous to see Class 4 in full animation using drama to recreate 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin'. In Class 5, the children were tackling some tricky fraction problems in Maths whilst Class 6 were enjoying their core text 'Wonder' as well as deepening their understanding in RE. I am constantly blown away by the effort of both children and staff in lessons. The teachers go above and beyond to ensure that the children have exciting lessons that inspire, motivate and educate. I am lucky to have such fantastic and dedicated staff!

Important Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
06.02.20	Class 6 Assembly – 9:15am Prompt
13.02.20	Class 3 Assembly – 9:15am Prompt
05.03.20	World Book Day
06.03.20	Termly Reports
11.03.20	Parents Evening from 2:30pm
23.03.20	Class Photos
18.03.20 – 20.03.20	Class 4 Boggle Hole Trip

After School Clubs

Disability Sports Club - 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Tuesday 4th Feb

Netball Club – 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Monday 3rd, 10th Feb
Wednesday 12th, 26th Feb, 4th March

Boccia Club - 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Tuesday 11th Feb (in place of 17th Dec)

Dance Club- 3.15pm to 4:15pm
Thursday 6th, 13th Feb

Karate Club- 8:00am to 8:45am
Friday 7th, 14th Feb

Singing Club – Every Tuesday –3:15pm to 4:15pm)

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School Disco

Please remember to return your disco reply slips with money by Friday 7th February if your child wishes to come to the disco on 11th February. If your child does not return the slip by the deadline date (07/02/20) they will not be allowed to pay on the door. This is for both health and safety and safeguarding reasons. Thank you for your co-operation on this.

World Book Day 5th March: Advance Costume Notice

We will be celebrating World Book Day Thursday 5th March. This year there is no set theme to celebrate World Book Day, so the children are free to come into school dressed as their favourite character from a book of their choice. As usual we have planned fun activities for all our year groups to enjoy throughout the day.

Children's Mental Health Week 2020

Children's Mental Health Week 2020 will take place from Monday 3rd February to Friday 7th February.

The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is 'Find your Brave'. Life often throws challenges our way. Bravery isn't about coping alone or holding things in; it's about finding positive ways to deal with things that might be difficult, overcoming physical and mental challenges and looking after yourself.

Throughout the week, we will be talking to the children about what bravery is and the benefits that being brave can bring. We will discuss strategies of how to deal with difficult things and give them some ideas about how they can look after themselves and their mental health.

As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health please use the link below for advice and resources.

www.place2be.org.uk/about-us/news-and-blogs/2019/november/childrens-mental-health-week-2020/



School Trip Payments

In order to provide the best education we can, our pupils have the opportunity to visit many different places to enhance the curriculum. Each visit is carefully considered for its benefits and learning opportunities for the children. Unfortunately these trips can only go ahead if we receive enough voluntary contributions from parents. This is always stated on the trip letters that are sent home.

Although no child would ever be excluded from an activity because his or her parents are unwilling or unable to pay, if insufficient funds are received for any particular trip then we will have no alternative but to cancel them. Whilst I appreciate that it is extremely unfair on those families who have supported the school's desire to enrich the children's learning, we are not in a position to fund the trips without sufficient voluntary contributions from parents.

CELEBRATION PAGE

This Week's SHINE AWARD Winners

Class	Child 1	Child 2
Nursery	Ben	Harper
Class R	Zach	Adley
Class R:1	Maya	Christian
Class 1:2	Edie	Amelia Du
Class 2	Jorja	Julita
Class 3	Freya	Shelby
Class 4	Noah	George
Class 5	Owen	Eden
Class 6	Phoebe D-S	Bailey



Year Groups	1st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Year 2	Oakley	Jacob	Esmae
Year 3	Klaudia	Carter	Skyla
Year 4	Isabelle	Jonny	Callum
Year 5	Aarron	Lucas	Martha
Year 6	Leo K	Billy	Christian

TWEETS OF THE WEEK

Nursery

The children engaged well with the maths challenge today that involved rolling the dice and counting out the same number of objects to match the number on the dice. #StPaulsCurriculum



Class R

Class R have been enjoying the winter sunshine in our outdoor area. We have a brand new water wall which helps us to develop our early mathematical and scientific skills. An example of our hands-on and engaging provision which helps us to learn through play! #StPaulsCurriculum



Class R:1

Class R:1 enjoying our new areas for our book "Bedtime for Monsters". We are listening to stories in the reading area and describing monsters to our friends. #StPaulsCurriculum



Class 1:2

In Maths Class 1:2 have been using number bonds to 10 to help make number bonds to 20. #StPaulsCurriculum



Class 2

Class 2 have been baking ready for the bake sale tomorrow! #StPaulsSHINE



Class 3

Class 3 learnt some valuable road safety lessons this afternoon from Mr Nickerson #StPaulsCurriculum @mywakefield



Class 4

In science Class 4 found out about the fantastic invention of the telephone & how it works. Children made their own version using plastic cups and string. They were surprised how well they could hear each other & feel the vibrations through the sting 😊! #StPaulsCurriculum



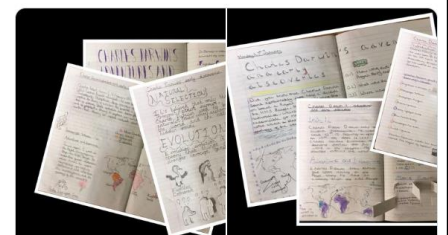
Class 5

Class 5 looked at some famous paintings in today's art lesson and then tried to produce a still life of their own with oil pastels. Take a look. #StPaulsCurriculum



Class 6

In Class 6 we have been learning about Charles Darwin and his theories on 'natural selection'. #StPaulsCurriculum



Attendance Update

CLASS	THIS WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
Nursery	92.62	95.74
Class R	100.00	92.88
Class R:1	99.33	95.25
Class 1:2	98.92	97.28
Class 2	99.35	96.73
Class 3	98.42	97.74
Class 4	97.84	95.77
Class 5	99.69	98.00
Class 6	96.67	95.93

Congratulations to Class R who achieved 100%, closely followed by R:1, Class 2 and Class 5 all above 99%. A great week. Well Done!

Attendance Indicators

98% + WELL ABOVE THE SCHOOL TARGET – OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE

96% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET

BELOW 94% - CAUSING CONCERN AND LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS

90% & BELOW – PERSISTENT ABSENCE – SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN

WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET – 96.8%

**This Week –
98.31%**

**Year to Date –
96.38%**

Punctuality

17 children arrived late for school this week. They missed a total of 3 hours and 8 minutes of learning time.

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