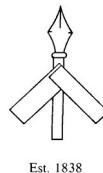


St Thomas' CE Primary School

Inspiring faith, love and learning



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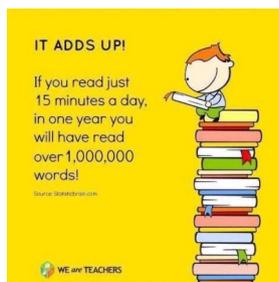
SCIENCE WEEK

This week we have been celebrating all things scientific, kicking off with a mind-blowing assembly from Dantastic. Pupils witnessed amazing experiments linked to the strength of lasers, the power of electricity and the force of air pressure. Every afternoon our lessons have had a science theme, covering topics from nature walks to experiments about solubility & pollution. In addition to this we have watched eggs hatching in an incubator—we're currently the proud parents of 8 fluffy little chicks who are changing day by day. We rounded off the week with a presentation in today's assembly of all the "Science Selfie" entries. Thank you to all those who entered, and a big well done to our winners: Emma in Ks1 and Megan in KS2.



BOOK WORMS

Last week had a literary feel to it as we shared our love of books during World Book Week. We enjoyed drama sessions, storytelling workshops at the library, a movie afternoon and of course some spectacular costumes. We hope that this focus will encourage pupils and parents to read together regularly together at home and discover some books they love.



DIARY DATES

Monday 17th March

Y5 & Y6: Active Experience day

Tuesday 19th March

Y5: Air Raid shelter trip
Rec: Maritime Museum trip

Wednesday 20th March

Y5 Parents Robinwood meeting: 5.30pm

Thursday 21st March

World Down Syndrome Day

Monday 25th March

Y6 Parents PGL meeting: 5.30pm

27–28th March

Y2 Foxhowl Residential

“I am with you always” Matthew 28:20

GREEN SCHOOLS IN INDIA PROJECT



This week pupils have been talking about how we can support Christian charity USPG's "Green Schools in India" programme. St Thomas' church has become a "Partner in Mission" with the Green Schools programme which aims to make 1,000 schools in South India more environmentally-friendly. Pupils at these schools carry out audits to better understand the environment around them and how they are using resources. The audits instil green values whilst also directly helping with the children's education. In our school we've been looking at ways in which we can be more environmentally aware, such as by using recycled paper or having separate bins for food waste. Pupils

have come up with some fantastic suggestions which we'll be looking to put into practice in the coming weeks—there are definitely some eco-warriors in our school! We're also planning on some fundraising activities to support this project. Look out for Green Schools bookmarks in bags today.

Meanwhile our PTA have just launched an ink cartridge recycling scheme. Used ink & toner cartridges can be deposited in the boxes in the school entrance; they will be taken away for recycling and raise funds for the school at the same time. Visit www.emptiesplease.com for more details.

Thank you to the PTA for organising last week's sponsored pancake toss. There was some serious competition going on between classmates! Please can all sponsorship money be paid in by Monday—thank you.

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL IN ACTION

If you have pre-school children, come along to "Praise & Play" in St Thomas' church every Monday at 1.30pm for stories, singing and crafts.

On the third Sunday of the month we have our Story Church service aimed at younger families. Starting at 10am, the half hour consists of songs, a bible story, prayer, followed by a craft activity related to the theme of the story. Why not come along this Sunday (17th March)?

If you would like to find out more about any of the above please contact Adam on 07914 950659 or email adamstocktonheathparish@gmail.com

CHARITY CHAMPS

Did you know that since September our school community has raised over £1,500 for charitable causes, not to mention your donations for harvest, shoeboxes and the toy service. We'd just like to say a huge thank you for all your support with fundraising. This week we have sold 160 red noses for Comic Relief and received donations totalling £181.72 with our dress-down day.



Next Thursday we will be raising funds and awareness for World Down Syndrome day. Pupils are invited to come to school in odd socks in return for a donation. We'll have an assembly about Down Syndrome from Evie's mum and we'll be selling gingerbread sock biscuits on the Reception playground after school (50p each). All funds raised will go to Cheshire Down Syndrome Support Group.