

Headteacher's Update – 14.2.25

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the last update of the half term.

Jubilee Day – Pilgrims of Hope

Miss Sitkowski organised a great range of activities for the children to participate in throughout today in honour of the Jubilee Year. You may wish to talk to your child about what they did so here is an outline of some of the things they took part in:



Jar of Hope activity: As it is the year of hope, each class thought about things they hope for within the world. What would make it a better or perfect place? What do you wish you could change about it? What would make everyone happier? They wrote their ideas onto strips of coloured paper or card which were folded up and then put into the jar. The jars will now be placed on the class prayer tables for the year and every time we pray we can think about the things we hope for.

Holy/ Jubilee Class Doors: Children chose a story from the Bible and drew the picture of it onto a piece of paper which were then stuck to each classroom door to create our own holy/ Jubilee doors.

World Statistics Activity: A range of statistics were shared with the children such as 703 million people do not have access to safe drinking water, 2 billion people do not have access to a household toilet and 675 million people have no access to electricity. These were discussed with the children and we then talked about the work different charities do to help. They then discussed as a class what they think we could do to help such as raise money, pray for these people, not waste things we have, don't be greedy, and share this information with others so that they can do the same. These ideas will be gathered together for the school council to share at their next meeting. You may also like to think about things you could do with your child at home.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday, it was Safer Internet Day. This day is celebrated every year, to promote the safety and wellbeing of everyone online. In our growing technological world, it is so important we educate all children on this too. This year, the focus was on being able to spot and protect yourself from a scam. The children watched an online national assembly and then completed activities in their computing lessons linked to this. If you would more information about what your child has done, please follow this link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/articles/z6bbhbk#zx7wtcw>

British Science Week – plastic milk bottle collection request

Friday 7th March marks the beginning of British Science Week 2025, a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths. As it begins on the Friday, the week beginning 10th March will be the perfect time to celebrate this exciting time and foster our children's love for curiosity, inquiry, and investigation both in and out of school! Throughout the week children will be completing their own child led enquiry activity. To complete this each class will need a variety of empty plastic milk bottles.

Please could we ask for you to collect these over the next few weeks before British Science Week, and for these to be washed and brought into school. We need a selection of sizes (1, 2 and 4 pint) and we do not need any lids. We look forward to finding out what the children are going to be doing!



Reception Drumming Workshop



It has been a very busy but exciting term in Reception. Last Friday we welcomed Justine and Barry who joined us to deliver an African Drumming workshop. This gave the children the opportunity to learn how to play simple beats on the African drums. We were very impressed with how well they listened and followed instructions, and how good the rhythms they played were. We all had lots of fun!

Easter Colouring Competition

The estate agents, Michael Anthony are running a colouring completion which your child might like to enter. Please see the details below and the attached template if you would like to take part.

Here at Michael Anthony Estate Agents, we love to get involved in local schools and community where we can.

After a successful competition last year, we are launching our Easter colouring competition again this year. We would like to tap into the children's creative side by running a colouring competition to design and colour an Easter egg that will be judged by our sales team.

Closing date for entry will be Friday 27th of March. The competition will be for 4 – 10-year-olds.

There are 1st 2nd and 3^d Easter egg prizes, and the schools attached to the winner will receive 1st £100 Amazon Book Vouchers 2nd £75 Amazon Book vouchers 3^d £50 Amazon Book vouchers. The top 3 will also be on display in our shop window over the Easter holidays.

Reading Challenge and Free Books

Congratulations to Noah who completed the Winter Reading Challenge, similar to the one that runs in the Summer holidays.

We have also been asked to promote a charity who offer free books to children. Please see the information below and the attached flier if this is something you would like to access.

Global Educational Trust's aim is to stop books going to landfill; to supply books to the community that libraries can no longer supply (due to closures); getting children reading again; giving parents a chance to get free books for both themselves & their children; & to get adults reading again. The charity take over empty shops in town centres & turn them into these wonderful bookshops & the HW shop is the 22nd one GET have created.

We're based in Octagon Parade next door to Travelodge. Every person that visits can take up to 3 books away free of charge each day they visit, no catch. We have an extensive children's section & cater for all ages - from board books, early readers right up to more mature themed books & young adult books, as well as a large range of adult fiction & non-fiction.

We also happily take donations whilst the shop is open (our opening hours are advertised on the HW Facebook pages each week).

WOW Badge Competition

Well done to everyone who entered!

We were amazed at receiving over 40 entries for the WOW Badge Competition. The JRSO's had a very difficult to job to choose just 3 winning entries, which will be sent into the WOW competition. The winning entries are

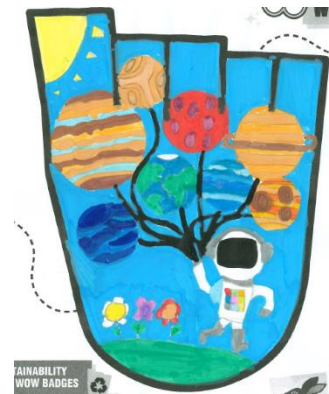
Zuzanna 2L



Joanne 2S



Athena 5S



Boys Football Match

Tuesday afternoon saw the Year 5 St Louis boys' football team take on William Harding in a match. We played really well, doing well to contain the other team. Overall, a 1-1 draw seemed a fair outcome. On Thursday the Year 6 team played Turnfurlong Junior and we had a 2-0 win! Well done to both teams and thank you to Mr Wassell for organising and refereeing.

World Book Day

So you have time to prepare, I wanted to let you know that we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 7th March**. We will be encouraging children to dress up as a book character, so you might want to think and plan over the half term break what the children might wear.

On this day the PTA have organised to have a second hand book sale in school, if you have any good condition second hand books suitable for children from Nursery to Year 6, they would be gratefully received. Thank you.

Have a wonderful half term break, Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis



Nursery

We have been learning: We have been counting objects 1 to 5 (or more) in order.

You can help at home by: continuing to do this with your child at home.

Reception

We have been learning: about African masks.

You can help at home by: helping your child to draw or make an African mask and talk about the different patterns around us.

Year 1

We have been learning: to share amounts equally.

You can help at home by: practicing sharing amounts into groups of 2, 5 or 10.

Year 2

We have been learning: our 2s, 5s and 10 times tables.

You can help at home by: practising these at home by finding songs to listen to online and then testing your child.

Year 3

We have been learning: about Egyptian agriculture.

You can help at home by: asking your child to explain why Ancient Egyptians chose to live and farm near the Nile.

Year 4

We have been learning: about how Tudor houses were made and the features of these.

You can help at home by: asking your child what some of these features are.

Year 5

We have been learning: about internet safety.

You can help at home by: asking your child how they can stay safe online.

Year 6

We have been learning: about sea kelp forests as part of our English unit based on the 'Hidden Forest'.

You can help at home by: asking your child about the 4 topics they have researched: facts about these forests, creatures that live in them, threats and possible solutions.