

Headteacher's Update – 14.6.24

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to hear that Y6 have had a brilliant time at PGL – from what I hear they are tired but well fed!

Here is some news of other events that have been taking place this week and some upcoming events you could help support:

Reception School Trip

Wednesday saw some very excited Reception children go on a trip to Tring museum. Although it is a great way for them to experience a museum and learn about animals, it is also a great opportunity for them to gain an experience they may not otherwise get. Lots of them had never been on a coach before, and for some of them this may have been the most exciting part of the day! Thank you to all the adult helpers who helped make this trip possible.



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the children in Y3 and Y4 who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. I heard it was a very special and enjoyable day for Alicia, Beau, Seb, Alessia, Aoife and Annabelle in 3L, Beatrix, Imogen and Lacey in 3S, Diane and Sebastian in 4L, Erik, David, Arian, Oliwia, Nathaniel, Esther and Dominic in 4S.

I also wish all the best to those of you who will be making your First Holy Communion this weekend: Scarlett, Adeline, Valerie, Hattie, Michael, Fraser, Hannah and Anna from 3L, Maisie-Alice, Aliyah and Ella from 3S, Emil from 4L and Iyenoma from 4S.

If there is anyone who has recently or is about to make their First Holy Communion that I am not aware of, please let the office know, so we can celebrate them too.

DT – cooking in Y5

There were some delicious smells wafting along the corridor this week and when I investigated the source I found groups of Y5 children baking biscuits. They told me how they were making a plain biscuit to begin with and then adding an ingredient of their choice to the dough to create one with more flavour. It sounded like many of them were opting for chocolate chips, although personally I liked the sound of the choice of marshmallows!

Marble Run Competition – STEM challenge

With other schools from our Trust we will be entering a marble run competition. Children will have time to plan and then build their marble run either as a class or in small groups from recycled materials, with the winning design being the one that takes the longest for the marble to complete. This will be an exciting opportunity for children to discuss, test and improve ideas with lots of opportunities to discuss the Science behind the ideas.

To make this possible the children will need lots of recycled materials, therefore, please could we ask everyone to collect as much as possible. This could be cardboard tubes, bottles, boxes etc. The competition will take place the week beginning 24th June, so **please could all recycled materials come to school on Monday 24th June**. The winning entries from EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will be entered into the competition. Good luck everyone!

Clean Air Day - Thursday 20th June

Clean air is essential for our health, and the co-benefits of clean air measures are also good for our wellbeing as well as being good for the planet. Air pollution is the single biggest environmental health risk in the UK and young people are particularly vulnerable to the effects of poor air quality. On Clean Air Day, if you do need to drive, why not park a little further away and walk the last 5/10 minutes to have cleaner air around our school. Thank you for your support.

Maths – a resource to help at home

Take a look on our school website for 'Tutor Bot' which you will find under the Maths tab in Curriculum. This is a free digital platform with over 100 customisable maths games for your child to practice and improve their maths skills. Each game targets a specific mathematical area, which allows your child to learn in a structured and focused way. The games are designed to be fun and engaging, making learning maths at home more enjoyable. No school login details are required. The link to the website is www.tutorhunt.com/tutor-bot

Pupil Achievement

Well done to Dean in Year 5 who has had a very successful season with both of his Under 10's football teams - Aylesbury United Juniors and Thame United JPL. He was voted Players' Player of the season at Aylesbury United, an award he is very proud of and the team have gone on to win a few tournaments. He has contributed to Thame United's JPL

side who were crowned regional champions. Dean is excited to see what next season brings.



I hope you have a great weekend, especially all the dad's celebrating Father's Day.

Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis



Reception

We have been learning: about the glis glis and other animals on our school trip.

You can help at home by: asking your child to draw a picture and write a sentence about their favourite animal.

Year 1

We have been learning: about halves and quarters.

You can help at home by: practicing sharing amounts into halves and quarters.

Year 2

We have been learning: how to thread a needle and complete a running stitch.

You can help at home by: helping your child practice this at home.

Year 3

We have been learning: about the parts of a river system.

You can help at home by: asking your children if they can name any part of a river system.

Year 4

We have been learning: the features of a setting description.

You can help at home by: asking your child what a setting description is and how they described the eagles journey.

Year 5

We have been learning: how the Viking and Anglo-Saxon rule came to an end.

You can help at home by: asking your child who ruled Britain at the end of 1066 and how this change came about.

Year 6

We have been having lots of fun on our Residential visit to Boreatton Park, Shrewsbury.