

Headteacher's Update – 17.5.24

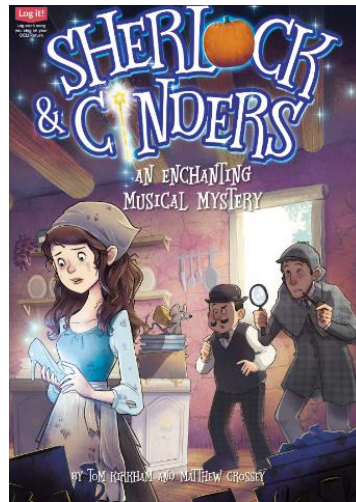
Dear Parents,

Welcome to the end of another busy week in school.

Year 6

Well done to all our Year 6 pupils who have applied themselves so well to their SATs tests this week. Fingers crossed all the hard work has paid off. You should be very proud of yourselves – I certainly am.

As well as the PGL residential trip to look forward to, they have now been informed that they will be performing an end of year production, 'Sherlock and Cinders'. More details will follow in due course, including how parents of the children involved can purchase tickets to watch, but all Y6 pupils will be involved in some way. Auditions for our budding stars will be taking place next week. I can't wait to watch the final outcome!



KS2 After School Handball Club

We have recently had handball workshops in school and the children have very much enjoyed these. We are very excited to introduce a new after school club starting after the May half term for 6 weeks. This is called mini handball. It will be for Y3-6 and will be based outside. The club will take place on Wednesdays from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. You can book online following the link: <https://mini-handball-aylesbury.classforkids.io/info/3> if this is something that you child might be interested in.



We are also going to be having a handball coach attending during lunchtime to help coach the children.

School Uniform

We have had a few queries about school uniform, so I thought a timely reminder was in order. Our uniform policy was updated in light of the Government guidance to make it as affordable as possible, which is why most items are available from more than one local stockist. We also sell second-hand uniform at a very reasonable price (and welcome any donations of a good quality your child may have outgrown). Support is also available for those pupils eligible for pupil premium.

We are very proud of our distinctive uniform and expect it to be worn with pride by our pupils. The policy is available on our website for you to refer to.

Please note in particular:

- no extreme hair styles are permitted (this also means natural hair colours only),
- jewellery including any of religious significance is not permitted except plain studs for pierced ears
- No nail varnish

We will review the uniform policy at the next Governors meeting, to add some further clarity including on sunglasses, sunhats, colour of trainers and length of PE shorts. It will also make it clear that book bags are to be used in Reception and KS1, and backpacks will not be acceptable (we do not have the space and bags on the floor then become a safety hazard). Any amendments will be communicated to you ahead of the summer break so that you are fully informed before you go shopping for new uniform for the new academic year. The updated policy will then be shared with all staff so there is consistency of expectation across the school.

Thank you for your support in helping our children to look so smart and for our school to be a safe environment.

Walk to School Week

Next week is walk to school week, where we would like the children to walk as much as possible to school.

Children in Years 1 to 6 will take part in the magic of walking 5 day challenge, where each day they will meet various magical beings and learn about the important reasons to walk and the difference it can make for individuals, communities and the planet. Each day, every child who travels actively (walk, cycle, scooter, or park and stride) will receive a special Walk to School Week sticker.

The whole school will also take part in a scavenger hunt on their journey to school by marking off when they see different things e.g. post box. Every child who returns this on Friday next week, will receive a merit from their teacher. We all know the problems caused by parking near our school, so I hope as many people as possible will take part in Walk to School Week. Let's hope the weather is kind to us too.



RSPB Big School Birdwatch

Well done to Year 1 who received a certificate from Sir David Attenborough for completing the RSPB Big School Birdwatch. They enjoyed counting the different birds they could see on our school field and sending off the results to the RSPB for them to create a snapshot of the health of some of the UK's most common populations. Why not spend some time over the weekend looking out to see what different birds you can see. You can find a list of different birds on <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/a-z>

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Machin



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Learning at St Louis



Reception

We have been learning: that there are different types of bread around the world and we enjoyed tasting some of those breads.

You can help at home by: asking your child what their favourite bread was and why.

Year 1

We have been learning: ball skills in PE.

You can help at home by: playing simple tennis games with your child.

Year 2

We have been learning: about contractions in our spelling lessons.

You can help at home by: seeing if your child can remember how to spell: we'll, it's and I'm.

Year 3

We have been learning: about natural and man-made sources of light.

You can help at home by: asking children to differentiate between natural and man-made sources of light, using examples.

Year 4

We have been learning: about geometry in maths.

You can help at home by: asking what are parallel and perpendicular lines and to name 5 shapes with each type of line.

Year 5

We have been learning: about character descriptions in English.

You can help at home by: asking your child which character they have chosen to describe and the features they will include within their writing.

Year 6

We have been learning: about graffiti, street art and guerrilla art as well as considering what art is.

You can help at home by: listening to your child's opinions on what art is.