

Headteacher's Update – 21.3.25

Dear Parents,

We had a very successful science week last week, so please take the time to read the separate letter all about it. I would like to thank Mrs Hamshere for organising and Nathalie Lambie, who came in and spoke to different year groups about DNA in her capacity as a scientist. The children were really inspired and couldn't stop talking about it.

Book Sale and PTA funding

Nathalie was also in school on World Book Day working alongside members of the PTA to organise and run the book sale. Thank you to everyone who donated books, they were of a really good range and quality and the children were thrilled with their choices. We are pleased to say that we raised £376.

We are delighted to be able to go ahead with several projects thanks to the PTAs agreement at their recent meeting to allocate funds for some exciting projects. As a result of their efforts and your generosity, the PTA have agreed £8500 to go towards an outdoor classroom for nursery, tables and chairs for the outside area by the Y2 class for KS1 pupils to access at lunchtimes, and more iPads for use across the school. As computer programs and technology are continually being developed to address pupil's individual needs, we will need to continue to increase our bank of iPads so that more children can access them simultaneously. We are delighted with this donation which will help us on that path.

More details and photos will follow in due course so you can see how this money is used to directly improve the experiences of our pupils.

PTA Mufti Day and Cake Sale

The PTA have organised a Mufti Day and cake sale next **Friday 28th March**. Children can come to school wearing their own clothes for a charge of £1. After school there will be a cake sale on the playground where you can buy cakes once you have collected your child from class at 3.10pm. **The PTA are kindly asking for donations of cakes for this sale, both shop bought and homemade would be gratefully received! If you are donating homemade cakes, please include a list of ingredients. Any donations should be brought into school next Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. Thank you for your support.**

Thrift Sale (second hand uniform)

Mrs Mitchell will also hold a thrift sale after school on Friday 28th March. This will be an opportunity for you to purchase items of summer uniform as the children can return to school after the Easter break wearing this.

Big Walk and Wheel

As the weather improves, we hope many of you will be able to join in the Big Walk and Wheel initiative designed to promote sustainable ways of travel and reduce traffic around the school. All the details have been sent in a separate letter.



Football team news

Bad luck to our boys and girl's football teams who played valiantly but lost their matches this week. We hope you still had fun and will show your resilience by turning up again next time and trying your best. Thank you once again to Mr Wassell and Mr Jones for enabling these matches to take place and to those of you who were able to come and support the teams.

Big Lent Walk

This week, we had a special visitor, Clive from CAFOD, come to speak to us about Lent and the Big Lent Walk. He showed us how even our small acts of kindness, like donating money, can make a huge difference to children and families living in other parts of the world. Our School Council were so inspired that they've decided to support the appeal by doing the Big Lent Walk in school. We'll be walking laps of the playground at the beginning of PE lessons, during buddy time with our buddies, at break times and lunchtimes, and any other time we can squeeze in a few extra steps. Lent is a time for giving, so any little donation you can spare will make a real difference and go a long way. If you would like to donate to support the appeal please login to your school gateway account to donate an amount of your choice.

I know how generous and supportive St Louis School is every year towards the CAFOD appeals, even when we continue to live in difficult financial times. Please remember to only donate if you are in a position to do so and remember that every penny counts, so no donation would ever be considered too small.

Pari Thomson visit

We were delighted to have a visit from well-known children's author Pari Thomson for our KS2 children. She was talking to the children about her journey of becoming an author and shared extracts from her book. The children enjoyed an activity she led where she asked the children if you could discover one plant what would it be and what would it do?

Pari also shared her new book *Greenwild: The City Beyond the Sea* with the children. She explained where she got her inspiration from and excitedly she announced that there would be another sequel coming in June time. This was such a lovely experience for our children and we hope to be able to facilitate future visits from authors. Many thanks to all the parents

who did buy the books and your children received their signed copy. Tring Bookshop work closely with local schools to allow the authors to come and visit us so a big thank you to them also.



Road Safety

We have had reports from some parents of children playing on their scooter in the turning circle at the bottom of the school drive. Please be reminded that this a road and children should not be riding their scooters in this area. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis



Nursery

We have been learning: about the big lent Cafod walk this week. We took the children for a walk around the school grounds, this was so they could observe what they see and hear around them.

You can help at home by: talking to your children about what they observe when out and about. Also about the different environmental sounds that they can hear.

Reception

We have been learning: how to look after chicks and we enjoyed having them in our area.

You can help at home by: talking to your child about how to look after different pets.

Year 1

We have been learning: about Jesus in the temple.

You can help at home by: asking your child to retell the story.

Year 2

We have been learning: the Big 5 animals in Kenya.

You can help at home by: seeing if your child can remember which animals are part of the Big 5.

Year 3

We have been learning: about the purpose of a skeleton.

You can help at home by: asking your child to explain the three main purposes of the skeleton.

Year 4

We have been learning: about the local Tudor buildings on our Tudor walk.

You can help at home by: asking what your child found out on the walk about some of the local Tudor buildings.

Year 5

We have been learning: about multiplying fractions.

You can help at home by: asking your child to explain the method used.

Year 6

We have been learning: about area and perimeter of shapes including the area of the triangle.

You can help at home by: asking your child to explain how they work these out.