

Headteacher's Update – 15.3.24

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the end of another wet week!

Lenten Reflections

Week 3

In their chapel visits last week, the children heard scripture where Jesus became very angry in the temple, as he felt people were being treated unfairly. Jesus taught us that all people are God's children so we must treat each other as sisters and brothers, with love and respect. Jesus showed that feeling and expressing anger when we see unfairness is okay; but doing nothing to change that unfairness is not.

As children of God we have a responsibility to change our world for the better. That means challenging unfairness whenever we see it. However, we don't have to turn over tables to do this, we can challenge unfairness gently.

The children were asked: what ways do you think you could challenge people in a gentle way? Some ideas were:

- Setting a good example
- Sharing our concerns calmly
- Asking for someone's help
- Asking for God's help through prayer

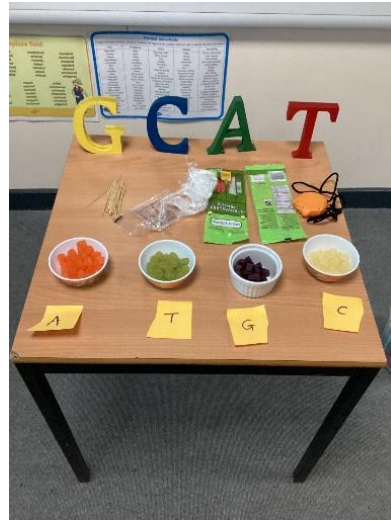
Week 4

In this week's chapel visit, the reading tells the story of Jesus speaking with a man called Nicodemus. Nicodemus was an important Jewish leader who came to visit Jesus late one night as he had several questions he wanted to ask. Jesus retold the story of Moses making a bronze snake to heal those who had been bitten by poisonous snakes. Although this story initially confused Nicodemus, Jesus was trying to explain that just like the bronze snake was sent to Moses to heal, God also sent his only son Jesus to heal and bring new life. It is from this scripture that the famous quote 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son' comes from.

This scripture challenges us to think what we can do to carry on Jesus' work. How can we bring healing, love, care and new life to our world and all the people in it?

British Science Week

Today marks the end of British Science Week in our school. All children have completed a fun activity in class, from making their own sundial to making a time capsule. Many classes were also lucky to have a visit from a parent volunteer who is a 'real scientist' with a science related job. Children looked at onion skin under a microscope, found out how identical our DNA is to chimpanzees and even extracted DNA from a strawberry. This all sounds very interesting! I would like to say a big thank you to Nathalie who came into school. More information on British Science Week will be in our science newsletter on the school website at the end of this term.



Chicks in Reception

Continuing the science theme, Reception, Nursery, and Key Stage 2 children have enjoyed watching eggs hatch into chicks during this week. They stayed in the incubator for 24 hours after they hatched before being moved to the 'brooder box.' The children have enjoyed watching them eating food, drinking water and sleeping lots under the warm lamp. We are very lucky to have the opportunity to look after them and to watch them grow for another week before they go to live on a farm! Reception children are very excited to be able to hold a chick next week. Thank you to the PTA who paid for this event!



Year 6 – Talk from the Police

On Tuesday, we were lucky enough to have a visit from our local Police Community Support Officer to talk to the Y6 pupils about being safe online and how our online presence can affect us later on in life. We also talked about some of the regulations that are in place with regards to the law and how the language we use can be incriminating. The boys and girls enjoyed the opportunity to be able to ask questions and we feel they benefited from this opportunity.



Book Barrow and PTA Mufti Day

As mentioned last week, we have developed a Book Barrow for children on the Upper KS2 playground to access (and we did have a few dry days when it came out!). We are hoping money raised by the PTA mufti day can go towards similar Book Barrows in the other



playgrounds so all children can have access to a good book if they'd like in their free time.

PTA Book Sale

Thank you for the donations you made for the PTA book sale last Friday. We raised a brilliant amount of £445, which is almost double the amount from last year. The PTA would like to thank you for your generosity.

Attendance

As we approach the Easter break, Miss Sitkowski, who has responsibility for monitoring attendance, will be analysing attendance for the term and sending out the relevant letters to parents soon. This is an opportunity to draw parents attention to any concerns we may have so that we can work together to make improvements. We know that time in school is a key indicator of academic success, especially over time. We do recognise that sometimes absence is unavoidable, but if you do receive a letter please follow the suggestions as to how attendance could improve so that hopefully there will be a positive upward trend over time. We are very proud of our excellent attendance for the majority of our pupils, and thank you for the part you play in this.

Congratulations

I am so impressed by the amazing talents of our pupils.

Leanne recently won a trophy for 'Top Girl (under 10)' during the recent EJCOA Buckinghamshire Zonal 2024 tournament which took place in Amersham on Sunday 3rd March. The EJCOA is the English Junior Chess Coaches and Organisers Association.

She has now qualified for the EJCOA National Youth Championships. Well done Leanne and good luck in the next stage!



Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis



Reception

We have been learning: which animals hatch from eggs. We have enjoyed watching the chicks hatch in the incubator.

You can help at home by: asking your child to draw a picture and write a simple sentence about the chicks.

Year 1

We have been learning: about seasons for science week.

You can help at home by: asking your child to talk through their seasons wheel.

Year 2

We have been learning: how to find fractions of amounts.

You can help at home by: asking your child how they would find $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ of a number.

Year 3

We have been learning: how to compare unit fractions and fractions with the same denominator.

You can help at home by: showing your children fractions like $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{5}$, $\frac{5}{8}$ and $\frac{3}{8}$ and ask them to explain which fraction is larger or smaller.

Year 4

We have been learning: about bar graphs, time graphs and pictograms in maths.

You can help at home by: asking your child to explain how to display data on a graph.

Year 5

We have been learning: about Fairtrade in geography.

You can help at home by: asking your child why Fairtrade is important.

Year 6

We have been learning: about using the internet and social media appropriately with a visit from a PCSO.

You can help at home by: asking your child what they learnt from the talk.