

## Headteacher's Update- 17.11.23

Dear Parents,

Here we are at the end of another busy week in school, with plenty for me to share with you about what has been happening.

### **Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Sock Day**

At St Louis we have a zero tolerance approach to bullying. It was great to see so many children coming to school in their odd socks on Monday to promote and reinforce the idea that we are all different but all special and that everyone deserves to be treated with kindness and respect.

Our PSHE lessons across the school have focused on what to do if children feel they may be being bullied or if they see someone that they feel is bullying others, so that no-one is a bystander. We have also been educating our pupils on the difference between bullying (which The Anti-Bullying Alliance defines as: “the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power”) and unkindness. A useful website for you to look at to help understand the difference can be found using the following link <https://www.verywellfamily.com/bullying-or-unkind-behavior-how-to-know-the-difference-460493>

As always, if you have any concerns about your child, please make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher.

### **Online safety, gaming, digital footprints and more**

As part of anti-bullying week, we have been looking at how bullying can take place online and making sure our pupils understand the consequences of this and how to deal with it if they are ever a victim. In the modern world, it is vital our pupils know how to stay safe online. Workshops have taken place today for pupils in Y5 and Y6, with a particular focus on social media, messaging including WhatsApp, gaming and having an online footprint that lasts forever. These have been led by an expert from Buckinghamshire Council.

If you feel you would like any guidance to ensure you are informed and know how to talk about this subject with your child, or for practical advice on areas such as parental settings, please go to <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

### **Road Safety Week**

Another way we teach our children to be safe is through Road Safety Week. Next week pupils will be learning about the Green Cross Code and how to safely cross roads. See below the links to some of the resources we will be using so you can reinforce this message at home.

Reception

[CBeebies Grown-Ups: Hoof and Safety Tips for Crossing Roads - YouTube](#)

KS1

[How to be safe crossing the road. - YouTube](#)

KS2

[Film: Road ready? Expect the unexpected – THINK!](#)

## First Aid Challenge

I was delighted to hear about two of our pupils who undertook an amazing challenge over half term. Edward & Felicity Shipley took part in a 24hr continuous, unbroken CPR marathon. It was run by the Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust's resuscitation service at Stoke Mandeville hospital. The marathon ran from 8am on 3rd November till 8am on 4th November.

They both invited friends from their rugby team. Between the 5 children, they learnt effective CPR then kept the CPR going in the marathon for an hour. They loved it, learnt so much & had so many questions!

A huge congratulations to both Edward and Felicity and what an important skill to have.



## Curling Workshop, Boys and Girls Football Matches

We are proud of the range of sports we offer pupils at this school. In the summer they had BMX biking, glow-in-the-dark dodge ball and in-line skating, as well as the regular clubs of basketball, football, netball, hockey and martial arts. We are delighted to introduce children to new sports this term, starting with curling workshops for Y1, Y3 and Y5. No need for any ice as this took place inside. The children loved it and the coach, was the same one who led the archery sessions previously, does a great job teaching new skills. Next week, the other year groups will get to try their hand at fencing.

Both the boys and girls football teams have played matches. It is great that they have the opportunity to put their skills to the test in a competitive manner, and despite both teams losing, everyone taking part has the right attitude and a desire to improve. Fingers crossed for some better results soon!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis



## Reception

**We have been learning:** about different festivals that people celebrate. We have learnt that Diwali is the festival of lights.

**You can help at home by:** talking to your child about the different festivals that you celebrate.

### Year 1

**We have been learning:** to independently login to Purple Mash.

**You can help at home by:** giving your child lots of opportunities to log in to Purple Mash independently at home.

### Year 2

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

**You can help at home by:** testing your child up to  $\times 12$  and finding songs online to help learn all the facts.

### Year 3

**We have been learning:** how to tell the time in maths.

**You can help at home by:** asking your child what the time is at various times during the day.

### Year 4

**We have been learning:** what the features of a diary entry are and how to write one successfully.

**You can help at home by:** asking your child what they wrote and who they wrote about.

### Year 5

**We have been learning:** about Judaism in RE.

**You can help at home by:** asking your child to summarise the story of Exodus.

### Year 6

**We have been learning:** about the armed forces and Remembrance Sunday as part of our WW2 topic in history.

**You can help at home by:** asking your child what the three different armed forces were and what role they played in WW2.