

Headteacher's Update – 16.1.24

Dear Parents,

Thankfully we were not too affected by the high winds and rain of the recent storms. I hope the same is true of you at home too. I know in school that we are welcoming the slightly lighter mornings and evenings.

CAFOD Visitor

This week we had a visitor from CAFOD deliver an assembly about all the great work they do with the money they have donated to them. He thanked everyone at St Louis for their support in the past and introduced the 'Big Lent Walk' as a way to fundraise more money. Our School council will be getting together soon to plan out how we can support our global neighbours throughout Lent. Keep your eyes peeled!

Sports Festivals

Thank you to Mr Wassell who has organised and accompanied some of our children to a couple of Sports Festivals this week. It is great when our pupils get to go out and participate alongside other schools. Here is what Mr Wassell has to say:

Congratulations to the Year 5s and 6s that took part in the bench-ball festival on Wednesday. We entered three teams into the tournament who gave everything and demonstrated great team work and skills required to be successful. With each team playing eight games, they won a total of 18 out of 24 games collectively, with one team winning 7/8 games.

As well as bench-ball, this week a group of year 3s and 4s competed in a 'have fun be active' festival putting their skills to the test in a series of fun challenges. Well done to everyone involved especially to the parents who helped to support the staff at this festival.

There will be other opportunities throughout the year for different pupils to attend these festivals, which are organised by Mandeville Sports Partnership.

Out of School Achievements

Some of you may have had fun at a pantomime over the festive period. I was thrilled to hear about one of our pupils who performed in one. Aarna Zoe was part of a panto performance "Peter Pan - Christmas in Neverland" at the Queens Art Centre which celebrated its 40th Birthday in December. Her role was as a "lost boy" and she performed for 8 shows throughout December. I am not surprised she got the part, despite being the youngest performer, as we know how talented she is as the first winner of St Louis' Got Talent in the summer.





In addition, a big well done goes to Eila from 3L who helped with the Aylesbury Wombles as part of her 'Zero Waste' badge for Brownies earlier on in January. It is great to see our pupils helping to look after the environment!

Family Learning Courses

Please see the attached fliers advertising free courses for you to sign up to if you are interested. The focus is on **comprehension** this term and there are evening workshops for **KS2 wellbeing** and a daytime **Y1&2 wellbeing** course.

Bringing things in from home/ size of school bags

We have had a couple of incidences of children bringing in items from home and then handing them out to others. Please note that children should not be bringing in toys or games from home. Sweets should only be brought in on birthdays if you wish, and should be given to the class teacher who will ensure they are handed out responsibly at the end of the day.

We also have limited space in our cloakrooms, especially at this time of year when children need hats, scarves and gloves to keep warm. Most children only need to bring a reading book to school, so please consider the size of the school bag your child has. Lunchboxes are kept on trolleys, not in school bags, so we tend to have large bags with only one book inside, and these often end up on the floor creating a trip hazard and looking untidy. Smaller bags would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Wishing you the best for the weekend,

Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis



Reception

We have been learning: how to find one more or one less than a number using our fingers to help us.

You can help at home by: telling your child a number and asking them to tell/show you that number.

Year 1

We have been learning: to subtract numbers on a number line.

You can help at home by: helping your child to use a number line to subtract numbers.

Year 2

We have been learning: about healthy, balanced diets in DT.

You can help at home by: asking your child what they have planned to put in their wrap.

Year 3

We have been learning: Teddy bear rolls in PE.

You can help at home by: asking your child to demonstrate a teddy bear roll safely at home.

Year 4

We have been learning: about direct speech in English.

You can help at home by: asking your child what features you need to include when writing direct speech.

Year 5

We have been learning: about persuasive texts in English.

You can help at home by: asking your child about the features included in persuasive text.

Year 6

We have been learning: about rainforests and in particular the Amazon.

You can help at home by: asking what lines of latitude are the world's rainforests found between.