

Headteacher's Update – 29.9.23

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe we have been back to school for a month already!

Buddy Welcome Assembly

We had two delightful assemblies for the children in our Reception classes this week. This was their official welcome into the St Louis family and they received a certificate and badge identifying which House they belong to for the rest of their time with us.

The children behaved and sang beautifully on one of their first times in the hall, and were looked after with such care by their new big buddies. I hope the parents and carers who were able to join us enjoyed having the chance to meet and chat to their child's big buddy. You will probably hear this name a lot over the next 3 years, so it is nice to be able to put a face to a name.

House Captains

This week has seen a special occasion for some of our oldest pupils, as well as our youngest. On Thursday, there was an assembly where the school got to meet their newly elected House and Vice Captains. The position of House Captain is a privilege and it is important that they act as role models for the pupils in our school and embody our ABC values at all times. Throughout the year they will have various responsibilities from helping with open days, giving out pupil of the week badges in assembly and leading their House at Sports Day. If your child has achieved something significant outside of school, then we encourage them to share it with their House Captains who will add it to their House book.

Congratulations to:

Keats:

Captain- Brendon

Vice Captain - Kyra

Grey:

Captain - Ella

Vice Captain -Caelan

Milton:

Captain - Gabriel

Vice Captain - Leon

Wordsworth:

Captain - Muskaan

Vice Captain – Alex



As is the St Louis tradition, one of the first roles our new Captains carry out is to serve their parents tea and cake, and I hope those of you who were able to join us enjoyed this aspect of the morning.

Macmillan Muffin Morning

On Friday we had one of our pupils' favourite events. Thank you to everyone who was able to donate £1 to Macmillan Cancer Support in exchange for their child receiving a muffin. Our newly elected school council members did a great job researching the charity and writing to Tesco to ask for a donation of cookies to help us raise funds. We are delighted that Tesco agreed to their request, even if it was muffins rather than cookies this year, so that every penny we raise will go directly to the charity.



Our staff will be looking forward to adding their support on Tuesday when we will be bringing donations of cakes and other baked goods to the staff room for people to enjoy in exchange for a donation. We are lucky to have some very talented bakers on our staff, so I can't wait to sample some of the offerings. We will add what we raise to your donations and let you know how much we raise in due course.



Charity work by a pupil

I was delighted to hear about the fund raising efforts of Amelia in Y5 who, with some help from her brothers Harrison and Hudson, had a toy and clothes sale. They raised £106.48 for charities that support those in a position like their family friend who was diagnosed with a brain tumour.

What a great way to demonstrate our Caring value. Well done Amelia.

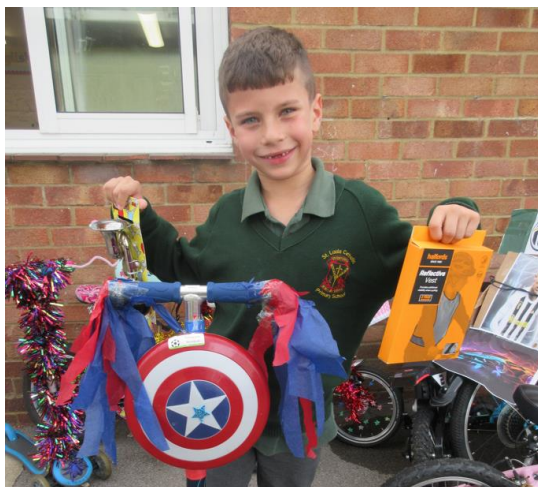


JRSOs and Bling Your Bike

We are pleased to announce that we now have our new team of Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs), who support our School Travel Plan Team to encourage children and parents to travel actively and safely to and from school. Adam and Ella have stepped up to be our senior JRSOs and we welcome Zara and Nela from Year 5 to join them.



We are very proud to say that over 100 children took part in the 'Bling your Bike day' where children could decorate their bikes or scooters, this even included children who were not able to cycle that day, but sent a photo of their decorated bike. The competition was very hard to judge, but with the help of the JRSOs the two winners were chosen. Congratulations to Pasquale, from Key Stage 1, for his Captain America scooter and Sean, from Key Stage 2, for his bike decorated with little teddies all wearing homemade helmets, and big congratulations to everyone who took part.



Thank you to the PTA for providing the prizes.

Walk Your Wheels

With so many children scooting and cycling it's important we take care when on the site. Please ensure your child gets off their bike or scooter once they reach the school gates and walks their wheels to the bike parking areas. Children should not get back on bikes until they have left the school grounds. The reason for this is the safety of everyone on the site, as it can get busy at drop off and pick up times, and no-one wants to get accidentally hit by a bike or scooter. Thank you.

Using the drop off zone safely

Please can you make sure you let the car in front of you drive off first when using the drop off zone, rather than overtake. No-one takes very long to drop off and it is vital that the safety of our pupils comes first. Thank you.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis



Reception

We have been learning: about our families and discussing who is in our family. We also know we are part of St Louis family

You can help at home by: encouraging your child to draw a picture of their family.

Year 1

We have been learning: all about 2D shapes.

You can help at home by: identifying 2D shapes around your house.

Year 2

We have been learning: how to keep our bodies healthy in science.

You can help at home by: asking your child what they have learnt about balanced diets and exercise.

Year 3

We have been learning: about 3D shapes in maths.

You can help at home by: asking your child to identify the shapes of various household objects.

Year 4

We have been learning: about shading techniques in art.

You can help at home by: asking your child to explain how they drew the iron man and how they shaded him.

Year 5

We have been learning: about personification.

You can help at home by: asking your child to personify something at home.

Year 6

We have been learning: how to solve division questions using both long and short division in maths.

You can help at home by: asking what the steps are for solving a long division question.