



Newsletter 29 7th May 2021

Dear Parents,

It has been an action-packed and exciting week in school with Shakespeare Week, Forest School and news of success in the Year 5 Maths Challenge all in a week when new interventions were getting fully underway!

Shakespeare Week

Shakespeare Week is always engaging and a favourite for everyone – and this year was no exception. Half day workshops with each class were delivered by the Young Shakespeare Company alongside further focus on the plays and William Shakespeare in class and for homework. Both Young Shakespeare leaders were full of praise for the classes they took describing our children as among the best that they work with – totally engaged and working well together. It was lovely to hear.

The plays for each year group (adapted to the Covid-19 safety guidance) were:

- Year 3:
A Midsummer Night's Dream
- Year 4:
Romeo and Juliet
- Year 5:
Hamlet
- Year 6:
Macbeth

The workshops have already started to inspire some excellent written work in class. Our thanks go to the Young Shakespeare Company leaders Andrew and Emily.



Forest School

This week Year 4 started Forest School in our nature area, led by Miss D'Souza. Travelling back thousands of years in time, they became Anglo-Saxon settlers who had to find water, start to create shelter and safely light a fire. A wonderful time was had by all and it was great fun to be outside enjoying the natural environment – and enjoying some toasted marshmallows!

We very much look forward to so many more activities in the next few weeks. Each group of 15 will have four sessions over the next four weeks - 4Attenborough on a Thursday and 4Jemison on a Friday. Year 3 will be taking part after half term.



Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Aoife Jones, Joshua Dowie, Oscar Liddle and Angel John for reaching the final of the Year 5 Maths Challenge. We heard news yesterday that their score of 171 put them in the top 20 from more than 220 competing schools. The final will be held remotely on May 27th. Very well done.

First Holy Communions

First Holy Communions are now taking place in our parishes and we would love to hear news of the children's big day. Sadly we are unable to attend First Holy Communions again this year but we do want to offer our prayers, congratulations and celebrate those receiving this very special sacrament.

Congratulations to Fabio, Zack and Jude in 3Anning who all made their First Communions last weekend and to Samuel (3Nightingale) who made his last month. Please do bring in a picture to share in class and we can create a portfolio of First Communion pictures to celebrate.

We also send our best wishes to Jonathon, Freya and Alexander in 3Anning and Sophia, Romy, Libby, Mateusz, Conor and Imogen in 3Nightingale for this weekend when they make their First Holy Communion. We wish you a very special day with your family. If we have missed anyone out please let us know.

There were a few Year 4 pupils who were unable to make their First Communion last year before the lockdown. If they have now received their First Holy Communion or it is planned soon, please do let us know.

Merit Certificates

The following children have been selected this week for particularly standing out as being shining examples of our Mission Statement – *Growing together in love and learning as followers of Jesus*

3Anning	Fabio Seaman	For a fantastic week but in particular for his contributions in the Shakespeare workshop.
3Nightingale	Sophia Janes	For an excellent attitude to learning and the ability to flern.
4Jemison	Liam Carter	For an excellent week in which he has completed all this work and given his best. Well done.
4Attenborough	Bella Fitzgerald	For continuing to challenge herself in all her learning and proving she can be a fantastic achiever.
5Mandela	Alexander Harris	For his improved punctuality that had helped his positive learning attitude. He is always polite and hard working.
5Einstein	Madeline Murphy	Great ideas in writing lessons and excellent use of descriptive language. A joy to read. Well done.
6Johnson	Riley Manning	For a fantastic piece of writing where he used pathetic fallacy in relation to his Shakespeare work.
6Martin Luther King	Ethan Glynn	For being a fantastic learning partner and for his many helpful contributions to class discussion.

Head Teacher's Award

Skye Ivory (4J) – for getting over the Pot of Gold twice in one day. A huge range of excellent skills including kindness to others; Flearning in grammar; tidying up other's mess. A truly kind, hard-working and helpful pupil. Well done.

Ethan McHugh (5E) – for an outstanding piece of descriptive writing on the castle in Hamlet. He truly set the scene with his superb vocabulary and phrasing.

French Certificates:

Bella Polson (4J) – Great participation.

Reports

Reports will be going out at a different time this year and will be in a slightly different format due to the unusual nature of this year and the recent Parent Consultation. Teachers will report on most subjects indicating if your child is working towards expectations; meeting expectations; working at greater depth. In addition they will give an indication of learning attitude in Maths, Reading, Writing and RE. The main focus of the report will be the personalised teacher comment.

Year 6 reports are due to go out on Friday, July 2nd, and other year groups at the end of the week beginning July 12th. We would welcome your feedback on the new format.

Visit by Rabbi Zvi – Monday 10th

As part of our understanding of other religions and specifically about Judaism, we have a virtual visit by a Rabbi this Monday. All children will be attending an assembly on line following which Years 3 and 4 will have workshops.

Reminders

Taekwon-do after school club: The TaeKwon-Do Club will be re-starting from Friday 7 May 2021 for nine sessions. Please see last week's Wednesday email for signing up.

Year 6 swimming (for selected pupils) continues on Wednesdays. Please remember your swim wear and **swimming hat**.

Please can I remind parents to pick up on time, particularly Year 5. Part of the reason for the staggered pick up is to ease congestion in the car park but, with so many late pick-ups, this is having a knock-on effect for other groups. We do need parents to come on to the playground to pick up their child and follow the one-way system. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

Best wishes

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