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St Giles' C of E
Primary School

Weekly Bulletin

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A message from the Head

This week, a team of our Year 4 children took part in the Potters Bar Rotary Club Tech Challenge held at Oakmere School. This is an event that has been going for a number of years now, and one we always look forward to. This year, the team had to develop their own 'roller coaster' by creating a marble run out of card. Points were awarded not only for the roller coaster itself, but also for team work. I am very proud to say that we came joint first in the competition alongside Ladbroke. Congratulations to the team and thanks to Mrs Middleton for supporting them.

This week, the children in Frowyke and Cecil classes took part in the KNex challenge, organised by Setpoint who work within Herts and Beds to develop the STEM subjects. This year's challenge was to build a flying machine of the future. Both classes worked brilliantly, enjoying the opportunity to be creative and collaborative & developing lots of interesting designs. Our winning teams were Evie and India from Year 3/4 and Milly, Elena and Ellie T from Year 5/6. Congratulations! Their entries will be judged against the other 250 schools who are taking part, so watch this space to find out how they get on!

Lastly, WhatsApp recently increased the age of use to 16. Messages can be easily misinterpreted by children and lead to arguments that could be avoided. I know that lots of you monitor the use of your children's phones well, but can you all be extra vigilant please. Kind regards, Mr Smithard.

Our monthly Christian value is:

Perseverance

Emphasis upon endurance and perseverance is common in the New Testament where it is linked with patience and suffering. Perseverance is character building and is characterised by love (Romans 5:3-4). It is linked with self-control, godliness (2 Peter 1:6) and steadfastness.

Upcoming events

(for a more detailed list visit the school website; <http://stgiles.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/diary-dates/>)

Sat 4th May from 2pm – May Day Festival @ Brookmans Park

Mon 6th May – Bank Holiday, school closed

Wed 8th May – Maths Workshop for selected students

Mon 13th to Fri 17th May – SAT's week

Tue 14th May @ 6:30pm – Rotary Sponsored Swim Awards Evening @ Wyllyotts Theatre

Thu 23rd May – Mini Marathon @ Oakmere School & Micro Marathon @ St Giles'

Mon 27th to Fri 31st May – Half Term

Mon 3rd to Fri 7th Jun – C4 Bikeability week

Wed 5th Jun – Girls Football Tournament @ Wroxham School

Attendance

Thanks for your continued support with your children's attendance. There is a strong correlation between a child's attendance and academic success.

Blanche – 96%

St Alban – 97%

Frowyke – 97%

Cecil – 99%

Average attendance this week: 97.12%

Overall attendance for the year: 95.6%

Punctuality

Being on time for school sets a good example for your children as they get older, particularly as they move into Secondary School, University and the workplace.

Blanche – 10

St Alban – 13

Frowyke – 13

Cecil – 14

Total late occurrences this week: 50

Total late occurrences last week: 22

Effort Certificate Winners

Many congratulations to the following children for their efforts this week:

Blanche – Jack Farmer

St Alban – Robert Deadman & Louie Harrison

Frowyke – Jack Smith & Jamie Jones

Cecil – Eren Kulunk & Ellie T Johnson

Values Certificate – Saffron-Mae Knight

Hot Chocolate Thursday – this is awarded to children who always go over and above expectation in their behaviour

Jude Ficek, Kian Hodsdon, Chantelle Reece, Jack Deadman, Naiah Bhola, Aurora Shorter & Aarav Dave.



What are our children doing next week?

Reception - Blanche

Please take a look at the reception newsletter, where you can find all the information you need. This is sent out by separate email.

Year 1 & 2 - St Alban

In English, we shall continue to work on writing narratives based around our featured text. We shall be looking carefully at how stories are structured and how we can add interest with adjectives, adverbs etc. We shall also work on using time connectives to vary sentence openings.

In Maths, Year 1 will work on numbers to 100 and becoming more familiar with counting in 2's, 5's and 10's to help with speed when adding and taking away. In Year 2, we shall continue to work on fractions and reasoning/word problems in preparation for Maths SATS later this month.

We continue to work on our topic of Plants. Following our cress experiment last week, we shall be exploring planting different sorts of seeds (potatoes, runner beans, sunflowers and nasturtiums) and writing a diary based on their growth patterns.

Year 3 & 4 - Frowyke

In Maths, we will be practising multiplication methods and begin to look at dividing 2-digit numbers by 1-digit informally using pictures and cubes in the first instance.

In Literacy, we will continue with explanation texts. The spelling test will be on Tuesday, as will the comprehension marking and input. Some children already have high frequency spellings and they will be tested on these on Thursday. Spelling patterns are currently focused on adding the suffixes -ful or -ly to a root word (plus removing -le and adding -ly, or removing y and adding ily.)

Topic work will be about designing and making a kite (which will stretch into the following week).

Year 5 & 6 – Cecil

Next week in Cecil Class, we will start a new core text, Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. As we read, we will look at relative clauses, sentence starters (subordinate clauses, adverbial phrases, conjunctions) and vocabulary choices.

In Maths, year 5 will be learning about converting units of measures, so practising multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 would be beneficial. Year 6 will be continuing with work on geometry, including angles and the parts of a circle.

PE Corner

I know some of you are already thinking about what to do with your children in the Summer holidays. We are pleased to announce that CSE will be running a sports club here from the 27th to the 29th of August. Don't forget to book early!

P4C Question of the Week

Do you think it's right to ban a travelling circus from owning wild animals?