

Weekly Highlights 9th May - 13th May

Sporting Events

This week our tag rugby teams have been competing for the first time! Well done to the Red Team, who walked away with the bronze medals in a tournament at St Mary's and the Black Team, who were Gold medal winners! Congratulations to both teams!

Pupil Voice

It's been the turn of the School Council and Eco Council to meet this week. School Council discussed the pros and cons of moving back into the hall to eat lunch. They discussed the positives of being able to choose your meal on the day but the downside of losing some of the clubs that are held in the hall at lunch. They also discussed the logistics of time and the waiting that takes place as other children are served and the noisier atmosphere in the hall. They are going back to classes to get a wider opinion and then myself and the senior leaders will make a decision around this going forward. Eco Council met for the first time, they looked at the Manchester Diocese Eco Award for Schools: Planet Savers, what criteria we already meet and what steps we need to take before we apply for the award next May. They have begun an action plan and first on the list is to encourage more wildlife to the school grounds, watch out for a video on dojo to tell you about their plans.

Inside the Classroom

FS1 have been planting seeds, flowers and vegetables in our garden and are ready to care for them as they grow. FS2 have been doing lots of writing this week. Mrs Briggs could not wait to share the work her children have produced. I saw many sentences that could be read easily by others, with words which were spelt phonetically correctly and some children even edited their sentences to use capital letters and full stops correctly!

Writing was also the hot topic in Year 1 this week. They have immersed themselves in the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. I have been thrilled to see the application of phonics as the children independently sequenced sentences to retell the story. Year 2 continue to take part in the Secret Agent Mission alongside being historical detectives as they investigated historical sources to find out more about space explorers. The children worked together to find different features of a source and decide if and why these were accurate and useful ways of learning about the past.

Year 3 have been scientists and in Biology explored the importance of skeletons. They learnt how to recognise different types of skeletons such as endoskeletons, exoskeletons, and hydrostatic skeletons and met Derek the skeleton! The children in Year 4 had lots of fun with a variety of subjects this week, painting with watercolours being one of the highlights. They wrote newspaper reports on the Battle of Hastings and did a battle re-enactment on the playground!

Year 5 have been geographers as they have been observing KS1 on the playground and creating field sketches as part of their fieldwork topic. In computing, they worked on coding, as they had to make an object move using the 2Code programme on Purple Mash!

Well done to all our Year 6 children who sat their SATs this week. They all demonstrated resilience, endurance and hard work; we could not be prouder of their efforts and on Friday, everyone enjoyed a well-deserved trip to bowling and Pizza Hut! Year 6 have now been charged with finalising the plans for our summer fair on Friday 27th May. They will be writing risk assessments, planning where the stalls will go, writing to residents and attempting to secure sponsorship for some of our stalls.

EYFS Open Morning

I write this just as the doors to our EYFS Open Morning are closing, we had a number of

families visiting school to explore the provision we offer and chat to staff. A huge thank you to the staff and children who have come into school this morning to make this event possible. We look forward to welcoming more and more people back into school for future events such as the Summer Fair and Family Forest School!

The sun is shining and I am off to visit my parents for the afternoon. I wish all our families fun in the sun and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Keep an eye out for tomorrow's Sunday Reminders for updates on what is happening in school in the forthcoming week.

God Bless

Mrs Wainwright