



## SSMS Newsletter

### Spring (2)

Huge congratulations to Mrs Mason and Mrs Daghish, who have both given birth to baby girls. We wish them all the very best with their new little bundles.



Here we are at the end of another busy term in school. The pupils have enjoyed a range of experiences in and out of the classroom, including live chicks hatching, sports competitions, animal encounters and lots more.

I wanted particularly, to give a big shout out to Y6, who have been working really hard in preparation for their SATs in May; we wish them every success.

I would like to wish all of our pupils, staff and families a very Happy Easter and a wonderful two week break.

Mrs McSparron

#### World Book Day Fun!

In March, pupils (and staff) celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as book characters. There were some brilliant costumes and the Y8 English prefects were given the task of judging.

Congratulations to: Alanah, Max, Bo, Emily, Zac, Lolly, Lucy and Charlie, who all won prizes for their amazing costumes.



#### Zambezi Sunrise Trust

In January, Y7 wrote letters to the children who attend the Linda Community School in Zambia and in February, 7N video called their penpals in Zambia. It was a great experience and we learned a lot about Zambia. Before our call we prepared 10 questions. We were surprised to learn that it was 29 degrees at 1pm; that the children walked up to 1.5 hours to and from school everyday and that an elephant entered the school grounds and ate a banana tree causing lots of damage!

Mrs Elliott







Nuts and Bolts:

Year 7s are currently studying John Boyne's 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' in their English lessons. Jack M has blown me away with his haunting nuts and bolts sculpture depicting two young boys on either side of the fence at Auschwitz. This powerful artwork evokes a strong emotional response. It makes a huge impact and will certainly leave a lasting impression. Impressive stuff, Jack. Well done!

Miss Gibson



It was wonderful to welcome some new chicks to hatch again this year. Lessons were interrupted as a live feed was shared across the school to ensure that we could witness the magical moment when a chick hatched. We managed to hatch ten out of ten this year with words of encouragement from all our very excited pupils! Learning was enthralling as the children could observe the process first hand in their Life Cycles topic in Science. After a short stay in the incubator, pupils could then set up the brooder box and move the fluffy chicks over to their new home. The children were very eager to take on responsibilities to clean, feed and take care of the chicks. It is always a very special time so of course, we welcome pupils from all year groups to come to handle and enjoy the chicks. Once the chicks were a little older, Year 5 science lessons included worm charming to serve the chicks a treat for lunch! It was such an exciting and enjoyable experience for all pupils.



Mrs Middlemiss

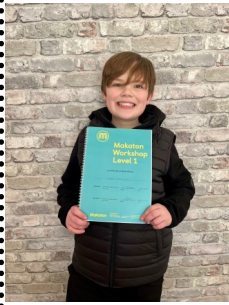
In British Science Week at SSMS, pupils met some interesting animals and learned about how they have evolved over time to fit in with this year's theme of Adapt and Change.



Mrs Cook



## Pupil news outside of school!



**Congratulations to Luca in Y6, who has completed his Makaton Level 1 training. He is the youngest person in the region to have achieved this; this training is usually undertaken by adults, so this is a fantastic achievement. Well done!**

A huge well done to Bo in Y6, who performed a 3-minute Hamlet soliloquy perfectly at the Customs House in South Shields. He was one of 16 finalists (and the youngest) performing in front of an audience and three judges. What a star!



### Mock Trials

A big well done to the group of Year 8 pupils who took part in this year's mock trials at Newcastle Courts. Children competed against other schools in a mock trial, taking on such roles as defence and prosecution solicitors, magistrate, witness, defendant etc. This was a fantastic experience and the pupils were a credit to the school.

Mr Anderson

### Ramadan

Several of our pupils have been observing Ramadan in recent weeks and Mr Alam shared a very interesting assembly about Islam and this important time in the Islamic calendar.

This was really informative and enjoyed by all.



### Uniform and Equipment Reminder

Just a reminder that pupils should be attending school in the correct uniform and have a pencil case with pen, pencil and ruler with them for lessons.

### Dates for the Diary:

April 10th—School closes to pupils for Easter

April 11th—Teacher training Day

April 28th—school re-opens

Week beginning May 12th— Y6 SATs week