



St. Andrew's C.E. Primary School Newsletter

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Our Vision:

At St Andrew's CE Primary School, we aim to bring children to a place where they can realise their full potential. Our Christian values are the foundation of all we do and each one is a facet of the central value, love, which 'always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.' (1 Corinthians 13:7) *Protect, Trust, Hope and Persevere*

Dear Parents and Carers,



In Year 3, we have been working on instruction writing on the theme of how to mummify a body. Europe Class acted out the process. The children had great fun mummifying each other and loved dressing up for World Book Day. There was much excitement as we saw what characters each child came to school dressed as.

The children have also been

tasting and making soup. In Asia Class, the children showed great expertise cutting and peeling vegetables. The finished soup tasted delicious and some of the children were keen to have seconds. It was wonderful to see most of the children enjoying eating vegetables.



Year 5 had a great day at Chiltern Open Air Museum, stepping back in time! They had fun playing with traditional Victorian toys and discovering how children entertained themselves in the past. They also got hands-on by making handmade bricks using locally sourced clay, just like Victorian workers would have done. They also learned the art of rag rug making, using old cloth to create beautiful, sustainable crafts. It was a fantastic day of learning and discovery.

The Year 1 children have enjoyed a busy Science Week with an introduction in class; learning how to set up their own experiment. They have engrossed themselves in the child-led investigation about how to melt ice and free sea creatures. The children used resources around the classroom to predict, explain and evaluate their findings. Ask the children what worked quicker; was it ice, fabric, foil or sunlight?



Modern Foreign Languages



In the last newsletter, I shared the news regarding Mrs Radbourne moving on. I can now inform you we have appointed Helen Thawley as our MFL teacher for September. Helen will complete a handover with Mrs Radbourne this term and will be in school on Thursdays leading up to July. She will be working with KS2 pupils alongside Miss Strong (Student teacher). Long term, Helen will teach French across the whole school and give the children opportunities to explore other languages on themed days.



Our pupils are taking part in the WOW – Walking Challenge.

The aim of WOW is to reduce traffic congestion around our school and reduce air pollution in our neighbourhood. It is also an opportunity for pupils and parents to add more physical activity into



their day. The children can earn a different **badge each month** if they actively travel at least once a week. Each day the children access a fun and interactive **online Travel Tracker** to record how they travel to school. If children live a distance from school and need to come by car, there is an option to 'park and stride'. This means you park a ten minute walk from school and complete the journey on foot. In February the children at St Andrew's earned 315 badges which is a fantastic achievement.



The Art Competition and the new Art Crawl have been a great success this year! The theme of Maths created a platform for the children to explore the links between Art and Maths, and we were so impressed with the work they created.

Congratulations to the winners and runners up - their achievements were celebrated in our Assembly last Friday where they were awarded a certificate and prize. Their work is displayed in their year group windows and have blue and white rosettes placed on them so they can be easily spotted! There has been such a buzz around school with children, parents and carers viewing the art at their leisure. It has been fantastic to see and an excellent way of celebrating art across the whole school. Thank you to Mrs Whitworth – art leader - for organising the event.