



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

Tuesday 18th June 2024

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



The EYFS children have been taking great care of the beans they planted, learning about all the things the plants will need to help them grow. We have watched intently as they have grown over the past few weeks and with a bit of patience...they are now sizeable beanstalks, tall enough to reach the Giant's Castle!



At the beginning of this term, **Year 4 visited a local farm** to consolidate their learning in the science topic 'Living things and their habitats'. **The children learned more about classification, invertebrates and even investigated which animal dropping belonged to which animal!** Later that day, as part of their topic 'Improving our local area', the children ventured out again to conduct a litter picking walk around Chinnor. It was a very active and fun day!



On the 6th June, 25 children represented St. Andrew's at the **Thame Partnership Cross Country event**. The event had four races, which were mixed year groups. They raced against five other schools, with at least 35 children in each race. They made the school very proud, each child put in a tremendous amount of effort and ran their socks off. Some children even won their respective races, **Sophia and Isaac came first by a country mile!** I would like to thank all the children who took part for being such a positive example for the school.

This week **Year 6 visited Wycombe Mosque** and had a fantastic time deepening our learning and knowledge of the Islamic faith. We were shown around the mosque by Iman Tanveer who explained the teachings of Islam and the Quran in a fun and relatable way linking things to our everyday lives as well as telling us about his life. **It was a really interesting day learning about the culture and religion directly from someone of the faith.**



This past week has been filled with adventure for the children in **Year 3**. We have exercised our legs as well as our minds. **The first walk that we completed was to Aston Rowant, where we made observations about how many different plants and trees we could find along the way.** The children walked to the local windmill and were taught how it functions and told many interesting facts. The final walk involved the children walking up Chinnor hill, the children thought the view was incredible.



The children in **Year 5** have been delving into the world of **Ancient Greece** through a range of mediums. In their Art lessons, the children imaginatively crafted pinch pots inspired by the artistry of the Ancient Greek civilization, by shaping and



moulding clay. They focused on using a range of moving images and a traditional key pattern from that period. **The children examined the differences between modern day pottery and that of the Ancient Greeks.**



Year 1 paid their first visit to **the re-opened library**, and absolutely loved it! They were desperate to sit in the reading nooks, and shared lots of different stories with each other. They all chose to keep reading their library books when they got back to class, and some even read them during playtime. We can't wait to go back.

"I found one about dragons, and I love dragons!"
"I love finding books I've never seen before"

On **World Environment Day**, children across the school took time to notice the natural world around



them using a range of senses and reflect on their thoughts and feelings. For some it was an opportunity to be inspired by verses from the **Bible** and



to pray. For all, it was a chance to appreciate the world around us and to be aware of the effect it has on us as well as the effect we have on our environment. We would like to thank Rev'd Jacky, all the Open the Book Team and parents who came in to support this event.

EYFS: A labyrinth is like a maze, it feels strange walking by yourself but kind of nice too. Closing eyes and taking a deep breath felt strange too but we do that sometimes in class.

Year 4: FW – I liked prayer spaces as its time to relax and chill out. It made me feel nice and let go of my worries.

Year 6: TE – I liked how it was like meditating in a peaceful place, with the grass around me.



We are very grateful to the **Rotary Club** of Princes Risborough as their generous donation has enabled us to buy a large selection of non-fiction books for our library. **There are some recently published award-winning titles as well as a large set of science books to support classes with each science unit they study.**

Children in **Year 2** have enjoyed an afternoon learning all about coding. They were split into 2 groups to complete 2 different tasks. The first was on their 1:1 devices, using Epic (a reading app) to learn all about coding and then to answer comprehension questions. The second task was utilising their **coding skills to programme lights and movements on robots**. Children were able to **demonstrate some very impressive skills and they can't wait to use the robots again!**



School Uniform

As we move through the last term toward the summer holidays, I am aware some parents are already purchasing school uniform for next year. With this in mind, could I please direct parents to the uniform guidance on the school website before you do? If you should like any clarification please let us know, we will be happy to help.

Annette Mashru - Headteacher

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✓ Wednesday 19th June - LWS Dance Festival
- ✓ Friday 21st June - Sports Day 1st choice (All parents/carers welcome)
- ✓ Thursday 27th June - Reports to Parents
- ✓ Friday 28th June - Sports Day 2nd choice (All parents/carers welcome)
- ✓ Monday 1st July - Y1 Trip to Windsor Castle
- ✓ Tuesday 2nd July - Y6 Production 2pm
- ✓ Wednesday 3rd July - Y6 Production 2pm
- ✓ Friday 5th July - LWS Taster Day
- ✓ Saturday 13th July - SASA Summer Fayre
- ✓ Monday 15th July - Y6 Leavers Party 6pm
- ✓ Tuesday 16th July - Transition morning and Parents meet Teacher 3.15-4.15pm
- ✓ Wednesday 17th July - Y6 Leavers' Service
- ✓ Wednesday 17th July - Music Recitals
- ✓ Tuesday 23rd July - MUFTI Day
- ✓ Wednesday 24th July - Term 6 ends at 1.30pm