



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

Thursday 7th July 2022

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

Festival of Voices



The KS2 choir performed in the Festival of Voices in the beautiful setting of Dorchester Abbey recently. Although the children were quite nervous, all their hard work paid off as they learned the songs brilliantly and thoroughly enjoyed the performance. Mrs Ludlow said they were thrilled to be part of a larger choir with schools from all over Oxfordshire, and they sang their hearts out when their parents arrived; delighted to be singing in front of a live audience! Thank you, Mrs Ludlow and Miss Marshall and to all the parents for their support.

Water Safety Week



This week was national Water Safety Week. Children all across the school learnt vital water safety skills during their swimming lessons, such as how to float on their back. Years 4, 5, 6 and Copper Class wore pyjamas to experience what it would feel like to be in the water with clothes on.

KS2 Partnership Sports Event

Last Thursday 23rd June, the KS2 Partnership Sports Event took place at Mill Lane School, Chinnor, starting at 4.00pm. It was marvellous to see so many children from other local primary schools, on the Mill Lane sports field, ready to compete in a variety of athletic events on a lovely sunny afternoon. After the last couple of years of no inter-school competitions, it was exciting to see the children competing, giving their best performance, and being cheered on by their respective teams, supporters and spectators alike. The St Andrew's team was made up of 32 children from each year group, (Year 3 -Year 6). The boys' and girls' relay races within the four year groups were either 1st or 2nd in their respective age groups, which was a fantastic result. In the individual races excellent placings were achieved too, as every point counted towards the team total. After the last race, competitors, staff, parents, and supporters waited with anticipation for the announcement of the overall result. A great cheer went up from the St Andrew's team when they heard they were in **1st place** and were presented with the Shield for 2022. An excellent result and a wonderful afternoon of sport. Thanks must go to all the St Andrew's staff for preparing, selecting, organising and supporting the team. Thank you to Mill Lane school staff for hosting and organising the event and providing summer weather too! Very well done to the all the children who competed.



Dance Festival

The primary dance festival took place on the evening of Wednesday 22nd June with two performances at 5pm and 6.30pm. The KS2 aerial hoop club performed to 'Walking on Sunshine' in front of a sell-out audience at the Phoenix performance arts studios at Lord Williams's Lower School. As the lights dimmed and the children stood confidently in their starting positions the crowd waited in anticipation. The dynamic group performed a range of dance routines, acrobatics and carefully choreographed sequences. The children delivered an exceptional performance which they should be extremely proud of. A special thanks also goes to Miss Janelle from JSOD for preparing the children and Mr Gibson, PE Leader for organising the logistics.

Sports day – Well done to Icknield – Red House!



Year 3 Outdoor Learning - Picnic



Year three went on a picnic to Chinnor Hill on Friday. We have been celebrating outdoor learning week in Asia Class and the children had a chance to experience nature and enjoy the flora and fantastic views. Although we did experience some showers, the children had a tremendous time and joined in several games.



SENCo

Congratulations to Mrs Wade who will be taking a maternity break from October 2022. Mrs Phee Garlick will step into the SENCo role in Mrs Wade's absence with some SEN leadership support from Mrs Katie Collier. This transition handover is already underway so Mrs Garlick and Mrs Collier may be attending some of the SEN meetings as part of the SEN team.

Diary dates

- ✓ Saturday 9th July - SASA Summer Fayre
- ✓ Monday 11th July - Y6 Leavers' Festival 6-8pm
- ✓ Tuesday 12th July - Transition morning
- ✓ Tuesday 12th July - Parents can meet the teacher 3.15-4.15pm
- ✓ Wednesday 13th July - Leavers' service at St Andrew's Church at 6.30 pm
(All Y6 parents/carers welcome to the service)
- ✓ Friday 15th July – MUFTI Day

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