



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

Monday 28th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,



During half term, Lily and her mum (Miss Marshall) climbed Ben Nevis to raise money for Thames Valley Air Ambulance. She showed great perseverance and raised over £1000!

Lily feels proud that the money she has raised can help another family, like when Thames Valley Air Ambulance helped her sister, Bella, when she was born. 'I am so happy that I was able to raise lots of money for Thames Valley Air Ambulance. I was there when they helped save my sister and I hope the money can help save someone else's life'

Well done Lily and Miss Marshall – What an achievement!

School Development

In half term staff and parents and even grandparents helped with the freshen - up. We got a lot of things painted but there is still plenty more to do. If you are able to help with painting and gardening we have Freshen Up 2 on **Saturday 3rd July 9-1pm**. Please contact the school office to volunteer. Terry and Tez have been working hard to repair areas around school and have been building a fantastic outdoor stage for the children to perform at playtime in EYFS and KS1.

Sports Update



Tennis Taster Sessions and Cricket Sessions.

Mrs Baker organised these sessions with the Chinnor Tennis Club (a short walk from the school) and the Oxfordshire Cricket Development Officer. Thank you, Mrs Baker for ensuring the children receive these opportunities.

Approximately 240 children from years 3/4/5/6 took part during the three days and the weather was generally favourable, which added to the children's enjoyment. The activities were led by Mr Clark and Mrs Baker and ably assisted by the staff who accompanied the children to the court. The sessions consisted of basic skills generic to all sports including footwork, balance, co-ordination, and space awareness (continually developed in all lessons), in addition to tennis specific skills using rackets and tennis balls. The children were very enthusiastic and applied themselves to the various fun practices and games situations, improving their understanding and knowledge of the game as well. Thank you to Mrs M Hudson and the members of Chinnor Tennis Club for enabling us to use the courts again this year and to all the school staff, for their help and assistance.

Zoe Pugh, the Oxfordshire Cricket Development Officer and cricket coach, came into school to run the cricket sessions for the classes participating in PE on Tuesday afternoon with Mr Clark. One Year 6 class, and two Year 3 classes, participated in this free cricket coaching opportunity and thoroughly enjoyed the fun skills, games and cricket knowledge they learned during the afternoon.

Year 2 had a very exciting day full of beach activities to introduce our new topic for summer term - The Seaside. The children made sandcastles, played hook the duck, had a game of volleyball, participated in various art activities, and enjoyed a boat science experiment. They finished the day with a delicious ice pop!

The football season is well and truly under way at St Andrew's. This mixed year 3/4 football tournament took place on Tetsworth Village Green on Wednesday 9th June, in the afternoon. Six teams took part – Brill, John Hampden 'A', John Hampden 'B', St Andrew's, St. Joseph's and Tetsworth.



The children played really well as a team winning one game, losing one and drawing three. Particular mention must go to Albie Marshall, the goal scorer and Rapha Alexander the goalkeeper. The team reached the semi-final but unfortunately lost to Tetsworth on penalties, resulting in a final overall position of 3rd place. It was a fantastic afternoon of football, fair play, enthusiasm and fun.



The Year 5/6 girls' team played at Tetsworth on Wednesday 16th June. After an enthralling 0-0 draw they went on to win their next two group stage games.

The semi-final was a close encounter and ended in a 1-1 draw with Mill Lane. The girls played valiantly but lost on penalties, finishing in 3rd place.

The Year 5/6 boys also visited Tetsworth on Wednesday last week. After an early set back, the boys won back to back games to progress to the semi-finals also against Mill lane, who were the eventual winners after another tense penalty

shootout. Both teams demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and thoroughly enjoyed the event. Let's hope for more exciting sporting opportunities in the near future.

Sports day was a huge success. The children had a great day. Congratulations to the green team – Chiltern, for coming first. Miss Revill is putting together a montage of photos for parents to view on the school website.

Science



Through a grandparent contact, we have been given the opportunity at St Andrew's to purchase a mobile Science Workstation. This experiment workstation provides the resources and opportunity to include more hands-on, practical pupil-led investigations and experiments in our Science lessons. It will allow access to electrics, a Bunsen burner and a range of practical science equipment. This is a great opportunity for us to increase our practical science lessons and turn every classroom into a Science Lab! Hopefully the children will be telling you all about the many more exciting experiments happening in their classes soon!

Transition mornings / meet the teacher

The children will have their two transition mornings 9.15 -11.45 am 29th June and 6th July. Parents will be able to meet the teacher online after school on 6th July. Staff will deliver two slots one at 3.30pm and one at 4.15pm so parents can attend more than one session if they have 2 children. Year 2 will deliver their slot at 4.30pm as they will be attending a training session before that. Staff will record the session so it can be watched if parents/carers are unable to attend.

Annette Mashru – **Headteacher**

Polite Reminder

*For health and safety reasons parents and carers are **not permitted to drive vehicles** on to the school site **at any time**.*

Please note this also applies to early drop off and late pick up for Wrap Around Care and includes anywhere on the school site. Thank you for your support.