



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

Monday 16th October 2023

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,

I would like to introduce you to Mary Weston and Raggy. Two new additions to the St Andrew's team. We are delighted they are both here.

Hello everyone! My name is **Raggy** and I'm hoping



to come into St Andrew's and meet some of you. I am a **Pets as Therapy dog**, and love being read to and cuddling up with a good story. Mary is my human (she's the one eating the ice-cream in case you were wondering) and looks after me and always keeps me on my lead when I'm in school to make sure everything goes well. Mary used to be a teacher in a Primary school (she was even a Headteacher like Mrs Mashru once upon a time), so she **knows lots about children and helping them to be their best selves**. I like helping too. I'm really looking forward to meeting some of you soon. **If you have any queries regarding Raggy in school please see your child's class teacher.**



The **REInspired team** kindly came into school to give the **year 1** children an afternoon of **storytelling and creativity**. They



introduced the children to parables and encouraged them to think about what life would be like as a shepherd. The afternoon ended with a wonderful story of the **Lost Sheep**, all about a shepherd who leaves his flock of ninety-nine sheep in order to find one which is lost. **As a result, the children made their own sheep using card and cotton wool, these are on display in Benton Hall.**

Year 4



In Year 4's **engaging literacy lessons**, pupils have been crafting **persuasive holiday adverts** that will leave you dreaming of a getaway! For their hot write, they've written captivating Greek folktales, exploring **Greek mythology and storytelling**.

EYFS



From **Frida Kahlo in South America** to fruit and vegetables grown in Africa, the children in EYFS have explored 'all around the world' and were **proud to show off their work on this topic** when parents came in to class.



Year 2



To complete our topic of the **USA**, **Year 2** had an **American celebration!** We were very fortunate to receive some goodies from a Year 2 parent and were able to complete some thanksgiving colouring and tried a pumpkin spice cookie. **The children also enjoyed dancing to party in the USA.**



Year 3

Children visited **Neasden temple** last week and explored the incredible architecture. They were mesmerised by all the intricate details and the amount of work that went into building it. The children watched a **Hindu act of worship** and experienced a snippet of what it would be like to be a part of their culture.



Year 6

This week Year 6 learned a **valuable life skill in CPR**, through the **"Start-a-Heart" campaign**. We were all involved in a fun activity to demonstrate how **the heart pumps blood around the body and to all of the vital organs**; It was a lot of fun and also very exhausting! We discussed the **importance of calling 999** and the emergency services, making sure to follow the correct procedure if we ever encounter such an incident; We now feel even more confident that we would be able to offer some help.

We would like to say a **massive thank you to Mrs Mantle for coming in and teaching us this essential skill.**



Polite Reminder

Please help the staff in school by ensuring the children **only have water in their drinks bottles**. This is to **avoid the high sugar levels in juices** and please understand unless there is a **medical reason** it is not fair if only some of the children comply with this request.



Thank you for your continued support, Annette Mashru - Headteacher

Diary Dates

October 16-20th - Year 6 to Kingswood
October 16-18th - Parents Evenings
October 19th Mufti – Wear Red for Racism Red Card Day
October 20th - SASA Quiz Night
October 31st - SASA Calendar Photos
November 2nd - Y5 cake sale
November 2nd - Open Afternoon 1.15pm
November 7th – PC Ben to Y1 and Y6
November 10th – Armistice Remembrance assembly
November 13th - Anti Bullying Week/World Kindness Day
November 16th - Open Morning 9.30am
November 17th - MUFTI and SASA Disco
November 20th - Open Afternoon 1.15pm
November 23rd - EYFS writing for parents 9am
November 29th – Henry VIII visit Y4
November 30th - St Andrew's Day
December 1st - Posada starts
December 4th - Y1 Christmas Production 2pm
December 5th – Y2 Christmas Production 2pm
December 6th - Thame Festival of Voices 7pm
December 6th - EYFS Christmas Production 2.15pm
December 8th - Y3 Christmas Production 2pm
December 10th - SASA Christmas Fayre
December 13th - Christmas Lunch – MUFTI Xmas Jumper can be worn
December 19th - A Christmas Pantomime in school for Y1 - Y6 and a special surprise 'visitor' in a red suit for EYFS children – Christmas Jumpers can be worn
December 20th - School Finishes at 1.30pm

