



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

Monday 18th November 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

Dear Parents and Carers,



Year 6 pupils recently enjoyed an exciting residential trip to Kingswood, where they participated in a variety of thrilling activities. The highlight for many was the zipline, where students soared through the air, facing their fears



and experiencing the exhilaration of gliding at high speed. They also tackled Jacob's Ladder, a team challenge that required balance, strength, and teamwork to climb the giant structure. The Leap of Faith pushed pupils to conquer their nerves as they jumped from a high platform to catch a giant ball. The adventure-filled days ended with a lively disco, where everyone had a chance to celebrate, dance, and make lasting memories with their friends.



During half term, Ellie visited the Tottenham Hotspur training ground. She came 3rd in the Show Racism the Red Card competition and was invited by Tottenham to visit the training

ground. After a couple of interviews, Ellie had a private tour of the training ground by no other than Dominik Solanke! Ellie, her dad and Mr Scarborough had an amazing day. See the link.

<https://www.st-andrews.oxon.sch.uk/news/2024-11-13-show-racism-the-red-card-competition-prize>



At the end of the Place Value unit in maths, the children in Year 1 consolidated their learning through practical activities. They enjoyed working in groups to complete number lines; creating number towers using cubes; and exploring the use of symbols for greater than, less than and equal to.



In Year 3, we have been busy playing Times Table Rockstars on the iPads in the England Rocks competition. St Andrew's did really well, with a final place in the top quarter of schools that took part. In literacy, the children have been learning about newspapers and have looked at different papers, identifying a range of features, such as headlines, captions, past tense verbs and quotations.

In their Year 5 science lessons, the children have been diving into the fascinating topic of space. They began by exploring our solar system, focusing on learning key facts about each of the planets. The pupils are discovering what makes each planet unique. This engaging journey through space has sparked their curiosity and encouraged them to ask big questions about the universe and our place within it.



The children in EYFS have begun their Level 1 Balanceability Course. They are developing key skills such as, balance, co-ordination and confidence, whilst most importantly learning how to be safe on a bike.

Head lice

Please can we remind parents to check their children's hair especially when a letter has gone out. There is an NHS link below to support with advice.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Bikes and Scooters

We have had an email from a concerned parent regarding the use of scooters and bikes on the way to school. If your child rides to school please make them aware regarding road safety and being safe.

'Today at pick up I was almost hit when an older child rode his scooter and over flipped it up in air above his head. This also happens in the car park with lots of children and adults present. I fear someone will be hurt.'

Diary dates:

November 22nd - KS2 Disco

November 25th - Open Afternoon 1.15pm

November 27th - Henry VIII visit Y4

November 28th - EYFS writing for parents 9am

November 29th - St Andrew's Day

December 4th - Thame Festival of Voices 7pm

December 6th - Posada starts

December 7th - SASA Christmas Fayre

December 9th - Y1 Christmas Production 2pm

December 10th - Y2 Christmas Production 2pm

December 11th - EYFS Christmas Production 2.15pm

December 13th - Year 3 Christmas Production 2pm

December 18th - 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 19th - SASA Elfridges

December 20th - School finishes at 1.30pm