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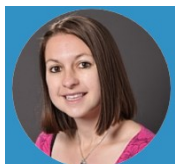
St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter

"Together towards a bright, positive and successful future"



Mrs Hooper
Acting Head of School

Friday 27th April 2018



Dear Parents,

What a busy first couple of weeks we have had! A big well done to the children that represented St Stephens at Mayor Margaret's Unusual Ball last week, as well Year 2 who attended a Multiskills festival this week.

We have lots of fantastic events this term, including sports days, Key Stage Two residentials, KS1 beach trip, outdoor learning afternoon (and of course KS1 and KS2 SAT's). Please make sure you have checked our diary dates letter (also on the website) so that you don't miss anything. We also have lots of sports coaches in this term, including Arena, Plymouth Argyle and Brendon Worth the cricket coach. In addition to this, Mrs Gilbert is also preparing and practicing with children for the Shakespeare Project's final performance, as well as starting a new opera project linked with other schools in the MAT. Hopefully we are going to be seeing lots of sun this term, so please can you make sure that named hats are in school and that sun-cream is applied before the children come to school in the morning.

Academy School Improvement:

This week teachers have met with other teachers across ADMAT for part one of some Visible Learning training about SOLO taxonomy, part two will be held next week.

Attendance

Wk Ending 20th April 2018

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| CLASS F | 93.2% |
| CLASS 1 | 93.6% |
| CLASS 2 | 98.6% |
| CLASS 3 | 95.4% |
| CLASS 4 | 98.9% |
| CLASS 5 | 96.9% |
| CLASS 6 | 99.0% |
| CLASS 7 | 81.4% |

Key Diary Dates

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| Wed 2-Thur 3 May | Year 3 Residential Slapton Sands |
| Month of May | SATS Year 2 |
| Thur 10 May | PTFA Breakfast, details to follow |
| Mon 14-Fri 18 May | SATS Year 6 |
| Thur 24 May | Year F Trethorne visit |
| Fri 25 May | PTFA Crazy Hair Day, details to follow |
| Mon 28 May-Fri 1 | June Half Term |
| Mon 4 June | Summer Term Inset Day |
| Tues 5 June | Back to school |
| Mon 11-Fri 15 June | Phonics Screening Week |



A big congratulations to **Ms Neale** who has had her article about the England-Shanghai Maths Exchange published in the Cornwall and Devon Maths Hub Spring Newsletter .

<https://cornwallwestdevonmathshub.org/2018/04/24/spring-2018-newsletter-available-here/>

Multiskills

This week Year 2 went to Launceston College to take part in a Multiskills Festival. They played lots of different parachute games, learnt and performed a dance, as well as practicing a variety of different skills such as dribbling, hitting and kicking.



**let's get
sugar smart**

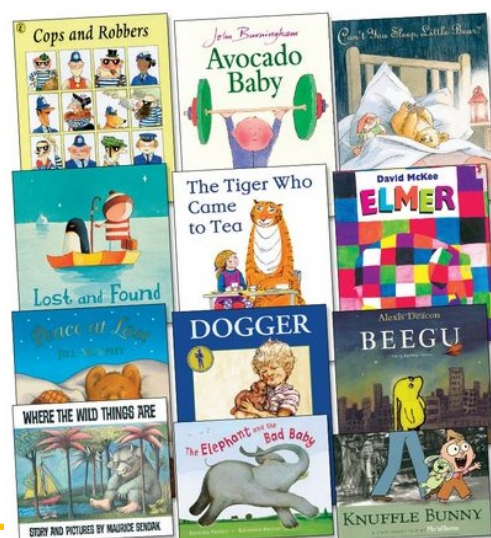


This week our KS2 Sports Leaders took part in some training led by Arena. The training was to encourage the children to take an active leadership role in healthy active lifestyles and to become sugar smart ambassadors for the school. They were taught about how to make smart choices when it comes to choosing snacks, packed lunches or main meals, as well as being informed about regularly eating a balanced diet. They were also taught about how to organise activities for younger children/peers to encourage them to be Sugar Smart and how to promote healthy choices and physical activity at St Stephens.

A big thank you to the PTFA who have bought each class their own set of Pie Corbett Reading Spine books.

What is the Reading Spine?

In the Foundation Stage and Year 1, Pie has suggested a spine of 12 great picture books with which children should build a strong acquaintance. Year 2 is a transition year, with both great picture books and 'chapter stories' included. The daily read-aloud programme is supplemented by guided, shared and independent reading. In the Reading Spine at Key Stage 2, there are six novels in each year with a focus on one core picture book. More information can be found in the news section on the school website.



Macbeth

The hard work starts now for children in Years 2 and 5, as parts have been given out for our performance of Macbeth! The language is unaltered and very hard, so they will need to summon up all their resilience! The performance will be at Dingles on 29th June and our part will take place on The Ark ride!

Wonderful outdoor learning afternoon last term

Thank you to all who helped to make the outdoor learning afternoon last term such a good one! Children from across the school were thrilled to meet Rebecca Ryan's ponies, which were impeccably well behaved and gentle. We also enjoyed dance sessions from Mrs Pat Tremayn who came in to teach us the Cornish Serpentine Dance, amongst others. Huge thanks to her for giving up her time. Other activities included rolling tyres down a hill, making costumes from plastic and gardening. Well done to the gardeners, the potatoes are now sprouting! As not all the children were able to complete all of the activities in the given time, we have plans to re-run the afternoon later in the year.



Good Luck Lewis!

Lewis in Y6 will be acting in the Youth Theatre Group production of 'Sherlock Holmes and the Book of Secret Secrets', on 11th and 12th May in the Town Hall. It starts at 7:30pm on both evenings and it is a one-act play, suitable for all age groups.

We wish him all the very best of luck.

Twitter!



Did you know St Stephens are on Twitter? We often Tweet to celebrate the children's learning and achievements, so why not follow us at: **@ADMAT_SSCA**

Lunchtime Gardening

Thank you to all the children who applied for a flower bed to look after at lunchtimes.



We had an extremely enthusiastic response and the beds already look more cared for, having been dug over and weeded.

Thanks to THE POUND SHOP, for reducing the cost of gardening tools for us. The money raised from our excellent 'Best Dressed Veg' competition on outdoor learning afternoon, went to buy seeds and equipment for our lunchtime gardeners. The significant reduction in price meant that we could buy enough equipment for several teams of gardeners to be digging at the same time!

Youth Council Funding

A huge thank you to Margret Young from all at St Stephen's, not only for being the driving force behind Friday's Mayor Event, but also for agreeing to help us out with funding for art projects. The Youth Council have kindly paid for the expenses involved in putting on Macbeth (a partnership performance with local schools, the RSC and College) and also for funding for children to learn an instrument. We were delighted that six children, who have demonstrated great musical promise over the year, were able to start music lessons with Rob Parkin on Wednesday. Margaret has also helped us with funding for the London College of Music, Music Theatre Exam – which Adam in Y6 is the first to try. He takes his exam in June, so good luck Adam! Hopefully we will be able to continue this next year, with other students.

Well dressed veg competition



We hadn't realised what creativity could sprout from using fruit and veg as an art form! Well done to everyone who entered, everyone was truly impressed by the results!



Margaret Mayor's Unusual Ball!

On Friday 20th April our children, in conjunction with some of the other An Daras schools, took part in a charity event, fund raising money for youth projects across Launceston. The evening started with the primary schools, moved to performances from the talented music students at Launceston College and finished with local bands from around the area.

We began with a re-sing of some of the Song Fest songs, performed by our choir and Coads Green choir (who were led by Olly Stevens).

Our other acts then included : Lewtrenchard choir (led by Lisa McMorrow); St Stephens Drama Club; St Stephens soloists from across KS2; Year Four St Stephens Charles Causley poetry competition winners; a combined schools guitar group (St Stephens and Egloskerry).

We also had on display, work from a Y5 art project, entries for the Zebediah's Art Gallery and also for the An Daras competition.

Below is a complete list of names of children from St Stephens who contributed to this event. WELL DONE ST STEPHENS CREATIVE TALENT!

Choir : Lauren Y6, Lewis Y6, Adam Y6, Adela Y1, Evie Y6, Amber Y2, Hollie Y4, Maisie Y4, Merryn Y3, Andreea Y4, Elsie Y4, Lily Y4, Seth Y3 (Egloskerry), Oscar Y4, Mia Y6, Evie Y3 (St Catherines), Ronnie Y4, Izzy Y6

Drama : Ellie Y5, Kieran Y3, Bethany Y1, Adela Y1, Oscar Y4, Milly Y6, Adam Y6, Paris Y4, Evie Y6, Bella Y2, Liam Y5, Nataly Y2, Seth Y3.

Soloists : Adam Y6, Oscar Y4, Stanley Y6, Elsie Y4, Zinzan Y5.

Guitars : Adam Y6, Lily Y4, Seth Y3.

Y4 Poetry readers : Andreea, Elsie, Paris, Lucas, Oliver, Lily, Natasha.

Artwork from : Y5 – Jan, Scott, Ethan, Theo, Cody, Harrison J, Harrison B, Erin. Zebediah's Art – Alex Y6, Theo Y5, Jess Y6, Bella Y2, Cody Y5, Phoebe Y2, Evie Y6, Amber Y2, Nataly Y2, Shannon Y2, Tamzin Y2, Eva-May Y2, Sam Y2, Jack Y6, Scott Y5, Erin Y5, Bluey Class 7, Emily Y3, Tyler Y2, Izzy Y6, Ethan Y5, Ayla Y1, Noah Y6, Ronnie Y4, Lily Y6, Milly Y6, Ellie Y5, Szymon Y5, Harrison J Y5, Elsie Y4.

Some of our children were also involved in the McQueen's School of Theatre and Dance performances. We hope to do some work with McQueen's in the months to come.



John Tregembo

Exciting news for Y2 this week, as local artist John Tregembo, e-mailed us in response to photographs we sent of the art work we created, based on his seascapes. Here is what he said :

Dear Year 2 students,

I'm more than happy for your email and I am very impressed with the creativity of the class! They should all be mighty proud with what they have made.

I hope you all enjoyed making the work as much as I have enjoyed seeing the result! And continue to find joy in art : I hope you will all keep on being creative.

Kind regards
John Tregembo

Well done Y2!



Competitions : An Daras

Thank you to all those students entering the An Daras Art Competition. I hear that entries from the other school are excellent, so it promises to be a tough decision for the judges! Look out for the results!

Or next competition will be as part of the Launceston Agricultural Show, where we have been asked to make an upcycled garden container. Look out for more details coming soon.