

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Mental Health Awareness Week 13-19th May

The official theme of Mental Health Awareness week this year is 'Move Your Way'.

Being physically active is great for our bodies and our minds. Exercise has been proven to reduce anxiety and depression, and it can help us to prevent physical illnesses.

There can be barriers to being physically active and moving such as low energy, lack of confidence or financial constraints. However, movement can be as simple as stepping off the bus a stop early, moving a meeting to a walking call, giving your child a push on a park swing or dancing in your kitchen while you cook!

Please visit www.mentalhealth.org.uk for help and advice about this year's theme and improving mental health.

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Year 6 SATs

Next week, all Year 6 pupils will be taking National Curriculum Tests in Reading, Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling and Maths. They have all been working extremely hard preparing for these tests and we wish them all lots of luck!

Reminder - During SATS week (Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May), there will be no charge for Breakfast Club for all Year 6 Pupils.

Breakfast Club begins at 7:45 and finishes at 8:30. It is important for children to have a healthy breakfast during this week – as well as the chance to spend some time relaxing (or revising) before the assessments.

Diary Dates

SATs Week Begins – Monday 13th May

U10 Boys Football @ Tiber Street – Tuesday 14th May @ 4pm

U10 Boys Football @ Jeffrey Humble – Thursday 16th May @ 4pm

U11 Boys finals day @ LFC Academy – Friday 17th May @ 1pm

Y4 First Holy Communions – Saturday 18th May @ Christ the King Church

U10 Boys Football @ Tiber Street – Monday 20th May @ 4pm

Y3 Trip to Roman Dewa Experience – Tuesday 21st May

U11 Girls Football @ Jeffrey Humble – Tuesday 21st May @ 4pm

PTA Own Clothes Day – Donations of toys – Thursday 23rd May

INSET Day – School closed to children – Friday 24th May

Children return to school – Monday 3rd June @ 8.30am – 8.45am

Mass @ SPB – Monday 10th June @ 9.15am

Activities – Spring Term

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 15.04.24 for 5 weeks	Y1	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Monday	Choir	KS2	3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Jay Woods Football From 16.04.24 for 6 weeks	Y5 & Y6	7.45am – 8.30am
Tuesday	LLS Multi-sports From w/b 16.04.24 to 9.07.24	Y3 & Y4	3pm – 4pm
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 17.04.24 for 6 weeks	Y2	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Wednesday	Wellbeing Club		3pm – 4pm
Thursday	Jay Woods Football From 18.04.24 for 6 weeks	Y3 & Y4	7.45am – 8.30am
Thursday	LLS Multi-sports From w/b 18.04.24 to 11.07.24	Y1 & Y2	3pm – 4pm
Thursday	ReAction Group	Y4, Y5 & Y6	3pm – 4pm
Friday	Jay Woods Football From 19.04.24 for 5 weeks	EYFS	3.05pm-4.05pm

General/Important InformationSchool Nurse

Parents/carers can now ring the School Nurse directly, anytime, to make an appointment or discuss any issues/concerns you may have regarding your child.

Please call: 0151 295 9700

Reminder – Dogs on School Premises

Can we remind parents that dogs are not allowed within the school grounds.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

Another great week in Reception! This week we are continuing with our growing topic. We are looking at instructions and how we used these to plant our sunflower seed last week. In the writing area we are reading instructions and sequencing instructions ready to attempt to write some instructions next week. Last week we learnt how to play snakes and ladders to develop our counting on and back skills so this week we are playing it independently! This will put our upturn taking skills to the test! In the maths area this week we are focusing on numbers to 20. We are writing, counting and making numbers 10 to 20. Making teen numbers is a really hard concept as we need to understand that the first number is showing us how many tens there are and the second number is showing us how many ones. We have been using tens frames, counters and blocks to represent this. The children loved observational drawings so much we have carried this over in our creative area but this week we have been drawing a sunflower. This also leads into our artist study on Van Gogh next week. In the funky fingers area, we have been cutting and sticking instructions, for how to plant a seed, in the right order. We have also been making the most of the warmer weather by spending lots of time outside playing in our water tray and sand pit!

This week we have begun a science experiment! We are investigating if a sunflower will grow best in the dark or in the sunlight. We have planted two seeds then we have placed one on the window ledge and one in the dark stock cupboard. We have discussed and drawn our predictions! We will be checking our seeds next week to see how they are coming on! In RE we have continued with our topic of Good News. First we recapped the Pentecost story, then we made our own flags with symbols of Pentecost on them. Finally, we went outside to sing a special song all about Pentecost- sharing the good news that Jesus is alive! What a busy week!!

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YEAR ONE:

Our English lessons this week started with the discovery of some items in our classroom, which led us to discover that they belonged to Erin from our story 'The Secret of Black Rock.' We soon realised that she was trying everything to get the adults to realise that Black Rock needs saving not destroying. We have created 'Save Black Rock' posters and have been roleplaying as Erin; thinking about the things we would say to all the grown-ups who aren't listening to her.

In Maths, we have continued our learning of counting groups of objects, there is more practise of this for homework. We have also been learning how to double numbers.

Our geography lesson, this week focused on the equator and the polar regions. We learnt how the equator helps to determine the climate of a country and we then used this knowledge to colour in a world map, using appropriate colours to depict if each continent was a hot, cold or moderate climate.

The highlight of our week was definitely building our bug hotels in DT. We have left the finished products in our garden to see if they attract any bugs. We will evaluate their success next week!

YEAR TWO:

We have had a lovely week of learning this week. In English, we started off our new topic on Setting Narratives by predicting what was going to happen next before reading the rest of our story, 'The King who Banned the Dark'. In Maths, we have been learning all about halves, thirds and quarters and can find these in shapes. We have finished the week finding fractions of a set of objects. In DT, we have been working hard with our puppets, trying to get the stitches in the right place. We hope to have this finished and ready by next week to perform a puppet show. In Science, we were looking at the Oak tree as a habitat for lots of different species. Finally, in PSHE we have been talking about the kind of person we would like to be remembered as. We talked about how we can be kind, forgiving, loving and caring to others around us.

YEAR THREE:

During this shorter, yet no less busy week, Year 3 have explored a range of angles and searched for right angles around the classroom in maths; they have thought carefully about technical language and 'period' language as they planned and composed a diary entry, in role as Emily Sands (fictional Egyptologist 1926); made links between the Pentecost story and Christian belief in the power of the Holy Spirit in the R.E. lesson; researched Roman towns in the history lesson, and have produced their own Roman-style fresco in the art lesson. Each class also completed their final observation of herb plants, in order to find out the important function of leaves for plant growth and health (photosynthesis). And finally, Year 3 enjoyed a drama workshop on Friday afternoon with *'Robinson Crusoe in Space'* as the theme. This fun and futuristic retelling of the classic novel by Daniel Defoe was led by a professionally trained actor who used the children's natural love of drama, role-play and improvisation to spark their imaginations – a very enjoyable way to end the week!

YEAR FOUR:

Year 4 were welcomed back on Tuesday for a shorter, but action-packed four-day week! In English, we have continued our work on diary writing, considering the perspective of Mahek, the refugee mother who has to flee war, taking her children with her. We have thought about how Mahek might act around her children, which would be different from the feelings she may confide in her diary.

On Tuesday, we started our D.T. food topic, planning a healthy and nutritious snack suitable for break time. After discussing our design brief, we learnt about food labelling and tried creating traffic light labels for some of our break time snacks based on their fat, sugar, and salt content.

In maths, we have continued our work on units of measure, focusing on estimating volume and mass, and developing our skills at converting between different units of measurement. This is a skill that we would encourage children to keep practicing as it can be a bit tricky!

YEAR FIVE:

In RE this week, Year 5 learnt all about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and created art work based on the quality we most identified with. We included the definition of the quality and how we can demonstrate this at home, in school and in the wider community. In Geography, we learned about different biomes, including temperate forests and rainforests, and made fact files about them. In Science, we learnt the reproductive parts of flowers and their functions. We also learnt the different ways in which plants can reproduce and the advantages and disadvantages of each. In Art, we mixed different shades of green, experimenting ready to begin our rainforest paintings next week. In English, we have been writing our survival narratives, set in different places. We've been working on how to build up drama and tension, using a range of techniques such as short sentences. In Maths, we have been converting between different units of measure, including length, mass and volume. To help us with this, we have been practising multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.

YEAR SIX:

This week Year 6 have had a final review of all of the objectives that we have covered since September as we get ready to complete our SATs next week. We have continued to revise previously taught spelling rules, grammar objectives, reading comprehension skills and our arithmetic and reasoning methods. We have all worked so hard and could not be more prepared for the week ahead. Our year 6 team would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the children for their sheer hard work and dedication. We are so proud of each and every one of you and, no matter what happens next week, you are all already successful as you are wonderful people!

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