



St Paul's News



"ALWAYS STRIVING TO BE BETTER"

MARCH 2024



Term 4

Another busy term comes to an end. The children have worked hard both in school and at home. We have seen amazing and creative World Book Day characters which have wowed us all. The children continue to love earning raffle tickets for reading and are determined to win a book. The brand new school library is up and running. Thank you to Mrs Bennett for working tirelessly to get the books scanned onto our new system and for reading to groups of children at lunchtime and in the afternoons.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter!

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Attendance

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

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5 classes had their attendance at or above 95% this month.

Overall school attendance overall this year is **93.4%** which is **below** the national average of **94.3%** to date. Please remember that in the event of your child being absent from school, it is your responsibility to let the front office know the reason for this through ringing in using Option 1 or leaving a message via Arbor.

A big well done to RBCKC, 1HI, 2JB, 4JM and 4AB, who have all had attendance above 95% this term.

Attendance this term

RLB	89.9%	2JB	95.2%	4AB	95.9%
RBCKC	95%	2LG	94.6%	5SW	90.7%
RKS	88.3%	3LW	92.2%	5ER	92.8%
1CD	93.1%	3AY	94.2%	5EL	93.6%
1HI	97.1%	3JS	94.7%	6CW	94.1%
1RMLB	92.2%	4VLTS	94.8%	6KG	90.2%
2HONH	90.7%	4JM	96.2%	6GH	94%

**1HI with
97.1%**

Reception- Spring Concert

Corin Pennington- also know as 'Corin the Music Man' has been working with Reception classes over the last few months. He has focused on singing and signing as well as keeping a rhythm.

The children performed in front of their parents -they thoroughly enjoyed performing in front of an audience and were able to sing and keep time



We love learning
the songs

Corin is fun!



Year 1- Mallydams Outreach

Sam from Mallydams came to visit us in our classrooms.

First, she taught us about the five things pets need:

- Vaccinations and vet care when needed
- Love and the right kind of company
- Play, exercise and the right space to allow them to behave as they would in the wild
- The right kind of home (not too hot, not too cold)
- The correct food and drink

Next, she showed us some animal skulls and gave us information about how you can tell what kind of diet the animals have. Predators have sharp teeth. They are carnivores and only eat meat. Herbivores only eat plants; they have flat molars for chewing grass and gaps between their teeth to pull leaves from twigs. Omnivores eat meat and plants.

After, we went to our tables and sketched the skulls using charcoal. We tried hard to use shading and to really focus on the detail we could see.

Last, Sam taught us a song about the 5 Needs with Makaton to help us remember the importance of looking after our pets responsibly.

Miss Blackman

Year 1- Mallydam's Outreach



5 Needs Song

(To the tune of Frere Jacques)

There are some things
There are some things
Animals need
Animals need

To be very happy
To be very healthy
What do they need?
What do they need?

Food and Water
Friends and Shelter
Exercise, Exercise

Vets do operations
and give vaccinations
Now you try
Now you try

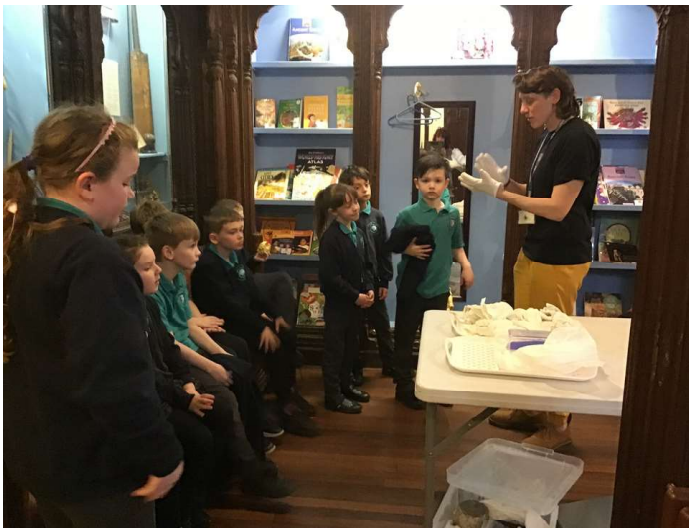


Year 3- Hastings Museum

3JS went to Hastings Museum to explore the topic of Ancient Egyptians. The children were excited and were able to touch artefacts and learnt about mummification. They were able to explore the rest of the museum as well.

We had a great time and learnt a lot.

Mrs Smith



Year 3- Mummification



Year Three truly immersed themselves in the history of Ancient Egypt mummifying tomatoes and mummifying each other! (We'll be checking in on the tomatoes after the Easter Holidays to see how well we did, fingers crossed they're preserved and not rotted!)

Mrs McCullough



Year 4- Battle Abbey

Year 4 have been studying The Norman Conquest so ventured over to Battle Abbey for the day. During the day we spent time looking at the artefacts that are kept above the gatehouse, watched the short film about the build up to the battle as well as the battle itself. We spent some time sketching, explored the old abbey, re-enacted the battle by the side of the battlefield (which was extremely muddy therefore closed) and walked for miles and miles. Everyone had a great day and we were able to use our knowledge to write an amazing recount of the battle and our visit.

Mr Morton

I like the exhibition because it gave us a lot of information
Willow

I enjoyed the ruins, they echoed
Bo Year 4

I liked seeing the armour and how heavy they were
Connor



Easter at St Paul's

This term, we told the Easter Story to Reception, Years 1, 2 & 3

We enjoy being part of Worship council and leading Worship in front of the whole school

This year at our Easter service, we focused on the parts of the Easter story you don't normally look at. Some of Year 6 children read to us about what Jesus did for the disciples at the Last Supper. A group of children from Years 4 & 5 read about what they do to serve in the Academy or their community. Such as cubs, football teams and helping the environment. Matthew showed us how Jesus washed the disciples' feet but some were not happy to do this so he had to explain to them that everyone needs to serve each other. The choir sang 'Amazing Grace' in parts and made everyone feel calm and relaxed. The soloists were really fabulous. The rest of the children sang 2 other songs together and Matthew showed us that Jesus can wash our sins away, just like Nicky's dirty t-shirt.

Maya - Year 4 worship council



World Book Day

Our school was full of excitement on World Book Day with a real buzz about books. It was a really happy day which celebrated a love of reading amongst our school community.

A special thank you for all your support in creating 'cardboard tube book characters.' We were blown away by the number of entries. They are displayed in book areas around our school and look fantastic!



World Book Day

The children and staff embraced the day with a huge variety of book character costumes. There were some popular themes - especially Harry Potter, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Where's Wally!



World Book Day

Book Swaps

The KS1 and KS2 book swaps were well supported and very popular. This is an event we are keen to continue in the summer term as we received such positive feedback from the children about it



Blue Peter Badges

Thank you for returning consent forms so your child can apply to receive a Blue Peter Badge. We have sent over 400 applications to Blue Peter. What an impressive number!

Parent Story Times

It was brilliant to see our EYFS/KS1 story time sessions being so well supported by you all. Thank you for joining your child's class to share a story during World Book Day week.

Maths

Would you like to support your child with their Maths learning at home?

Why not try some of these simple activities this Easter?

Measuring

Make an Easter cake with your children.

Reception - encourage the use of vocabulary such as heavier/lighter/heaviest/lightest

KS1 - children can help to weigh the ingredients and read the scales. You could discuss what the intervals are on the scales.

KS2 - children can accurately weigh ingredients out independently, again discussing the scale and the intervals that the scales are increasing by.

Shapes

Smash an Easter egg.

Reception - ask the children what shapes they can see. Can they find any triangles in the broken chocolate? Can they find a 4 sided shape? What is that called?

KS1 - ask the children what shapes they can see. Can they tell you the number of sides those shapes have? Can they tell you the number of corners those shapes have?

KS2 - ask the children the names of the shapes that they can see. Are they a regular or irregular shape? Does the shape have any lines of symmetry?

Number

Go on an Easter egg hunt.

Reception - number the eggs with numbers up to 10. Can your child find the eggs in the correct order?

KS1 - number the eggs with numbers up to 100. Can they collect them all then put them in the correct order?

KS2 - number the eggs in a times table that they are working on. Can they collect the eggs in the correct order?

Art Club Gallery



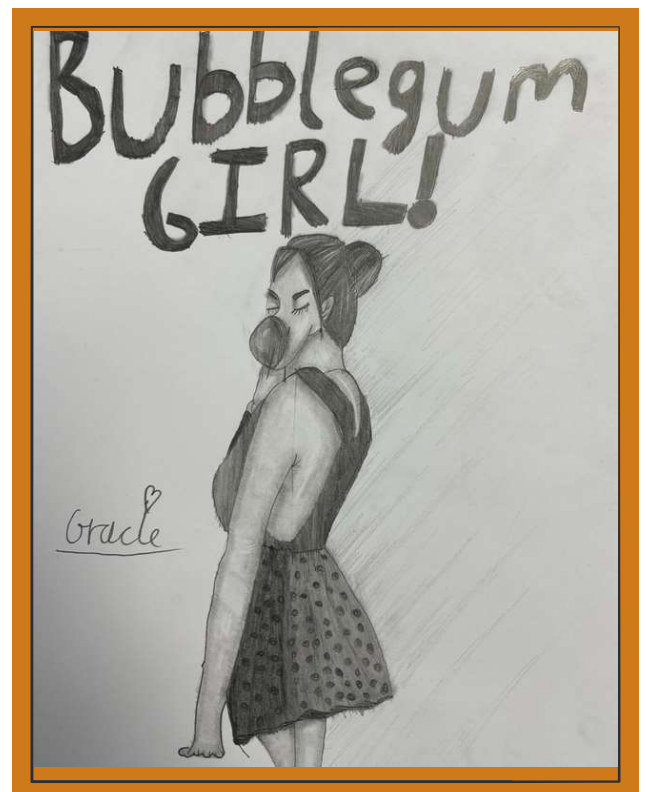
ANTONIA (YEAR 6)



POLLY (YEAR 3)



JESSICA (YEAR 5)



GRACE (YEAR 4)

Sports at St Paul's

Netball Tournament March 2024

A group of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils went to St Leonards Academy to take part in a netball competition. St Paul's netball team were fantastic! They worked well as a team and scored some amazing goals. They won 3 matches and drew 2, coming in at second place. The team made it to the final which will happen later on in the term. A huge congratulations to the team!



Wellbeing

Anxiety Workshop

We were delighted to invite Clare Wesley and Sarah Church to our school earlier this term. Both practitioners work for the NHS My Mind Team and are Mental Health Support Practitioners. They led an engaging and interesting workshop to a number of parents about supporting children to manage anxiety and worry. The session was positively received and we were given a number of useful resources to support our children. Two clips they shared can be accessed below. One is about our reactions when experiencing anxiety and the other focuses on how to reframe our thoughts more positively. If you were unable to attend, but would value any ideas or advice, please contact Miss Watson.



Years 5 and 6 Sleep Workshops

Following a survey we completed with our Year 5 and 6 pupils, we realised that healthy sleep habits were a key area we needed to teach our pupils about. We have been lucky to welcome Sarah (our Mental Health Support Practitioner) to lead workshops with each class to educate our pupils about the importance of sleep and how to create positive habits.

Makaton

Mrs McCullough has launched our makaton 100 project at St Paul's! The children will be taught a sign a week over the next 100 weeks. This week's sign was "Good Morning". Make sure to ask your child about our sign of the week :)

Week 5



Why?

Week 6



Week 7



Which

Week 8



sorry

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH

St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex



Details of our Easter Services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday can be found below.

Good Friday at St Matthew's Church
St Matthew's Road, St Leonards on Sea, TN37 6PD

11am A Service of Meditation
and Reflection

St Matthews

Easter Sunday Celebration
Sunday 31 March
11am at St Matthew's Church

Do come and join us as we celebrate the
resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Following the service there will be an Easter Egg hunt
for children around the Church grounds.

 **St Matthews**
helping local people follow Jesus Christ

Key Dates Term 5

Monday 15th April- Start of Term 5

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday School closed

Week beginning Monday 13th May- Key Stage 2 tests

Friday 24th May - Last day of Term 5

Monday 2 June- Start of Term 6

Friday 19th July- End of school year

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We'd love to hear some feedback from you as well as any new ideas for things we could include in our St Paul's News. Please send any comments to office@stpaulsceaacademy.org