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St Dunstan's, Cheam, C of E Primary School

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to the first Newsletter of July 2022 which is, once again, packed full of exciting news of the many events and activities of the past 2 weeks!

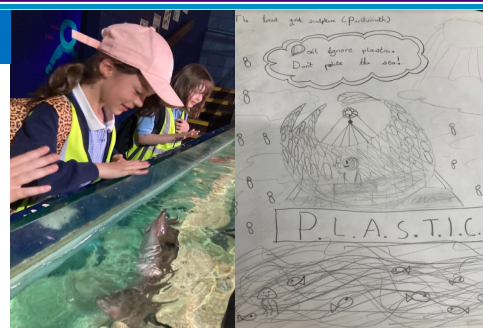
Sadly, as we approach the end of the academic year, it is with a heavy heart, that I give you the news that we will be saying farewell to three long-standing members of staff and we will be celebrating all that they have given to the children and whole school community over the years. Mrs J Ward is re-locating and will be leaving our teaching team after 15 years. Mrs J Batten will be leaving our St Dunstan's family after over 20 years service as a Senior Teaching Assistant and previously as a Midday Supervisor to spend more time with her family, and Mrs M Powell, who started with us in 2004, will be pursuing a new career opportunity. They will all be greatly missed, but I know you join us in wishing them all the very best for the future.

We look forward to seeing you all on Friday 8th July at Music for a Summer's afternoon and afterwards in the classrooms where you will have the opportunity to share in all your children's learning this year. Enjoy your weekend. **Mrs L Porter**

Year 4 Visit Portsmouth



On Tuesday 21st June Year 4 visited sunny Portsmouth. We walked to the promenade to see a beautiful sculpture called The Treadgold Fish sculpture. We used our sketching skills to draw the sculpture with the correct proportions. Later on, we visited the Aquarium and saw an array of beautiful creatures including a spider crab,



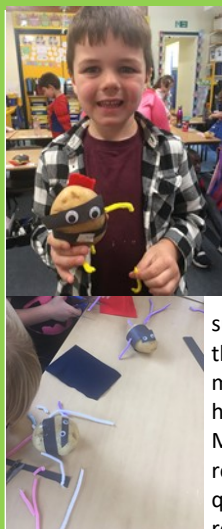
stingrays, clown fish, piranhas and many more. At the end of the day, we had an Eco Awareness talk at the aquarium which brought our attention back to the importance of looking after our planet and how we can reduce our use of plastic.

'The best bit for me was the aquarium because we saw all the of the unique sea creatures and we learnt ways that we can protect our planet for example using reusable straws instead of plastic ones.' Oliver L.

I enjoyed sketching the sculpture – it really made me think of ways that I can protect the planet and use less plastic.' Manhal A.

They're all Superheroes!

On Thursday 30th June, Year 1



enjoyed a super fun 'Superhero' day. The children all came to school dressed as a superhero, the costumes were amazing and there were even some home made outfits!

To start off our day, Professor Evil took away our numberline and hid the numbers all over the playground. We had to use our superhero skills to find all of the numbers and put the numbers back in order. After that, we made a superhero pasta salad, it was delicious! We then listened to the story 'Supertato' and made our very own Supertato to take home. We were also lucky to have Elle's Mummy come in and talk to us about her role as a nurse. We asked her lots of questions about her job, it was really interesting.

Mercury: 'I enjoyed making and eating the pasta!' Freddie.

Mercury: 'I enjoyed looking for the numbers!' Niyah.

Neptune: 'We loved making superheroes using salt dough.' Elizabeth.

Neptune: 'I tried some mushrooms from our

superhero pasta, they were a bit squishy!' Joshua B **A great day was had by all!**



Quote from the Parental Questionnaire

Please describe what St Dunstan's means to you and your family.

'A safe place for my children where they are encouraged to grow spiritually in addition to academically.'



Mufti Day—22nd July

On the last day of term children will be able to come to school in their

own clothes.

We are having a mufti day in order to raise money for a defibrillator for the school. The defibrillator is a life saving device that can help save the life of someone experiencing a sudden cardiac arrest and which will cost in the region of £1,000-£1,200.

We would kindly ask for a minimum donation of £1 per child or more if you are able to. It would be lovely if we were able to have the equipment in place for September.

Thank you for your ongoing support. **PTFA**



Earlier this week, the children in Years 1-6 took part in 'London Rocks', a London wide competition run by Times Table Rock Stars.

The children were incredible and really got into the spirit of the competition. The highest scorers for each class were:

Cygnus - Jasmine C	Delphinus - Toby W
Aquila - Emily D	Phoenix - Louise O
Hercules - Zunaira T	Saturn - Lola H
Unicorn - Abeera T	Jupiter - Rosie F
Pegasus - Ethan L	Neptune - Joel W
Orion - Blake W	Mercury - Zion A

Our highest scorer overall was **Jasmine C in Cygnus** with a whopping **6,444** points. *A huge well done to all.*

Mrs Ward, Maths Lead



Year 3 had the best day last week!



We had a Greek day where we got to dress up as Ancient Greeks and learn about the areas they lived. It was interesting that there were lots of different city states that were always fighting but if someone from a different country invaded they all teamed up.

We were really impressed with the size of the spears they used in battle, one of the was 6 metres long!



'Congratulations' to the Year 6 children who took part in the Bikeability training over the last two weeks.

Attendance

The attendance figure for w/c 20/06/2022 was:

95.90%

Our target is **96.4%**

House Points

St Patrick
322

St Andrew
328

St David
345

St George
308

'Stars' of the last two weeks.....

Nursery	Indianna	Rocco
Venus	Tin Ching	Charlotte B
Pluto	Nawaal	Harlyn
Neptune	Aaron	Riley C
Mercury	Freddie	Sofia
Jupiter	Rosie	Nicole
Saturn	Sienna	Malika
Delphinus	Benjamin	Chit
Phoenix	Nicole K	Bobby
Orion	Whole Class	Ella
Pegasus	Whole Class	Colton
Unicorn	Giana	Amber
Hercules	Arwin	Thomas
Aquila	Christanne	Sophia K
Cygnus	Toby	Titus

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

July

w/c Monday 4 th	Last week of clubs
Wednesday 6 th	Pegasus— Tennis lesson at Peaches Close Final Swimming Lesson for Year 3
Friday 8 th	Music for a Summer's Afternoon/Open Evening 1.45pm-6.00pm
Saturday 9 th	Horticultural Show
Wednesday 13 th	Yr6 Southwark Leavers' Service Pegasus— Final Tennis lesson at Peaches Close
Friday 15 th	PTFA Good as New Uniform Sale 3.00pm-4.00pm
Monday 18 th	Sports Day EYFS & KS1 9.00am and KS2 1.30pm
Thursday 21 st	Prayer Group in School Library 8.45am
Friday 22 nd	PTFA Mufti Day Yr 6 Leavers Service at St Dunstan's Church Term Ends 1.30pm

Future Dates

September

Thurs & Fri 1st & 2nd **INSET Days**
Mon 5th Children return to school

'Music for a Summer's Afternoon' & Open Evening



Friday 8th July
1.45pm—6.00pm

Friday 15th July
PTFA Good as New Uniform Sale

3.00pm-4.00pm

Donations of uniform can be dropped off on the morning of Thursday 14th July.



Friday 22nd July
Summer Term Ends 1.30pm