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Newsletter No. 174

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

Message from the Headteacher

What a fabulous 2 weeks we have enjoyed since the last Newsletter—the weather has been beautiful and the children have taken part in so many activities to enrich their learning experiences, which you can read about below.

Thank you to all who came to our Sports' Day last week and supporting your children; it was lovely to see so many of you here!

You will have seen on the news, reports of 2 upcoming strike days. We are hoping for further confirmation on Monday and I will then be able to update you on the situation for St Dunstan's and any activities/events which we need to reschedule.

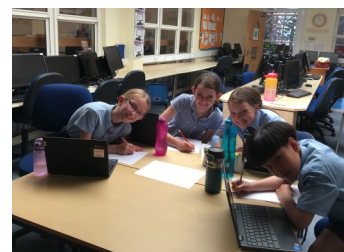
We are very much looking forward to seeing you at the Summer Fayre tomorrow—as ever, the PTFA have been working so very hard to ensure a fun-filled day for everyone. The Fayre opens at 10.30am.

Some very exciting news to share; I am delighted to announce that The Right Reverend Bishop Christopher, Bishop of Southwark, will be coming to our school to lead a Eucharist Service to bless our School Vision on Monday 17th July. More details will be shared in due course but parents will be welcome to join us in school for this very special service; space permitting!

Ms J Corby

Marvellous Mathematicians!

Inspirational Marvellous Mathematicians are three words to describe our 4, Y6 children who took part in the SEMI-FINALS of the KS2 National Math's Quiz Club competition on 13th June. They competed against 371 other children and achieved an amazing 1315 final score. Well done to Darcey, Esther, Lena and Sebastian.

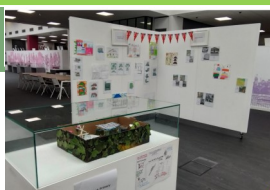


A big thank you for all the donations for the Summer Fayre. Looking forward to a fun day at the Summer Fayre tomorrow 10.30am-2.00pm. Online raffle: thank you for your support and generous with the summer raffle. We raised approximately £650 which is amazing. Thank you.

PTFA

Capture Sutton for the King

Congratulations to all the children in Year 6 who entered the Capture Sutton for the King; Then, Now and Next. The children were set a challenge of designing a sustainable school of the future. All the art work was displayed at Sutton Library during May and the staff, customers and competition judges were really impressed with the artwork - they were so grateful for all the time and effort that went into every entry.



Reception's Visit Bocketts Farm



Reception had a wonderful day at the farm. We visited and petted chickens, rabbits and guinea pigs, met a young Shetland pony, Chicken Nugget, and chatted to two cows, two calves and a bull! We fed the goats and sheep and cheered loudly for the pigs in the Pig Race! A lovely tractor tour of the farm where we saw pigs, llamas, deer, cows and hay bales as well as a wonderful view of London.



Life Cycle of a Frog



In EYFS we have been observing the frogspawn developing into frogs. It has been a very long process.



We saw the mummy and daddy frog back in March and not long after that we saw lots of frogspawn in our school pond. We carefully carried some and put them in a tank. We waited and



watched. We used magnifying glasses to look closely. We drew pictures of the different stages. Now, we have tadpoles with long tails, we have froglets and we have frogs. It took 3 months to see the first few frogs. They are tiny! We are now feeding the froglets and can't wait to release them back in the pond.

Year 6 residential trip to Wales,

On either side of the May half-term break, each Year 6 class headed to the Brecon Beacons / Bannau Brycheiniog in Wales for a five-day residential trip. The weather was amazing, the scenery was inspiring and everyone involved had a great time, developing their physical, practical, social and emotional skills.

'Climbing the ancient mountain, Mount Twmpa, was so challenging but in the end it was worth it for the view.' Olivia C.

'I found the adventure day exhilarating as everything was out of my comfort zone, so I had to force myself to do it, which I'm so glad I did because it was one of the best days and I enjoyed every second of it.' Isabella.



'We had an adventure day (my favourite activity so far). We went zip lining. It was nerve wracking at first, as we were so high up, but going down was amazing. There were four sections to the gorge walk - first we waded through freezing cold, waist high water. Second, we went under a mini waterfall on our hands and knees. Third, we practised our swimming in a sort of pool. Fourth, we bum-shuffled our way across an impossible ledge. Nobody made it across.' Elizabeth.

'My highlight of the week was horse riding because I had never ridden a horse before. My horse was called Little Harry and he had the following features: a beautiful golden mane; orange fur that glistened in the sunlight; an annoying overtaking problem and a dislike of Phoebe's horse! When we first did the obstacle course, I felt like I would fall off! However, after doing the trotting, I was a lot more confident, which made it one of the best days of my life - I was thrilled!' Conor.



An activity leader took us rock climbing. I was so fast! I got way higher than I thought. As I was climbing I saw shimmering stones in between the crags.' Mayah.

'I really enjoyed everything I did during my week in Wales, especially adventure day. I learnt a lot and had some unique experiences.' Chloe.



'On our journey home on Friday, we stopped at a rope centre. Firstly, we had to cross four rope and chain bridges, even with a harness it terrified me as I walked across the pit. After, we went on rock climbing walls, surprisingly I made it to the top of every wall.' James.



Sports News

Sports Day at St Dunstan's

On Friday 16th June, children from Nursery to Year 6 took part in our Sports Day. During the morning, Key Stage Two completed a selection of events such as bean bag shotput, egg and spoon race, football dribble relay and standing jump.

The afternoon session for EYFS and Key Stage One consisted of events such as egg and spoon race, bean bag target and a balance challenge. All children participated and worked as teams to earn points for their houses to gain the Sports Day Cup. All results were recorded by class teachers and then collated and checked. We are pleased to announce that in EYFS and Key Stage 1 St David's triumphed. In Key Stage 2 St Andrews were victorious.

Well done to everyone!



District Sports

On Friday 16th June, thirty two children, across Year 3 - 6, travelled to the David Weir Centre in Rose Hill to take part in Sutton's Borough Sports. It was a blisteringly hot afternoon! Children took part in 600m, 80m sprints and a 4 x 100m relay. The athletes were amazing and every member of the team played their part. Children from Years 3- 5 qualified for the sprint finals. In the 600m, athletes won gold, silver and bronze. Well done to all of the St Dunstan's Athletics team of 2023.

On Wednesday 21st June, a selection of boys went to play cricket at Beddington Cricket Ground. We first played a friendly match and we lost but then we played a second match and we won 104-99. Unfortunately, we lost



another match by 4 runs. We were very close to winning the tournament but did extremely well and overall we came 2nd place. By Gilbert Year 5.



Over the last twelve weeks, Miss Toms has taken part in the Diabetes UK Swim Challenge. She has swum 11 miles over this time, which equates



to 704 lengths of Cheam pool. She has managed to raised £345 for this very worthy cause.

Well Done Miss Toms!



Please look at the school's website for activities and summer camps that are available for your child /children to take part in over the summer holidays.



Your very own heirloom is just a click away!

All of the children recently drew their very royal self portraits and they are now available to purchase in our online shop. You can choose from tea towels, mugs, bags, aprons and so much more, and there are so many ways to personalise your products: with themes ranging from King Charles III's Coronation to Father's Day or even the End Of The School Year.

They make perfect gifts and keepsakes for loved ones, and what's even better is that a whopping 20% of the profits come straight back to us to help with our fundraising!

If you have any questions or are struggling to order, My Child's Art have a customer service team waiting to help you via email or phone 01530 887650 / customerservice@mychildsart.co.uk - they're more than happy to talk you through the process or answer any concerns!

Don't delay - order today!

BY ROYAL INVITATION - WIN £250!

As a special gift for the King's Coronation, My Child's Art will also be sending out a very special "design a crown" activity for your children with every order.

Make sure you take part: there are some amazing prizes to win including £250 for the 1st Place Crown!



COOL MILK CELEBRATES WORLD SCHOOL MILK DAY!

WIN BIG PRIZES!

We are excited to announce the competition for World School Milk Day 2023! This year we have a competition for parents to participate in. You can head over to our Instagram @coolmilkscheme to find the post with the instructions to enter. You will need to send in their best family milk moustache photo by tagging us on Instagram, following us on Instagram and tagging 3 friends. The lucky winner will receive a trip to Chessington's 'Christmas Festive Sleepover' for a family of 4.

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Healthy Heroes

Year 1 and Year 2 became *Healthy Heroes* this week. They were taught about what it takes to keep your body and mind healthy. There was some good advice about having a good diet, sleeping well, keeping clean, drinking enough water and keeping active. Despite the heat of the classroom, the children rose to the challenge of keeping active by using a dice to generate a number relating to a kind of exercise. In another active part of the lesson, the children had a cone duel in which they had to be quick on the draw to pick up a cone amongst a whole series of fitness instructions. We had a lot of fun and now we have even more motivation to keep healthy.



Library Books

Please remember to return all library books on the w/b 3rd July 23

Thank you for your support!
The library team

pageborders.org

Try to be like a tortoise—at ease in your own shell...



Ella's mummy brought Eddie and Freddie to nursery.



They are tortoises and they are brothers. The children were super excited



to see them and touch their hard shells. We tried feeding them their favourite food, dandelion, but they were not hungry at all. They wanted to explore the classroom...we think! We also watched them race with each other. Eddie



won. We talked about what they eat and how to look after them. We felt the bumps on their shells. It was fun!

House Points for the last 2 weeks

St David
720

St Andrew
663

St Patrick
676

St George
662

Attendance

The attendance figure for w/c 12/06/2023 was:

94.77%

Our target is **96.4%**

This Week's Attendance Winners

Congratulations to Cygnus Class
for 98.4% highest attendance
★ Congratulations! ★
Date 23rd June Signed Mrs Porter

This Week's Attendance Winners

Congratulations to Pegasus Class
for 99.7% attendance for 9/6/23 - 14/6/23
★ Congratulations! ★
Date 16th June 2023 Signed Mrs Porter

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

Nursery	Lydia	Florence
Venus	Charlie	Oakley
Pluto	Adelina	Yik Ting
Neptune	Alexandra	Ruby
Mercury	Kady	Amelia T
Jupiter	Amberley	Jack
Saturn	James	Elle
Delphinus	Scout	Eleana-Grace
Phoenix	Eunis	Sapphire
Orion	Rosalind	Thea
Pegasus	Isabel S	Dharana
Unicorn	Edwin	Geraint
Hercules	Manhal	Isabella
Aquila	Olivia	Carsten
Cygnus	Thomas R	Mayah

INSET DAY Monday 10th July 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

June

w/c Mon 26th

Weds 28th

Thurs 29th

July

w/c Mon 3rd

Tues 4th

Weds 5th

Thurs 6th

Year 6 Bikeability

Year 3 Swimming Lesson

Year 4 Tennis Lessons—Peaches Close

Year 6 Bikeability

Last week of Clubs

Venus Class Assembly

Year 3 Swimming Lesson

Prayer Group

Year 4 Tennis Lessons—Peaches Close

Please see the school's website under school calendar for a full list of dates and events for this term.