



9th June 2023

Newsletter No. 173

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

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to the 2nd half of the Summer Term—I cannot believe how quickly the weeks are passing and we are now entering the season of midsummer activities!

I am delighted to have shared our Ofsted report with you earlier today—we are very proud of all that is achieved here at St Dunstan's and I hope you find time to read the outcome of our recent visit.

Just before half term, Y5 and the PTFA both took an integral part in celebrating our school at the Cheam Charter Fayre and it was wonderful, as ever, for the children to have the honour of proclaiming the opening of the event—well done to all involved.

On our return to school this week, you will have all noticed the wonderful new fencing and gates around the EYFS playground and on entry to the Infant playground—I hope you agree it is a great improvement, makes the playground more secure and also seem so much bigger, and really enhances our school grounds.

Our 2 Y6 classes, Cygnus and Aquila, both enjoyed the most fabulous weeks on School Journey in Wales; we look forward to welcoming Aquila back this afternoon and we will include reports from both classes in our next Newsletter.

Ms J Corby

Life-Cycle of a Butterfly



In Nursery, we have been learning about the life-cycle of the butterfly.



After witnessing the caterpillars turning into chrysalises and then into butterflies the children were very excited to release them. The butterflies were so good, posing for pictures. It took a little while for them to fly away so the children



kept holding them gently, high up to help them out. And they did! The three butterflies flew away slowly and we all watched them going higher and higher.



Mrs Merova, Nursery



On behalf of Dogs4Wildlife, thank you to all that donated to this wonderful cause. We managed to raise **£260**.

Your money will mean that Nkosi will be able to leave for Africa in 3 months to complete her training onsite. It will also go towards specialist equipment, food, clothing and medicines to help her be successful. We found out yesterday that footprints cannot be seen on grass, but Nkosi uses her long ears, which brush along the ground and send smells into the air. That way she can track poachers by scent. In the same way, she could track a missing child for miles. Making her a master at hide and seek. The rangers were so impressed with our children's questions and knowledge that they have agreed to take and share photographs of Nkosi, so that we will be able to follow her work and continue to learn. A poster assignment has also been set for the children to design a 'Stop Poaching' picture, with facts, and these will also go to the reserve and pictures will be taken of your child's wonderful work in Africa. *Mrs Jenkins.*



Online Summer Raffle

The raffle will go live on Monday June 12th. There are

three fantastic prizes to be won. Please share with friends and family.

The link to purchase tickets is shown here:

Enter Raffle to Win Summer Prizes 2023 hosted by PTFA

raffall.com

Key dates sheet: Hopefully you will have received and read the key dates sheet we circulated recently. This outlines the donations we are requesting to support the stalls at the Summer Fayre. We really appreciate your ongoing support and generosity.

Summer Fayre: Thank you to all of you who have offered your support with running the stalls on Saturday June 24th.

We still need more support and so if you are able to assist in anyway between 9.00am-3.30pm on the day then please let your Class Rep know. Children are welcome to help on the stalls with their parent. Without your support we will not be able to run all the stalls we hope to.

Food at the Fayre: As outlined we will not be having a BBQ this year but will have a freshly baked, made to order pizza stall, ice cream van and cream tea available.

Coronation Bake Off: Thank you to all the children who participated in the coronation bake off competition. We had lots of amazing entries and the school staff loved tasting and judging all the entries.

Congratulations to the Bake-Off Winners: Lily Reed from Phoenix for KS2 and Elizabeth Banham in Saturn class for Nursery and KS1. Well done to you both!

As you are aware, each week we issue certificates to class the that have the highest attendance. We are delighted to share the last two weeks certificates with you.

This Week's Attendance Winners

Congratulations to Pegasus Class
for highest class attendance this week - 99.2%

★ **Congratulations!** ★

Date 09/06/23 Signed L. Pate



This Week's Attendance Winners

Congratulations to Orion Class
for 99.4% attendance 19/5/23 - 25/5/23

★ **Congratulations!** ★

Date 25th May 2023 Signed L. Pate



Mini Medics



On Thursday 8th June, Unicorn Class took part in the Mini Medics morning, run by Sutton Sports Partnership. The children learned about the steps to take in an emergency, if you find a person who has had an accident. They took the steps to learn the DR ABC response (Danger, are they responding? Checking airways, are they breathing?; CPR if they are unresponsive. The children practiced CPR on Annie (a CPR dummy) and then placed each other in the recovery position. Mrs Jenkins

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Activities for Parents and Children

internet
matters.org

As much as we do in school in relation to online safety, it is important that this continues at home. An understandable concern from many parents is that they don't know where to start, what conversations to have etc. Internet Matters have made available a series of 'things to do together' which includes things like, 'am I ready for a social media account', 'is it okay to....' activities, an online safety agreement, 'what-if' scenarios and much more. All of these are free and you can see the full range [HERE](#).

House Points

St David
507

St Andrew
439

St Patrick
560

St George
428

Attendance

The attendance figure for w/c 05/06/2023 was:

94.77%

Our target is **96.4%**

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

Nursery	Edward	Olive
Venus	Shalom	Leo
Pluto	Kaiyan	Penny
Neptune	Lily	Aiza
Mercury	Rayna	Joe
Jupiter	Sofiia	Georgia
Saturn	Chloe	George
Delphinus	Luke	Anna
Phoenix	Cora	Hayden
Orion	Parnia	Aarin
Pegasus	Gabriella	Isha
Unicorn	Christy	Vicky
Hercules	Charlotte	Alice
Aquila	Bhoomika	~
Cygnus	~	Olivia B

INSET DAY

Monday 10th July 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

June

Mon 12th
Tues 13th
Weds 14th
Thurs 15th
list

PTFA Raffle Open
Mathematics Quiz Club—Semi-Final
Year 3 Swimming Lesson
PTFA Non-Mufti Day—see key dates sheet for of donations
Year 4 Tennis Lessons—Peaches Close
Sports Day—KS2 am & EYFS/KS1 PM
Science Week

Weds 21st

Thurs 22nd

Reception visit to Bocketts Farm
Year 3 Swimming Lesson
PTFA Mufti Day—see key dates sheet for list of donations
Cygnus Class Assembly 8.55am
Jupiter Class Assembly 9.20am
Year 4 Tennis Lessons—Peaches Close
PTFA—Non Mufti Day—Cake Donations for Summer Fayre—see key dates sheet
PTFA Summer Fayre 10.30am—2.00pm

Fri 23rd

Sat 24th

Please note the next Prayer Group will be on 6th July

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

Mental Health and Well-Being

Joyful June 2023

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 Decide to look for what's good every day this month	2 Say positive things in your conversations with others	3 Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it	4 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it
5 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down	6 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings	7 Do something healthy which makes you feel good	8 Find joy in music: sing, play, dance, listen or share	9 Ask a friend what made them happy recently	10 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them	11 Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it
12 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone	13 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side	14 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you	15 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it	16 Speak to others in a warm and friendly way	17 Take time to notice things that you find beautiful	18 Look for something good in a difficult situation
19 Get outside and find the joy in being active	20 Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity	21 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement	22 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh	23 Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to	24 Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for	25 Show your appreciation to people who are helping others
26 Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it	27 Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy	28 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people	29 Share a friendly smile with people you see today	30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to it)		

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS **Happier · Kinder · Together**



On Saturday 20th May, Year 5 pupils took part in the opening of the Cheam Charter Fair.

Our able town crier read the Cheam Charter and proclaimed the fair open.

Our children were joined by the St Dunstan's Church choir as they regally performed the traditional Tudor Pavane to the song 'Greensleeves'.

They were also formally introduced to the Mayor of Sutton, Trish Fivey.

Thank you to all the children and parents who made our attendance at this event possible.

The allotment is beginning to take shape and Mrs Jenkins and her team have been giving the area a lot of attention.



We are in desperate need of childrens' gardening gloves, so if you do have any lying around or could donate a pair, this would help us greatly.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in this project.



The weather is looking to be extremely hot over the weekend. Please ensure that you all remain safe and take precautions.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Sun Safety **What you wear can protect you**



- Hats to protect the face, ears and neck
- Sunglasses to protect the eyes. Look for youth-sized sunglasses with at least 99% UV protection
- Choose cool, comfortable clothing that covers the body for additional protection

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