

18th March 2022

Our School Christian Vision - 'Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring.'

Rooted in Matthew 7 24 – 25 'Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.'

Message from the Headteacher

We have had a wonderful week celebrating British Science Week which culminated in the fantastic STEM Fair yesterday. Thank you to all of the pupils that took part. It was also wonderful to be able to invite parents and carers into the hall to see everyone's projects.

The judges had a very difficult decision to make but after collating the scores there were 4 winners in total.

- ◆ Congratulations to **Jessica from Year 1** who created a fantastic display of eco energy,
- ◆ Also to **Kara (Year 3) and Zena (Year 1)** who showed us how we can use battery power to create artwork with their wiggle bots.
- ◆ Further congratulations go to **Thomas from Year 5** who wowed everyone with his lie detector
- ◆ And finally to **Minnie and Holly in Year 6** who created a brilliant functioning model of our water cycle.

We have also enjoyed raising money for Comic Relief today by celebrating Red Nose Day. Thank you to our school council pupils who have been selling red noses and who will be selling all of the delicious cakes after school. The winners of the Bake Off will be announced next week.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs West-Gaul

Head teacher

Dates for your Diary

- 21st March** - 1st April - Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel
- 21st March** - Odd Socks for World Down Syndrome Day
- 24th March** - PTA Disco
- w/c 28th March** - No teacher led afterschool clubs (Multiskills, Basketball, Football and Rugby on as usual)
- 30th & 31st March** - Parents Evening
- 1st April** - PTA Bingo night

Term 3 Christian Value: Hope



'Hope is coupled with faith and love as one of the three most enduring gifts of the Spirit' (1 Corinthians 13:13).

Stars of the week

Well done to all of our pupils who have been awarded a certificate this week!



Acorn class	Darcey Leo
Ash class	Charlie
Birch class	Isaac
Chestnut class	Ellis
Elm class	Taylor
Holly class	Dylan
Hazel class	Arthur
Maple class	Oliver
Oak class	Rosie
Pine class	Rosie
Rowan class	Bea
Sycamore class	Harry
Willow class	M

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who took part in Red Nose Day today by dressing in something red. In addition to your contributions the school council raised £180 by selling Red Noses which will all be donated to Comic Relief. Pupils took part in fun activities throughout the day and budding bakers took part in a special Red Nose Day Bake Off. Results and more photos to come next week!



Odd Socks for World Down Syndrome Day

On Monday we are encouraging all pupils and staff to wear odd socks or wacky tights with their school uniform in support of World Down Syndrome Day.



www.worlddownsyndromeday.org

The date is the **21st day of the 3rd month** to signify the uniqueness of the triplication of the 21st chromosome which causes Down Syndrome. We would be grateful if pupils could bring a suggested donation of £1 so that we can raise money in support of this amazing charity.

Parents Evening

We are thrilled to announce that we will be holding face to face parents evenings on **Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st March**.

In order to keep everyone safe we will be operating a one way system. Please enter through the pottery room door and your child's books will be available to view along the Year 4 corridor. You will be asked to remain there until your allocated time slot, when you will go to the hall to meet with your child's teacher. Where possible, please can children not attend to keep numbers to a minimum.

More details will follow regarding booking your slots via ParentMail.

Please note that there will be no teacher led afterschool clubs w/c 28th March.



STEM fair

Well done to everyone who took part in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) Fair on Thursday. We had some truly amazing entries from solar powered cars to colour changing flowers and lava lamps to electronic circuits the range of designs and projects was amazing.

We certainly have lots of budding scientists at St John's!



Picture news

Here is this weeks article to discuss with your child at home should you wish. These discussions are designed to expose children to current affairs, discover their interests and bring the world closer to their everyday lives .

TAKEHOME



How important is it to show bravery as a leader?



In the news this week

Currently, Volodymyr Zelenskyy is thought to be one of the most famous people in the world. Once an actor and comedian, the 44-year-old Ukrainian president is being called a hero, who has bravely refused to bow down to Russia, as his country of Ukraine endures an attack. Before his election in 2019, Ukrainian president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, acted as a president on the TV programme 'Servants of the People'.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Can you think of a time when you were brave, or you witnessed someone else being brave? What happened?
- > Can you think of someone who is your hero? Can you describe them?
- > What qualities do you think make a good leader?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Ukraine Appeal

One of our parents, Jenny Dando, has volunteered to organise a collection for the Ukraine appeal. There will be a box located outside of the main office which will be emptied every Monday morning.

If you are able to donate any of the following items to the appeal then please place them in the blue bin:



Baby

Baby wipes
Soothers
Baby food with a long expiration date
baby milk
nappies
sudocrem/nappy cream
baby bottles
baby shampoo/bath bubbles

Children

colouring books
Colouring pencils
crayons
hairbrush
sponge
face flannel
shower gel
shampoo

Adults

Shampoo
Shower gel
Sanitary pads
Deodorant
Toothpaste
Toothbrush



Learning in Seedlings class

This term at Next Steps we are learning all about Spring and Growth.

We have had lots of exciting activities on offer this week, including sensory explorations with tapioca 'frogspawn!' Using large tapioca pearls, chia seeds and water, we made a pond complete with hidden lily pads and frogs! The children have really enjoyed exploring different textures, and getting very messy!



In maths we have been busy counting frogs as they jump onto numbered lily pads, and measuring beanstalks using numicon cubes.



We have also been looking at life cycles, including plants and animals, using a wide range of books to support our learning. The children have enjoyed noticing signs of spring and have been happy to see



butterflies in the playground especially now they are able to tell us where they come from!



Citizenship and Character Award

Here are this week's suggestions:

- Take photographs of a theme (Developing Me) - This weekend marks the beginning of spring. Have you noticed any evidence in the environment recently that spring is on its way? Why not capture it in some beautiful photography!
- Go on a bike/scooter ride (Physical Me) - Saturday is forecast to be a sunny day. Why not make the most of it with this fun and rewarding activity!
- Take part in global charity work (Global Me) - Lots of people are talking about different ways that we can help the people fleeing conflict in Ukraine. What could you do?

Top Doodlers this week!

Acorn - Aoife
Chestnut - Olivia
Hazel - Zachary
Pine - Freddie
Willow - Ava

Ash - Ronnie
Elm - Elliot
Maple - Oliver
Rowan - Izzy

Birch - Thomas
Holly - Frankie
Oak - Jacob
Sycamore - Jake



Bookworm event

From the 20th-27th March, St. John's will be holding an online sales event in partnership with Bookworms Ltd., a company promoting home reading and attempting to make reading much more affordable to parents across the UK.

Bookworms sell an enormous collection of contemporary literature which are conveniently categorised by age and school Key Stage on the website. From unicorns to Batman Lego, non-fiction history to crime-solving detectives, Disney to Enid Blyton, there truly is a book for everyone for less than half the original retail price!

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To purchase a book through the Bookworm website, simply click onto the website shown below, add your desired book(s) to the basket and select how you would like the book to be delivered. Bookworms accept all forms of online payment but be sure to enter the promotional code StJohns before confirming your order!

<https://www.bookwormsonline.co.uk>

Please feel free to share this code with family and friends who may also want to purchase home reading books as for every 5 books bought by the public using the code, 1 book will be gifted to the whole school library.

Happy reading!

Out of School Achievement

Well done to Philip in Maple class who completed his first grading in Krav Maga and received his stripes for Theory & Self Defence.

He did very well during a three and a half hour grading!



Congratulations to Harry and Erin from Pine class, who competed in their first swimming meet (Norton Radstock Swimming Club) in Weston-super-Mare at the weekend.

They both did very well and both super proud of their achievements!



Easter Holiday Camp

St. Benedict's Primary School will be running a holiday camp for the full 8 days of the Easter school holidays.

There are a limited number of FREE places available to those children who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding and we would like to offer them the opportunity to take part in our Holiday Camp programme. The letter explains to all parents/carers where and how to book these places.

Our Inspired Sports Camp offers children the chance to experience many sports in a fun filled way, taking part in a range of activities - a great way for them to build confidence and improve their well-being. Sports include: Football, Dodgeball, Cricket, Rounders, Tag-Rugby, Benchball plus many more organised sporting activities.

A hot meat-based meal is provided at lunchtime each day and there will be the opportunity to select a vegetarian option if required.

Please note: This camp is only open to those children aged 4-11 and actually attending Primary School at the moment – we are unable to take Nursery or Secondary education children.

Parents who are able to pay for their children to attend can do so by registering and booking on our SchoolPal online booking system - we will deliver a Flyer for you to distribute to parents about this. We can also help with information for you to promote this via social media or other platforms to your parents. The cost to book is £20 per day or £70 for the full 4 days, with a discount also applied if more than one child in a household attends.

The link for this site is <https://inspiredschools.schoolipal.co.uk/>

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Here's what is happening in your Libraries this week

w/c March 21 2022

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.

Bath Central Library

Storytime Sessions, Family Fun
Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 22 Mar
Thursday 12.00 - 12.30 pm 24 Mar

Art in the Library - Bath Artist Printmakers
Monday - Saturday 2 - 30 Mar

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun
Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00 am 22 Mar

Midsomer Norton Library

Storytime Sessions, Family Fun
Wednesdays 10.30 - 11.00 am 23 Mar

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library may stop near you! Pop in for a visit, return your books, collect a reservation and choose something new to read. You can do all this and more with your B&NES or LibrariesWest library card.

For the Route Timetable, please visit:
<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/mobile-library-service>

'Share a Memory'

We're asking for you to share your memories and photos of the Coronation, Jubilees and Royal visits in BaNES

Online or in Libraries 1 March - 18 April

Digital

Women's History Month
All Social Media

Free Wills Month
All Social Media

Shakespeare Week
21-27 March
All Social Media

Unboxed Festival
March - October
All Social Media

Children's Book Review
26 March
Bathnes Libraries Blog

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Pinterest @BathnesLibraries

Blog bathneslibraries.wordpress.com

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BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY ONLINE

Tiny actions can have a huge impact. Here are our suggestions for making someone smile online!

- VIDEO CALL A RELATIVE
- SHARE UPBEAT PLAYLISTS
- SHARE A FUNNY POST
- SHARE THROWBACK PHOTOS
- BE KIND IN THE COMMENTS
- PLAY GAMES WITH MATES
- SEND HAPPY VOICE NOTES
- SEND A KIND MESSAGE

Share posts FROM YOUR FAVOURITE CHARITIES

COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY

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