

3rd March 2023

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

This week our focus for Lent was friendship. In collective worship on Monday we used a passage from Luke to explore what Jesus teaches us about Lent and how we can be good friends to one another. We have asked the children to think about the following actions and would love to hear if any have put in a particularly special effort in trying to achieve them this week:



Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs West-Gaul



CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM



"Hope is coupled with faith and love as one of the three most enduring gifts of the Spirit."

1 Corinthians 13:13

Dates for your Diary

March

7th - 10th	School Book Fair
8th	Year 4 Trip to Roman Baths
10th	PTA Bingo Night
14th	Year 6 Parents SATS Meeting, 3.15pm School Hall
16th	STEM Fair
28th & 30th	Parents' Evenings
30th	Easter Services at St. John's Church
31st	PTA Non-Uniform Day, Cake Sale & After-School Event

School Dinners - Reminder

Please would parents make sure that pupils know each day if they are expecting a school dinner or if they have a packed lunch. Pupils are asked this in the morning so we know exactly how many portions to cook so it is vital that those with a packed lunch know they have this with them and do not therefore request a school lunch in error.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Awards of the Week

Well done to all of our pupils who have achieved an award this week!



Top Doodling Class

Doodle Maths: 1B

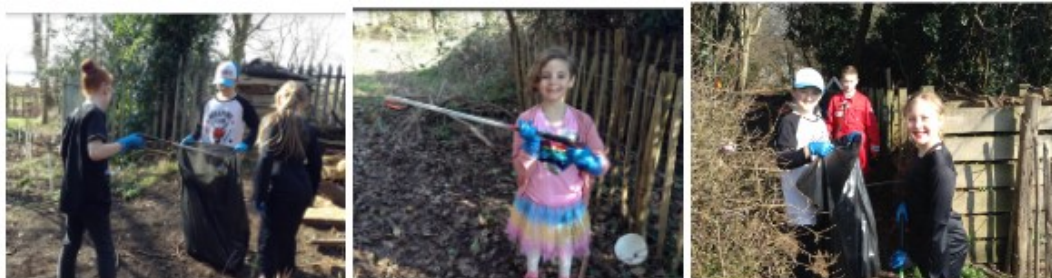
Doodle Tables: 4B

Congratulations to all the pupils in the green zone!

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
Acorns	Harry Poppy-Rose	- -
Ash class	Harry	Sonny
Birch class	Freddie	Senna
Chestnut class	Louie	Jesse
Elm class	Amelia S	Tommy G
Hazel class	Harper	William
Holly class	Anna	Sophie
Maple class	Corben	Molly-May
Oak class	Lilly	Teddy
Pine class	Ronnie	Philip
Rowan class	Zack	Will
Sycamore class	Matilda	Bea
Willow class	Jess	Tyler

Citizenship and Character Award

This week, a few children very kindly gave up some of their lunchtime to go litter-picking in our woodland area. In doing so, they were able to tick some boxes in the 'Developing Me' section of their Citizenship and Character Award passport.



For those of you that are also keen to work towards this award, here are a few suggestions for this weekend

- Write a song (Developing Me) Think about all of the things that make you happy - jot these things down on a piece of paper and then use your notes to create some lyrics.
- Starting on Saturday, do one hour of physical activity every day for the whole week (Physical Me). Perhaps you could choose a different physical activity each day, such as walking, cycling, playing football or dancing.
- Organise a sleepover for you and your friends (Wellbeing Me)



World Book Day



We had a huge amount of fun celebrating World Book Day 2023! At St John's we love books and reading, and World Book Day is a fantastic way to celebrate our love of reading.

The children took part in lots of book themed activities throughout the day. Some classes joined the World Book Day Live Lesson on the BBC website and others watched tutorials and tried their hands at being illustrators. All the children enjoyed sharing books with children in other classes for our book swap, and loved spending some time listening to stories and reading in the school library. We have even had the pleasure of welcoming some of our parents in to read us their favourite stories! If you are able to join us to share a story next week, please let your child's class teacher know.

We ended our day celebrating together with a whole school collective worship where the winners of the book mark and historical fiction writing competitions were announced! A huge well done to the winners and to everyone who had a go and took part.



The children were sent home with a £1 book token which can be spent in any book store or used at the book fair next week. The children left with lots of book recommendations!



It was lovely to see such imagination as the children, and staff, came to school dressed as their favourite book characters. Thank you for all the hard work and effort made with the wonderful costumes.

Don't forget that the Book Swap Box will be outside of the school main entrance on Monday for you to pop in any books you have finished with at home.



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SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

To celebrate World Book Day, we will have a book fair in school next week - Tuesday to Friday.

Please do come and have a look at the books after school in the Studio.

You will be able to use the World Book Day tokens which have been sent home

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Payment at our Book Fair

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Rotakids

With spring on the way, it's been a busy term so far for our hardworking Rotakids! After their superb efforts fundraising at cake sales and movie nights, the team were super excited to take stock of their achievements as we made the final preparations to send donations to charity. These funds will go to the 4 chosen charities that have been voted for by St John's students, as Rotakids are keen to make sure that the children at St John's can support the key causes they care so much about. More fundraising events are being planned soon, so watch this space!



The team has also been working very hard on their letters to their pen pals. This is a fabulous opportunity for them to learn about other cultures and gain an insight into what it is like to be living in a different country. They have thoughtfully chosen some excellent questions that they wish to ask the students, and are excited to tell them about their pets and their favourite hobbies. We can't wait to find out more.



As our team cares about looking after the environment and the wildlife in our local area, they have chosen spots to install birdhouses in our forest area this week. They made sure that the spots were suitable and safe for the birds, to offer them privacy and protection from predators. We hope to see some blue tits and robins setting up nests in these lovely new homes very soon!

Rotakids Food Bank

The Rotakids are in the process of organising a food collection, which they would like to deliver to a local food bank in time for the Easter holidays. If you are happy to donate any non-perishable food items or toiletries, the Rotakids will have a collection box outside the school office **from Tuesday 14th March**. That gives the children two weeks to collect and sort items, ready to be delivered to a food bank on **Monday 27th March**.

Comic Relief

Please be aware that we will not be selling red noses for Comic Relief this year as we have done in the past. We have been informed by the charity that the new design is not suitable for under 7's due to it being a choking hazard. The new red noses are currently available through amazon or on the comic relief website.



Learning in Year 5



Following the completion of their assessments, the Year 5 children have massively enjoyed continuing their foundation learning. It has been a jam-packed week filled with World Book Day fun, freeze frames, role play and so much more!

Within both Rowan and Pine class, the Year 5 children have learned all about the work that goes into supplying the products that they have come to consume or use on a daily basis. In Geography lessons, the children worked incredibly hard to produce detailed flow diagrams to represent the supply chain for the Apple iPhone - a device that is now famously high in demand across the globe. The children were very interested in the many roles that exist within the supply chain - including those within the quaternary sector such as research and product innovation!



In efforts to experience the true essence of 'research and innovation', the children have since worked in groups to research, produce and further develop recipes in their design and technology lessons. Together, Year 5 produced a variety of baked focaccia breads each tailored to meet the needs and desires of their target audiences. Many of the children agreed that they had perhaps been a little heavy handed with ingredients such as salt and would next time alter their ingredient amounts to improve upon their recipe!

Another highlight of our learning this week has been Forest School whereby Pine class collaborated in designing theatre props out of the natural forest materials to inspire play and drama within the forest. The children left Miss. Drew and Mrs. Waterson amazed with their outstanding efforts to create.

Year 3 Reading Section



Year 3 have had a fab week of reading this week, starting with our trip to the library. We had 2 stories read to us and then enjoyed browsing their children's section.

We also had World Book Day where we dressed up, wrote poems and drew pictures just like the illustration, Rob Biddulph.



During our Guided Reading lessons, we have been reading 'The Wild Way Home' by Sophie Kirtly, who studied Writing for Young People at Bath Spa University. The story is partly set in the Stone Age and the children have been enjoying predicting what will happen in the story.

Out of School Achievements



Amber in Year 3 and Evie in Year 2 took part in the Paulton Amateur Dramatics annual pantomime: 'Cinderella' last weekend. They both made very cute mice... well done girls!



Midsomer Norton Girls Team played their first match on Saturday and Jess (Willow class) was player of the team.



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Infants School

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 6 March



Bath Central Library

Storytime Session
Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 7 March

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 8 March

Boy Giant Sand Sculpture
Mon - Sat During opening hours 18 Jan - April

Art in the Library - Murmurs from Nature, Reflections in Print
Mon - Sat During opening hours 1 - 29 March

Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In
Mon - Sat During opening hours

Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs
Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 7 March
10.30 - 11.00am

Storytime & Craft
Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 9 March

Cubing Club, Drop In
Saturday 10.30 - 11.30am 11 March
*KS2 & 3 - Please bring your own cube if you can

Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 6 March

Storytime Sessions
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 8 March

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

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