

St Adrian's Weekly Bulletin- Friday 2nd February

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the whole of the school staff have pulled together beautifully in Mrs Porter's absence. Thank you to all who have given their care and support in little ways and by simply asking how Mrs Porter and her family are. We lift Mrs Porter's mother, Mrs Porter and all of her family in our prayers and trust God will send them His divine peace and love at this difficult time.

Going back in time

Year Four

On Thursday morning, Year 4 treated the whole school and their parents to their class assembly based on what they have learned about the Romans in their history and through their English work. The children spoke with clarity, courage and clear understanding and interest in what they have learned. They also played together as a wonderful year 4 ukulele band. Mrs Newman, a peripatetic Music teacher has been teaching them chords, notes and songs.

Year One

On Friday, Year One had a workshop called Toys from the Past, where they explored toys through both a historical and scientific perspective. Year One's current science topic is material so the children explored and analysed the toys' materials in a variety of ways. Their history topic is Toys so they made historical predictions based on which toys they felt were the oldest and tried to sequence them chronologically and made predictions as to how the toys were used and played with. The children then used their design and technology skills to make their own toys. It was a thoroughly delightful day where the children enjoyed a hands-on cross-curricular day of learning. Mrs Thompson was delighted with the enriched learning the children experienced and we give our thanks to the parent helpers who helped to make the day possible.



Netball match report

On Tuesday, some of our school's netball team played a match against Garden Fields. The score ended up being 5:2 to us!!! We were so pleased to win St Adrians a game and take home the winning lead.

I think the whole team should be proud of themselves and keep improving. Also an extra well done to Miss Cartwright who was an adjudicator but also helped out the team in the match and to our player of the match: Lara Taylor, who made excellent play.

Lucy Cox and Maya Zammit Ventura

NSPCC NUMBER DAY

The classes across the school took part in the NSPCC Numeracy Day today.. They had a fun-filled day of maths activities and games in school and children were invited to dress up in a maths related outfit while raising money to support NSPCC services such as Speak out Stay safe and Childline. Outfits could include anything maths related such as numbers, shapes or patterns.

Thank you to all who donated to this vital charity.

Support for parents from the NSPCC can be found here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK and SAFETY INTERNET DAY

This is taking place next week, beginning 5th February. The children will be learning about specific strategies they can employ to help them maintain good mental health. Over the weekend, you could think about something that you are proud of. This doesn't need to be a "big" thing and or school -related. For example, you could be proud that you remembered to switch the lights off without being, or that you did your buttons up independently. Acknowledging our achievements, however small they are, is an important way to be kind to ourselves and build on our successes. I'm proud that I remembered to unload the washing machine before going to work, for instance!

Safer Internet Day will be Tuesday 6th February. I am very excited to say that this year this will be led by our new Digital Leaders, who are becoming experts on online issues and can advise and support their peers if they have questions or worries about life online.

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Please can we remind you that all children with hair longer than shoulder length should have it tied up, . It avoids the children having hair in their eyes whilst they work and also the spread of head lice if we have a case in the school. Hair accessories should be simple in black or in the school colour of blue. If we can also ensure that children are wearing the correct winter uniform with ties and proper footwear. Nail varnish is not permitted in school either. We try to encourage the children to take pride in their appearance and in their uniform and appreciate parental support in this matter.

FUNFEST HOLIDAY CLUB - All year groups

Once again, St Adrian's will be providing a holiday club for the February half term filled with lots of fun activities. You can book your place by contacting the FunFest team.

More information and details can be found at: <https://fun-fest.co.uk/stalbans-abbey/> We hope that you will make use of this great service. There is a wide variety of activities that they run such as: laser tag, archery, circus skills, escape rooms, sports, themed parties and much, much more!



GARDENING CLUB Mondays 3.15pm - 4.15pm (for Year 1 - Year 6 children)

Now that the days are getting longer and the weather is warmer, Gardening Club will start again on **Monday 26th February** and you can book your place on Arbor now (£30 for 5 Mondays). <https://st-adrians.uk.arbor.sc/?/club-ui/overview/id/46>

During the half term, we will be focussing on planting, sowing seeds and creating environments around the school that will support wildlife including bees, butterflies and birds.

We look forward to seeing you there! Emma Hayes

HOUSE POINTS

The points this week are as follows:

St Mark = 319

St Matthew 296

St John = 286

St Luke = 274

CONGRATULATIONS TO: St Mark

AWARDS THIS WEEK

| Class | Headteacher's Award | Star Writer Award |
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| Reception | Thomas Smith | Gabrielle Wilson |
| Year 1 | Jessica Tran | Tadhg Healy-Williams |
| Year 2 | Orlagh Donnellan | Dihans Liyanage |
| Year 3 | Adhvik Justin | Paige Bates |
| Year 4 | Athina McAllister | Roisin McNamara-O'Malley |
| Year 5 | Livia Feistner | Chung Ho Fong |
| Year 6 | James Waidley | Oscar O'Malley |

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- Mental Health Week: 5th-9th February- classes to take part in activities in school throughout the week.
- Internet safety Day 6th February
- Year Two assembly 9th February at 9am
- Year Two cake sale 9th February after school
- SATs information evening for Year 6 parents only 13th February 6-7pm
- Ash Wednesday service 14th February at 9.30am
- PTA Smarties challenge 16th February- details to follow.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

God bless,

Mrs Gallaher