

St Adrian's Weekly Bulletin- Friday 28th June 2024

ST ADRIAN'S OPEN EVENING

It was so wonderful to see so many of you on Wednesday to share the great learning that has been taking place this year. The children are always very excited to share their work with you. Thank you to those who attended and of course thank you to our dedicated staff who work hard to present all the work to celebrate your children's achievements.

YEAR 1 TRIP TO WHIPSNAD ZOO

On Thursday, Year 1 went on their annual trip to Whipsnade Zoo. The weather was mercifully cooler and the children walked and walked to see all the animals. It was a fun day with lots of learning about science and independence as well as taking part in new activities in different settings. Thank you so much to the wonderful parents for your help and enthusiasm. It was lovely to see the children have so much fun in the wild!

YEAR 2 AND 3 GREAT FIRE OF LONDON WORKSHOP

This week, we reinforced our learning in history with a day-long series of activities focussing on the Great Fire of London. We looked tremendous dressed up in our 17th century outfits and our teacher for the day, Mistress Sophie taught us many things about how people lived 350 years ago. As the day progressed, we learned more about how the fire developed and what the people of London would have done to try and stop the fire. During the afternoon, we explored artefacts collected from the fire, and considered what they told us about the owner and their life.

Photos from the day can be found here: [Year 2 blog](#)

We really appreciate the donations that have been made towards the cost of the workshop. If you have not yet done so, you will find details on Arbor.

We could not have run the day without the support of ten tremendous adults from Year 2 and Year 3 and we are very grateful for their invaluable help and enthusiasm. Thank you!

READING BOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS

We love that children at St Adrian's love reading. Alongside the books that children choose from the class or school library, our teachers make sure that every child has a book selected from our reading scheme: this is carefully selected to help our children grow as fluent readers.

Currently, the range of books available to some of our classes is very low. Please check at home for any of our books which have been overlooked or misplaced and return them to school as soon as possible.

ST ALBANS COMMUNITY PANTRY

As the summer term draws to a close, we know that for many the summer holidays will be a time to relax, unwind and make plans for days out. However, for some, the summer holidays also stirs up feelings of anxiousness and stress, as parents worry about how they can keep their children entertained and fed while not spending too much money due to competing and rising household bills.

At [St Albans Community Pantry](#) (SACP), we are well aware of these concerns. We are therefore looking to promote our services amongst primary schools in the lead up to the summer, so that families can take advantage of some or all of our services to help minimise the summer stress.

Although SACP is set up as a hybrid food bank and rescue food operation, we also run a community hub across 3 key areas of St Albans (Cottonmill, Fleetville and The Camp). At these hubs, we turn surplus fruit and vegetables into nutritious and healthy meals. All 3 hubs are run as a “pay as you feel” service and no booking is required. The hubs provide a pivotal space for families to go somewhere different, spend time together in a relaxed environment, have an opportunity to socialise and enjoy a meal without the stress of cooking and having to wash up!

Please see the flyer attached for further information.

MACMILLAN MIGHTY HIKE - WE DID IT!!!

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored our Mighty Macmillan Hike.

We walked the full 26 miles along the North Antrim Coast and have managed to raise almost £4500 for this great cause. We are truly thankful that this money will go towards the fantastic Macmillan Unit in Northern Ireland who cared so wonderfully for mum in her final days.

If you would still like to make a donation to this fantastic cause, please follow the link below. Wish us luck!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/teameilish>



PTA UPDATE

Cake Sale Spending!

Thank you to all the classes this year who have baked, bought and sold yummy cakes and treats to raise money for their individual classes! We wanted to update parents and let them know exactly what their fundraising helped to purchase:

- 1) Nursery and Reception - Two wonderful garden tables for the children to sit at in the EYFS playground
- 2) Year 1 - Two planters and compost which are situated outside year 1's classroom
- 3) Year 2 - Resources for mini-beast hunting in the KS1 playground
- 4) Year 3 - Wet play games, including Board games, puzzles and card games. Some money went into books the children chose for their classroom and some caterpillars to see/experience their lifecycle and explore their exoskeleton.
- 5) Year 4 - Bought a set of books for whole class reading "A pebble in my pocket" and a tee-pee for the reading corner
- 6) Year 5 - 4 Class sets of Staedtler Noris colouring pencils.
- 7) Year 6 - A filled pencil case for each child to ensure they are all equipped to learn

Choir Concert Wednesday 3rd July!

In keeping with tradition, the fabulous school choir and select instrumental soloists will see out the academic year with an evening summer performance on Wednesday 3rd July from 6.30pm. Pop Songs and Film Tunes will fill the school hall along with dance moves and instrumental solos. The performance will be followed by a well stocked bar and nibbles with all proceeds going to the PTA. Tickets are £5.00 via Victoria FitzGerald in advance. Thank you in advance to all who help with this lovely event - hair, make up, lighting, running the bar, helping on the door - the list goes on!

Victoria runs the choir which rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 3.15-4.15pm in the school hall. It is open to all children in years 3-6 and places go fast so contact Victoria (07974666843/victoriemannings83@hotmail.com) if your child would like to join in September. Our next performance will be at the O2 Arena singing as part of the largest school choir in the world in Young Voices. It is a very special night for the children and parents alike.

50 Club winners JUNE

Thank you to all those that continue to support the St Adrian's 50 club! The winners for June are as follows:

£25 Karen Roache
£50 Paola Sawle
£100 Julia Millar

Welcome back BBQ

We have decided to have our summer fair/welcome back bbq in September. July is a very busy time of year for people and we feel like it is a nice way to start the new school year. Keep the 28th September in your diaries free!

Please contact the PTA on their email address stadrians.herts.pta@gmail.com to arrange payment! This will be the last draw of the school year and the PTA will be in contact with you shortly to see if you would like continue with your numbers for the next school year.

Thanks,
Emma

Congratulations to:

HOUSE POINTS- The points this week are as follows:

St Mark = 298

St Luke = 213

St Matthew = 207

St John = 186

AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE

Class	Headteacher's Award	Star Writer Award
Reception	Thomas Smith	Rital Hajjou
Year 1	Lalena-Bella Mongan	Rosanne Wong
Year 2	Jack McNamara	Jaaziah Ojeikere
Year 3	Aoife Byrne	Victoria Omotoso
Year 4	Arthur Christie	Teddy Carroll
Year 5	Jack Tran	Ralph Francis
Year 6	Taslima Rahman	Oliver Papa

Request: Tissues!

At this time of year, many children and adults are suffering from hayfever and even summer colds. If you have any tissue boxes which you can spare, please can you send them in with your child for their class? Thank you so much.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Monday 1st July - Year 1 - Class liturgy The Feast of St Peter and Paul (Children only)
 - Tuesday 2nd July - EYFS sports day
- Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit, suncream and a cap on 2nd July (for Nursery children white polo shirt, black/blue shorts or leggings, trainers and school cap). Reception children will come home with their PE kit on Friday 28th June.**

- Wednesday 3rd July - Choir Performance 6.30pm
- Thursday 4th July - KS1 and KS2 Sports Day - KS1 10.00am and KS2 1.15pm
**Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit, suncream and a cap on 4th July.
The KS1 children will come home with their PE kit before the day, so you have a chance to check that their trainers fit comfortably.**
- Wednesday 10th July - Year 6 performance
- Thursday 11th July - Transition day
- Wednesday 17th July - Year 6 Mass
- Friday 19th July @ 9.00am - Year 6 Graduation
- Friday 19th July @ 9.00am - 1.30pm End of term

Have a great weekend everyone.

Many thanks,

Mrs Porter