



ST PAUL'S NEWS

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A note from Mr Varney:



Hello everyone,

Another half term has now passed by but there has continued to be lots of learning and progress made by our pupils in the last few weeks. The children have been particularly enjoying their new orienteering lessons and the sunny, warm weather is certainly helping with this. Staff are now busy planning for our final half term of the year.

Last weekend, Mrs Smith, Miss Willams and myself attended the residential trip with our Year 6 pupils. We visited the PGL Centre at Caythorpe and spent the weekend engaging in a range of different activities that tested the children's agility, team work and bravery. We all had a brilliant weekend and I hope the children feel they have made life-long memories. The whole group displayed such a growth mindset and gave every activity a go - even the activities that involved jumping off the top of a high pole! The children were respectful, kind and showed what great friends they are. They even all went to bed on time! We are now already preparing next year's residential.

Today, we held our third PTA meeting of the year and it was a really productive meeting. The PTA have worked incredibly hard on all of the events this year and their upcoming Colour Run on Sunday 28th June will be no exception. The Colour Run is open to all pupils and parents, past, present and future so please spread the word far and wide that all are welcome. Following the completion of the Colour Run, there will be a range of vendors and activities back at school afterwards. Tickets are now available and please speak to your class' PTA rep if you want to know more. Our PTA have now raised £22,000 and are now close to our goal of £30,000. I have today confirmed with our company our chosen designs for the new playground equipment and this will be installed over the summer holidays. A huge thank you to everyone for making this possible!

Have a wonderful half term break and we will see you on Tuesday 2nd June.

Upcoming events:

INSET Day - School Closed -
Monday 1st June

Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week -
Monday 8th June

YR Visit to Whipsnade Zoo -
Thursday 11th June

Y1-Y5 Trip to Phasels Wood - Friday
26th June - details to follow

EYFS Sports Day - Friday 26th June -
details to follow

KS1/KS2 Sports Day at Jarman Park
- Monday 6th July

Transition Day - Thursday 9th July

St Paul's Open Evening -
Wednesday 15th July @ 3.30pm

KS2 Production 1 - Monday 20th
July @ 6.00pm

KS2 Production 2 - Tuesday 21st
July @ 1.30pm

Achievements this week:



Stars of the Week

Headteacher's Trophy

The headteacher's trophy this week goes to



Alexa - Year 6

Alexa - this is your first time receiving the Headteacher's Trophy and it is very well deserved. You have been contributing well in class each lesson and are actively participating in your learning. You are a great friend and show such kindness to others. Well done Alexa!

Year R - Arlo

Year 1 - Arlo

Year 2 - Morgan

Year 3 - Bonnie

Year 4 - Florence

Year 5 - Oliver

Year 6 - Jennifer



Value Superstars

These children have shown our value of Thankfulness this week:

Arizona - Year R Dodie - Year 1 Freddie - Year 2 Zac - Year 3 Max - Year 4 Isabella - Year 5 Milena - Year 6

Teacher of the Week

Our 'Teacher of the Week' has been chosen by our pupils and this week it goes to

Sadie

for making us yummy puddings and treats at lunch time.

Attendance:

MOMENTS
MATTER.
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

Whole School Target - 97%

Whole School - 95.2%

Nursery - 100% - Outstanding!!!

Reception-93.3%

Year 1 - 99.5% - Great!

Year 2 - 96.6% - Good

Year 3 - 99.2% - Great!

Year 4 - 98.5% - Great!

Year 5 - 95.5% - Good

Year 6 - 82.5%



Handwriting Stars

The following children have been recognised by Jessica and Mary, our lead ambassadors, for their great presentation and handwriting this week:

Ask us about our learning this week:

Nursery Class - ask us about our learning in class this week as we have been learning the sound 'o'. We even made and drank our orange juice by squeezing the oranges.

Reception Class - ask us about our learning in class this week as we have been developing our sentence writing skills. This week, we have been learning to use full stops in our sentences to show they are complete.

Year 1 - ask us about our learning in topic this week whereby we have been learning about space. This week, we were learning the names of the different planets in the solar system and trying to remember them.

Year 2 - ask us about our learning in maths this week as we have been developing our knowledge of different shapes. We have been naming and talking about the properties of 2d and 3d shapes.

Year 3 - ask us about our learning in maths this week as we have continued to develop our knowledge of division. We have been learning to use the method of long division, drawing on our times table knowledge to help us.

Year 4 - ask us about our learning in English this week where we have continued to explore our text. This week, we have been writing newspaper reports about Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx.

Year 5 - ask us about our learning in design and technology this week as we have continued to investigate CAM mechanisms. We planned our own designs and spent the week making them.

Year 6 - ask us about our learning in topic and science this week as we have investigated the affects of yeast. We made our own bread, adding different ingredients, looking at the affect the ingredients had on the yeast.

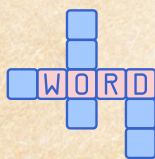
Fresh off the Press

Hi everyone. This is our sports / expressive arts news for this week:

This week, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in a inter-school netball tournament. They played against a range of other schools and worked hard to compete. Our Girl's Team came 3rd in the tournament and our Mixed Team came 2nd. Well done to our children who participated in this.

If you have any sports news that you would like featured in our newsletter, please send it to sportscommittee@stpauls909.herts.sch.uk

Milena's Book and Word of the Week



exhaustion(noun) - a state of feeling incredibly tired or using all your energy up e.g. I was suffering from exhaustion.



'Peter Pan' by J M Barrie. It was Friday night. Mr and Mrs Darling were dining out. Nana had been tied up in the backyard. The poor dog was barking, for she could smell danger. And she was right - this was the night that Peter Pan would take the Darling children on the most breath-taking adventure of their lives



St Paul's PTA

Our Fundraising Project

Each year, our PTA do an amazing job at raising vital funds to help us improve our school. We are now working hard to raise money for our next big project - renovating our playground ...

This is our target for the end of this year.

We are currently at £22,000.

£3500 raised in the Autumn Term!

Please scan me to donate!

