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Red Nose Day on Friday, 18th March 2022 – A message from Harriet in Year 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

The members of the Year 6 class have been busy organising fundraising stalls to raise money for Comic Relief for Red Nose Day. Comic Relief sends money to other charities to help people who need it. Your child will have the opportunity to visit some of the stalls on the afternoon of Red Nose Day, Friday, 18th March 2022. There will be a wide variety of stalls including bake sales, quizzes and competitions. We ask that you give your child up to £5 worth of spending money. Most of the stalls will be held in the school hall and a few will be held outside. Thank you for reading.

Harriet, Year 6

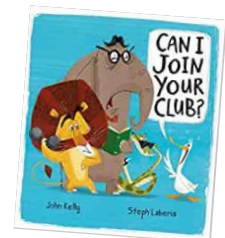
**And wear one thing red because it's Red Nose Day!
(In addition to normal school uniform)**

World Book Day

What a wonderfully colourful and happy time we had at St. Andrew's on World Book Day. Our



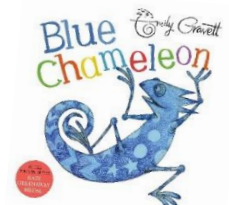
theme this year was 'Our Colourful World'. We kicked off the day with a joyful, whole school worship, where Mrs Dimond read us the story 'Can I Join Your Club?' – a story about not judging others on what they look like or how they talk.



Each class then took an age-appropriate book celebrating diversity in our world, in terms of culture, beliefs or feelings.

EYFS

Early Years used 'Blue Chameleon' to inspire their learning. A story about a chameleon who keeps changing his colours so he can fit in with what he thinks others want. However, he discovers that being himself means he can be the best friend possible.



Year 1



Year 1 were immersed in the book 'Shine'. Poor Kai is mocked by his friends for being different. He wishes he could fit in more and that people would accept him for the way he is. Throughout the book, Kai learns that he should actually be proud of his differences. He thinks differently and does things differently but that is actually something to be celebrated. His

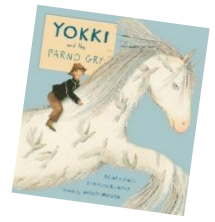


qualities make him unique... they make him shine! Year one measured themselves and realised they were all different heights!

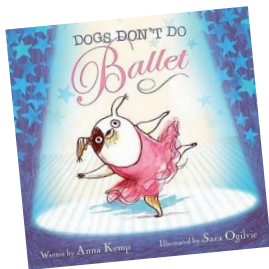
Year 2



Year 2 used a book celebrating the Traveller culture of story-telling and imagination. Yokki and his family spend time travelling around, visiting different people and towns until hardship hits their family. Their salvation is the joy brought through campfire stories of Parno Gry, a magical horse who can transport people to new and exciting lands. We created our own colourful campfire to tell stories around.



Year 3

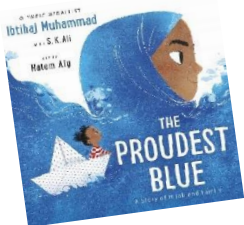


Year 3's book 'Dogs don't do Ballet' helped Year 3 to consider stereotypes and how it is so important to allow people to have dreams beyond what is 'expected' of them. People should be loved and encouraged whatever their passions are. Don't let stereotypes be a barrier to your happiness. We then drew pictures of what we would be if we could be anything in the world!



Year 4

Year 4 took the book 'Julian is a Mermaid' and had a powerful discussion about what boys and girls 'can' and 'should' do. Are there sports, jobs or feelings that only one gender should be able to embrace? Year 4 decided that being a boy or a girl does not determine what you can do, feel or be in life. We should hold onto what brings us joy and support those around us to do the same.



Year 5

Year 5 studied the powerful feelings that can be evoked for those girls wearing a Hijab for the first time. The positive feelings of strength and beauty that can be felt, and how these can be strong enough to overcome negative judgement and discrimination from others.

Year 6



Year 6 analysed 'The Only Way is Badger' – a seemingly innocent story but with a hard hitting message of just how easily people are convinced to change their beliefs and way of life just to try and fit in. Badger builds a wall around the forest, those who do not conform have to live on the other side....



An invitation to Worship

Daily Collective Worship has always been a special time at St Andrew's and we are delighted to be able to come together as a whole school community once again in our school hall.

We would like to extend the invitation to parents and carers, to join us during our whole school collective worship on a Tuesday morning at 9.10am - 9.40am.

Unfortunately, space is limited and so we are asking for parents/carers of one class to join us each week.

Class	Date
Nursery	Tuesday, 15 th March 2022
Reception	Tuesday, 22 nd March 2022
Year 1	Tuesday, 29 th March 2022
Year 2	Tuesday, 26 th April 2022
Year 3	Tuesday, 3 rd May 2022
Year 4	Tuesday, 10 th May 2022
Year 5	Tuesday, 17 th May 2022
Year 6	Tuesday, 24 th May 2022

Picture News

This week during class worship we have been learning about children in Afghanistan are having to work to help support themselves and their families, instead of going to school. We have been thinking of how might our lives be different if we weren't able to go to school.



How might your life be different if you weren't able to go to school?



In the news this week

Six months after the Taliban seized power in Kabul, Afghanistan, there have been big changes to the lives of many in the country, particularly for the younger generation. The BBC has reported that more and more Afghan children are having to work to help support themselves and their families. As many people have not been paid for months, some children have had to work and earn money, instead of going to school. The Taliban also declared that girls would no longer be able to attend secondary school. Some schools are campaigning hard to remain open for all pupils.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk about your school and all the different things you learn there. Can you ask an adult at home about their experience of school? How was it similar to your experience and how was it different?
- What do you think life might be like for young people in Afghanistan at the moment? How do you think they might be feeling?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Year 6 Hockey Competition

Last Thursday, Year 6 represented St Andrew's at the Birchwood Sports Partnership Quicksticks Hockey Tournament. The children were in 3 different pools against teams from 12 other schools. All 3 teams managed to get to the semi-finals of their respective competitions and were the only school to do so in the competition. In the Aspire competition both teams missed out on the final, but not without a tense penalty shoot-out!

Our team who were participating in the Compete competition had completed all their matches and semi-final without losing a match or conceding a goal and deservedly had a place in the grand final.

Unfortunately, a well worked set piece from the opposition in the last 2 minutes of the match meant that we lost the final 1-0.

We were incredibly proud of the children for their sportsmanship, passion and teamwork throughout the whole tournament.

Thank you to our governor, Mr Juan Salinas, who has given up his Tuesday lunchtimes to coach some of the Year 6 children at hockey club, it certainly paid off. Thank you too, to all our parent drivers for transporting the children to the event.



Photos: 'Group huddle to talk team tactics' and 'Celebrating a win!'

Advice from Hertfordshire County Council about Humanitarian Support for Ukraine

Hertfordshire County Council have sent us the following helpful advice for parents and carers who may wish to support people fleeing war-torn Ukraine:



Financial donations to organisations that have a presence on the borders is the most effective means of providing support to families in need. Community collections tend to be resource intensive and can involve costly logistics whilst transporting goods through many countries can be frustratingly slow. Therefore, we are not supporting local collection points at this time.

A financial donation to one of the organisations below will have an immediate impact and help fund what is most needed on the ground:

- [The British Red Cross](#) has launched an appeal to help the Ukrainian Red Cross to provide food, medicine, clothing and shelter, as well as first aid training in bomb shelters.
- [The UNHCR](#) refugee agency is funding emergency shelters, repairs for homes damaged by shelling, emergency cash assistance, psychological support and warm clothing.
- [UNICEF](#) is helping to ensure families have clean water and food and that child health and protection services continue.
- [The Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain](#) is fundraising for medicine, food and other essentials.

- [Save the Children](#) is providing cash assistance, food and other support to refugees crossing into Romanian and Lithuania, as well as in Ukraine itself.

For those who still wish to make a physical donation we understand that Goods for Good are running a Ukraine Appeal and are seeking donations:

[Goods for Good Ukraine Appeal](#)

School Meal Price Increase

Reminder after Easter holidays school meals will be £2.85. Please prepay for all school meals by making payment via [School Gateway](#) Thank you.

Parking outside school

Please be reminded not to block the driveways of our neighbours' houses. The Police are aware and they will be monitoring the situation for the coming weeks and months.



Admissions to Nursery Class for September 2022

Parents wishing to apply for a place at St Andrew's School Nursery in September 2022 can apply using the Admission to Nursery Class 2022-23 form available from the school website. The deadline for applications is Friday, 11th March 2022.

Diary Dates 2021/22

Monday, 07/03/2022 – Spiritual Garden Week

Thursday, 10/03/2022 – Y5 Maths Challenge

Tuesday, 15 and Thursday 17/03/2022 – Y4 Parent Teacher Consultations

Friday, 18/03/2022 – Red Nose Day (wear something red and bring in a donation up to £5)

Tuesday, 22/03/2022 – Young Shakespeare

Tuesday and Wednesday, 22 and 23/02/2022 – PTA Mothering Sunday Shop

Thursday, 24/03/2022 – Parent Forum Meeting at 2.30 pm

Monday, 28/03/2022 and Tuesday, 29/03/2022 – Y3/Y4 Production (Plastic Pirates) – Evening performance for Y3 Parents and Carers on Monday and evening performance for Y4 Parents and Carers on Tuesday

Wednesday, 30/03/2022 – Easter Service at Church 09.30-11.00

Thursday, 31/03/2022 – EYFS Easter Garden Party

Thursday, 31/03/2022 – PTA Easter Egg Hunt after school

Monday – Friday, 09-13/05/2022 – KS1 and KS2 SATs Week

Tuesday, 17/05/2022 – Y6 Crucial Crew

Monday – Friday, 23-27/05/2022 – Y6 Brenscombe Trip

Wednesday, 08/06/2022 – Y4 Faith Tour

Diary Dates 2022/23

Monday – Wednesday 10-12/10/2022 – Y5 Aylmerton Trip

Term Dates for 2022

Spring Term 2022	
Friday, 1 April 2022	Term ends 2pm
Summer Term 2022	
<i>Tuesday, 19 April 2022</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Wednesday, 20 April 2022	Term begins
Monday, 30 May to Friday, 3 June 2022	Half term
<i>Monday, 6 June 2022</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Wednesday 20 July 2022	Term ends 2pm
Thursday 21 July 2022	Inset – school closed
Friday 22 July 2022	Day in lieu of additional Bank Holiday

Term Dates for 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022	
<i>Thursday, 1 September 2022</i>	<i>Inset - school closed</i>
<i>Friday, 2 September 2022</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Monday, 5 September 2022	Term begins
Monday, 24 October 2022 – Friday, 28 October 2022	Half Term
<i>Friday, 25 November 2022</i>	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
Wednesday, 21 December 2022	Term ends 2pm
Spring Term 2023	
<i>Thursday, 5 January 2023</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<i>Friday, 6 January 2023</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Monday, 9 January 2023	Term begins
Monday, 13 February 2023 – Friday, 17 February 2023	Half Term
Friday, 31 March 2023	Term ends 2pm
Summer Term 2023	
Monday, 17 April 2023	Term begins
Monday, 29 May 2023 – Friday, 2 June 2023	Half Term
<i>Monday, 5 June 2023</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Friday, 21 July 2023	Term ends 2pm

Contact email for the Friends of St Andrew's School:

friendsofstandrewsmh@gmail.com



HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK 2022
PUPPETS - MUSIC - BIBLE STUDY - CRAFTS - GAMES - WE'RE BACK TO NORMAL!

CELEBRATION!

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MONDAY 1ST TO FRIDAY 5TH AUGUST
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The banner features a teal background with a purple archway. Inside the arch, the text is white. The arch is decorated with colorful fireworks and bunting. A small logo with 'HBW' is visible in the bottom right corner of the arch.

MUSIC APTITUDE TEST: YR 4/5 WORKSHOP

Saturday 2nd April 10-12 noon

St Michael's Primary School, Apton Road

Join Josie Cowley, **outstanding primary Music specialist**, for a 2 hour group workshop designed to **help prepare your child for the Music Aptitude Test** - a route to entry at several local secondary schools. Through fun, interactive games, Josie will lead your child through the different skill sets that are assessed, **helping them to feel more confident** about what is being asked during the test.



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