

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



FRIDAY 20th JANUARY 2022

NETBALL CELEBRATIONS!

Our netball team have gone from strength to strength, and this week continued their winning streak by beating St. James' 13-1! They have played 4 matches so far this year and have won every one! There is just one more match left in the season, and if we win that one, we will be the CHAMPIONS! We wish them all the very best for their final match later this term.

Due to the field being too frosty to play on, the football match against St. Augustine's has been rearranged.

We are looking to improve the level of attendance across the school as it is currently 90%, when the target is 96%. We have been having meetings with families and letters will be coming out to everyone. We will continue to monitor this and I hope to be able to tell you that it has improved over the next few weeks. Obviously we do not want children sent in if they are too ill to be in school, however not every sniffle needs time off. Please look at the following link for NHS guidance when in doubt.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

The children have really enjoyed doing gymnastics this week with Mrs Hookway in the hall. Pupils have been using the ropes, wall bars, ladders, trestles and benches to explore different ways of travelling. Mrs Hookway has been very impressed by how brave the younger children have been and how certain children have really pushed themselves, even though they are way out of their comfort zone. This morning, the children in Reception were all beaming during their lesson and one child said "This is SO much fun, Mrs Phillips!"

NEXT WEEK

- We are looking forward to Chris, from St. Matt's Church coming to lead our acts of worship next Tuesday.
- Ducklings and Goslings are excited about their trip to Aspens next Thursday! Remember that the children need to be dressed in appropriate clothing, ready for whatever the weather! Children should be dropped off and collected from school at the usual time. All pupils will need a healthy packed lunch and if you want the school kitchen to provide this, then we need to know by Monday morning at the latest. The children will be doing Forest School activities in the woods and looking at animals.
- I will send out more information about how our school will be affected by the proposed industrial action by teachers on Wednesday 1st February, next week.

**TERM 3 ENDS ON FRIDAY 10th
FEBRUARY**



FULFILLING GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL



This is a quick round up of what has been happening in each year group this week. You can see what the staff have got to say about the pupils across the School.



School News

YR	This week in Reception, we have been looking at a lovely book called "What the Ladybird Heard." We have been adding together two groups to find a total, making homes for animals and writing speech bubbles for different farm animals. We are really looking forward to our trip next week!
Y1	In Year 1 this week, we have come up with some brilliant adjectives to describe superheroes. Next, we are going to use these words to write some sentences. We have also been learning about the continents and creating our own maps.
Y2	This week, in Year 2, we have been learning about multiplication, and how it is the same as repeated addition. We have been exploring emotions in 'Where The Wild Things Are' and did a great job of describing different parts of the story. In music with Mrs Morton, Year 2 have been playing ukuleles and learning a song from Hawaii!
Y3	Year 3 used Google Earth to locate where they live, where our school is and where Costa Rica is. They couldn't believe how far the bananas we eat travel! In Science, we set up a fair test to answer our enquiry question of, does the surface of a ramp affect the distance a car travels?
Y4	We have been working very hard to produce our own TED Talks this afternoon. To prepare, we used our note-taking skills and watched several videos about plastic in the environment.
Y5	In Forest School this week, 5C made shelters, bug houses and hot chocolate independently. It was cold, but we enjoyed it! We have been learning about Chinese New Year, making red envelopes and learning the Chinese characters for the Year of the Rabbit and Happy New Year. In Science, we have been learning about friction. We have tested the soles of different shoes for the amount of friction generated.
Y6	Year 6 this week have been continuing to learn about the suffragettes and in particular Millicent Fawcett and Emmeline Pankhurst. We have composed a suffragette anthem. In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting fractions, which has been tricky! During Science, we have been investigating how the length of a shadow is affected by the distance between the object and the light source. We are continuing to learn about Hajj in our RE lessons.

WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

MONDAY

5S
5C
Lorikeets
Kookaburras
4R

Swimming 4VC

TUESDAY

Owls
Robins
6W
6H

WEDNESDAY

3DB
3TWB
4VC
4R
6W
6H

THURSDAY

3TWB
3DB
Owls
Robins

FRIDAY

Ducklings
Goslings
Lorikeets
Kookaburras

**FOREST SCHOOL
DUCKLINGS/GOSLINGS AT
ASPENS**

HONESTY • RESPECT • KINDNESS • RESPONSIBILITY