



Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

Race for Life

What a fantastic event! Organised by Miss Denne & Mrs Desborough as part of their Sports Apprenticeship course, over two days children and families ran the course in aid of Cancer Research. Even the changeable weather did not stop everyone having fun for a very worthy cause!

The current amount raised so far is £2206.25!



DIARY DATES

23/04/2019	Term 5 Begins
06/05/2019	Bank Holiday
22/05/2019	Church Schools Festival Year 6

Attendance

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

Each week we announce the attendance percentages for each class, recognising improvement and the class who has achieved the best attendance!

*Congratulations to Caterpillar Class
who had
98.70% attendance last week.
FANTASTIC!*

Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage the children have been looking at the work of the artist Georgia O'Keefe, especially her use of colour and the style she used to draw flowers in detail. The children have had the opportunity to draw their own picture in the style of Georgia O'Keefe using pastels. They have looked in detail at flowers and carefully chose the colours they needed. They have also used the iPads to draw flower pictures on the Paint program.

We have carried out several experiments in the classroom over recent weeks including planting beans in plastic bags and watching to see if they will grow roots and shoots. Every day the children have been studying them closely and have been amazed to see that they are growing! The children were fascinated by another experiment using Skittles and came up with lots of ideas as to what might happen to the sweets when they poured on water. It was really exciting to see that they had made "rainbow water"! Some of the children came up with great ideas as to what had happened and the children learnt the new word "dissolve" which we have added to our word wall.



Key Stage 1

This week we have joined schools across the country supporting Cancer Research UK and we held our own Race for Life Schools event.

This was brilliantly organised and the whole school managed to run over two days, despite the rain! KS1 ran on the Tuesday morning and KS2 on Wednesday morning. Some very enthusiastic and energetic parents ran alongside and supported the children on both days too! This fundraising event was great fun and an amazing success. In addition to this, it has raised an astounding amount of money for Cancer Research UK.

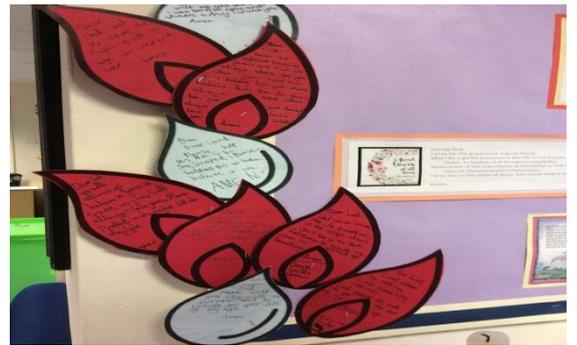
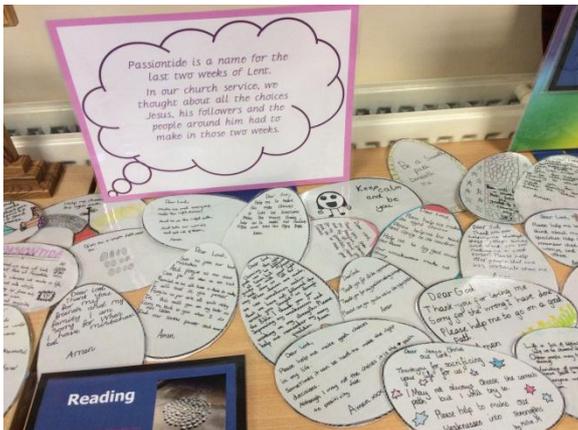
We have had a very scientific week this week, learning all about the parts of plants. We went outside to make diagrams of the flowers we could see, observing them really closely and carefully labelling them with the names of the parts. On Thursday we brought some daffodils into the classroom for the children to explore. The flowers were dissected, the children even separated out some tiny parts including the beginnings of the new seeds inside the flower head!

We also had a lovely time reading traditional and fairy tales to the children from the Ark Nursery in our wonderful outdoor classroom. Year 1/2 have been planning, writing and perfecting stories such as The Three Little Pigs, The Gingerbread Man, Hansel and Gretel and other well-known tales. We assembled them into a class book and spent a bright, sunny afternoon, reading the tales to the children from the nursery, who listened really well. The children read their stories beautifully and everyone had a marvellous story telling time together.



Passiontide Service

KS1 had their Passiontide service at school where they thought about the choices that Jesus, his friends and followers had to make and choices that we all have to make every day. Following the service, the children wrote some really thought-provoking prayers.



Also this week, KS2 went to All Saints' Church for their Passiontide service. As part of the service, thinking about the messages which were delivered, each year group collected a shape to decorate and write prayers on, these are now part of our "Journey to Easter" display.

Key Stage 2

What an amazing Year 3/4 cohort we have! As we are sure you will agree, the effort and enthusiasm shared in our Collective Worship showed just how hard the children have been working this year. We had dastardly pirates, pioneering Victorians and some tricky punctuation to get our teeth into. The children learnt their lines quickly, sang beautifully and helped each other to create a fabulous performance. Well done!

This was promptly followed by a glorious morning gardening in the sunshine. The children helped to tidy the grounds and plant new vegetables in the Jubilee garden, ready for our Summer harvest. Once the vegetables are grown, we will deliver them to the Farm Kitchen so they can create delicious treats for us to eat. The school is looking amazing and we will continue to learn and enjoy the gardens in our Science topic next term.

Year 3/4 have also had a fantastic Indian day which has perfectly concluded our topic. The children were **immersed** in the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of India. First of all, the children tasted lots of different Indian foods such as: vegetable dhal, onion bhajis, samosas, pakoras and naan bread. The children used food tasting charts to think **deeply about the things they were experiencing** and compared their likes and dislikes with others in a **reflective way**. They then created Rangoli patterns using coloured rice and designed their own Mehndi patterns. Alongside these exciting activities, they compiled their knowledge and research to create beautiful brochures about India using the **persuasive language** that they have been learning about in English.

This week, Year 5/6 have had a fantastic time putting on a fashion show as part of their French lessons. Over the past few weeks, the children have been learning how to say the different items of clothing in French and how to describe them, focusing on correct pronunciation. They then took to the catwalk and enjoyed commentating on the different clothes that the children had brought in.

We have also gathered our ideas in preparation for entering a competition run by the Premier League Primary Stars. The children have been **co-operating with one another and demonstrating great teamwork** when trying to create an ultimate PE lesson for other children aged 7-11 years. They have had to think very carefully about equipment and space available, how to make their lessons more or less challenging, creativity and originality, as well as how their lesson supports one of the Premier League Primary Stars' values. The children are all so enthusiastic about the task in hand, helped by the amazing prizes on offer!

All of our Year 5/6 children have worked extremely hard during this very busy term and we are all very proud of them – we hope they enjoy their well-earned break over the Easter holidays!



Year 3/4 Tag Rugby

On a cold and windy afternoon, St Gilbert's tag rugby team **showed strength and determination** in an exciting tournament. They won 3 out of their 4 matches and were placed second overall. As usual, the **sportsmanship and maturity** of the children on and off the pitch was exceptional. We appreciate how keen all of the children were to join in with such a competitive opportunity and following this, we hope to hold an in-house tournament next term to showcase everyone's amazing tag rugby skills. Thank you for your parental support with all of our sporting fixtures.

Year 5/6 Football

What a brilliant way to end a fantastic football season; the Year 5/6 team finished with a 7-1 win!

An amazing team performance with some unbelievable goals. The boys showed great team spirit and sportsmanship throughout the season and were a credit to the school. A big thank you to all the parents, not only for your support at the matches, but the lifts and dropping children back off at school. Without all your help, we wouldn't be able to do half of what we do!

A special mention also goes to Mr Goddard for being such an amazing coach to all the boys. We couldn't have done it without him!

PTA

Congratulations to Mrs Petrie who won the magnificent Hotel Chocolat Easter egg from the raffle run by the PTA.

We would also like to say a very 'big thank you' to our wonderful School PTA for all their hard work and fund raising this term.

We hope you have a happy and peaceful Easter Break.

Remember school starts back on

TUESDAY 23rd APRIL



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