

St Gilbert's Church of England Primary School

WEEKLY NEWS 11.05.18



It has been a very busy week! Children have been working hard, loving their practical activities and getting out into the sunshine!

We also received a visit from an adviser from the Diocese on Wednesday, who commented on what a lovely school St Gilbert's is and how we are developing children's abilities and talents in a variety of ways.

I would like to reiterate how proud I am of each and every child in school and particularly at this time our Year 2 and Year 6 children who are about to sit their end of Key Stage assessments.

The Y6 children have really enjoyed their SATs City and applied themselves so well in their lessons but we are conscious that they are also very aware of the importance of next week. Therefore they are to rest this weekend, enjoy getting out, being with their friends and family and we look forward to seeing them on Monday.

With our Year 2 children, we are making sure the assessments are managed sensitively and we are working hard to make sure they are threaded through the upcoming weeks with as little disruption to their normal timetable as possible.

LEARNING NEWS ACROSS THE SCHOOL

The children in **EYFS** have really engaged with nature this week by closely watching the cocoons and were so excited on Wednesday when the butterflies began to emerge. They have also closely observed the snails looking carefully at how they move and respond to touch. On Thursday the children took part in a hands-on workshop delivered by Zoolab where they held a snake, the world's largest gecko and a giant African land snail. The children really impressed the visit with both their questioning and listening skills.



The children in **Year 1/2** had a lovely time in RE designing their own Islamic Prayer Mats as part of their learning about the Islamic Faith. They decorated them with repeated patterns and some included a compass to ensure that they were facing Mecca. The children remembered that they were not allowed to include drawings of animals or humans. They are enjoying learning about different faiths, their customs and beliefs and how they compare to Christianity



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The children in **Year 3/4** have been busy exploring Stamford this week. Linking with their topic for this term, the children went on a very informative walk on Thursday, discovering many exciting historical facts about the buildings or people of Stamford.



The children learnt about Browne's hospital, the bull runs, glass tax in the Georgian period, the 'Golden lady', the castle, the public baths, the first church in Stamford, the site of a friary, the last bastion and so much more. They even went to visit the remains of a windmill that used to stand in Stamford until it was struck by lightning 102 years ago.



A big thank you to Simone's mum for organising this wonderful visit.

Stamford is extremely rich in its history and the children only touched the surface whilst on their two hour walk. If you get the chance over the next week, why don't you take on one of the following challenges:

- Try to find Daniel Lambert's grave
- See if you can locate the Postern Gate of the castle
- Find out what the plaque outside The George says.

This week **Year 5** have finally finished constructing their model towns in Maths – they even got the opportunity to show them off to the Y1/2 children who were amazed at their handy work and creativity.



Year 6 have continued to work extremely hard, making the most of their final lessons in preparation for their SATs tests next week. Also, they have all enjoyed our outdoor PE lessons; playing rounders and basketball in the glorious sunshine, and immersing themselves in dance.



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OUR VISIT FROM ZOO LAB



OTHER NEWS

Year 6 Leavers Party

The Year 6 Leavers' Party will take place on Friday 13th July from 5:30pm-7:30pm. The party will be held at the Empingham Road Scout Hut and the Premier Sport coaches will be organising lots of fun games. Your child has been given an invitation to complete and return to us either in the Bandstand at pick up/drop off or can be left in the PTA post box outside of the school office.

We sincerely hope the party will be as successful as last year, where immense fun was had by all and provided another happy memory of time with their friends at St. Gilbert's school.

Should anyone like to help on the day of the party, or have any other queries at all, please contact me karenbird1527@gmail.com or Jo - jollie@talktalk.net

Midday Supervisors Required

We are currently looking to recruit two new Midday Supervisors to the current team.

If you are interested, details can be found on the school website

<http://www.stgilberts.co.uk/Vacancies.asp>

Alternatively, call in to main reception and speak to Mr Allan our Business Manager

DATES TO REMEMBER!

14/05/2018 Christian Aid Week

14 – 18/05/18 KS2 SAT's Week

15/05/2018 Mr Smith, Principal Casterton College Rutland
To speak to Year 4 and 5 parents with regards to their future transition to Y7.

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