



Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

UPCOMING DATES

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| 28/09/2018 | PTA AGM- 9:00am Staffroom- All welcome |
| 01/10/2018 | Harvest Festival |
| 03/10/2018 | JCA Mount Cook Residential Meeting for Parents- Y6 5:30pm-6:00pm |
| 03/10/2018 | Individual & Sibling School Photographs Hall |



ANNOUNCEMENTS

I am delighted to share some very exciting news with you all!

Last July, St Gilbert's entered into the category for the 'Best School Garden' in East Midlands, linking with Stamford In Bloom. East Midlands in Bloom is an annual competition organised by the EMIB Regional Committee, and is one of the 18 regions/nations which comprise 'Britain in Bloom'. The competition is organised by the Royal Horticultural Society. The aim of the competition is to encourage the improvement of our surroundings through the imaginative use of trees, shrubs, flowers and landscaping. It also aims to achieve a litter free and sustainable environment.

Yesterday, we found out that St Gilbert's had been awarded **Silver** for the Best School Garden, beating other entries from Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Northamptonshire and Rutland. We also received **Silver** in the Judges Award section for the excellent work being completed by the school.

Huge congratulations to Mrs Howson who leads our Eco Agenda superbly well and works exceptionally hard! We are absolutely delighted with our achievement and very proud of all the children for the hard work that they put in to the school grounds throughout the year and to you for your continued support in this area.



Foundation Stage

We continue to be impressed with all the children in the Foundation Stage - they are **keen, eager and full of life with a love of exploring!**

It has been an exciting week of "Firsts", with our **first** ever PE lesson, **first** Phonics lesson and their **first** time joining the older children in the hall for Collective Worship.

The children are settling really well into school life and it has been lovely to see so many **happy smiling faces** each morning!

They have thoroughly enjoyed outdoor learning sessions this week, going into the school grounds to **explore** the world around them. They hunted for lots of different leaves and then used an identification chart to find out what trees they had come from. We even found some conkers!

An exciting week of learning and recent **visitors were so impressed by how well they listened to learning** and how brilliantly they **worked together!**



Key Stage 1

Another successful week for Years 1.2.

They have continued to settle so well into their new routines and Year 1 children particularly have amazed us by their **concentration and effort** in what is a big move from the Foundation Stage.

All the children are learning all about themselves and their **emotional and physical wellbeing**.

As part of this topic, they were very busy finding out all about omnivores, herbivores and carnivores in Creative Science. **Their team work was superb!**

They then used all these skills to make a delicious and healthy meal using paper and collage.

Linked to their learning they sequenced the Creation Story in RE and used music to help imagine and explore all of God's creation.

What a fantastic week!



Key Stage 2

The children in Years 3.4 continue to settle in well.

This week

All the children have been inspired by Sir David Attenborough's work with animals and they have been trying to become experts on lions and blue whales.

They have all shown **perseverance** whilst researching relevant facts to include in a non-chronological report. Research skills are a difficult concept for children and they have **worked well, supporting each other**, to think about which facts are needed and how to group these facts under suitable sub-headings.

The children have also worked on their drafting and editing skills and we are very much looking forward to sharing our finished reports with each other next week.



The children in Year 5.6 are working hard to live up to their new responsibilities of being the oldest in the school. They are **polite** and many are being hugely **responsible in their approach to learning**.

This week

In Year 5.6, the children have shown **great teamwork** during their gymnastics lessons with Mrs Oakley. She was particularly impressed with how the children **supported, encouraged and motivated each other** to create their own sequences using different apparatus.

They have also enjoyed learning about our topic on Volcanoes. We were impressed with their **well-thought out ideas** about why they erupt and the reasons people live near them.

As part of their Maths lessons, the children have shown great **resilience** in learning new methods and **persevering** with some aspects they found difficult to begin with.

They have also demonstrated a fantastic understanding of themes and structure used in their class reader 'Holes' and explored how the author used them within the chapters read.



PTA AGM

*Please attend the AGM on
Friday 28th September at
9am at school! All
Welcome!*



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