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St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter



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Mrs. Maura Furber -Headteacher

“ Embracing Learning; Inspiring Ambition;
Celebrating Individuality.”



Dear Parents/Carers,

Lots of sporting /physically active events and charity days over the past few weeks here at St Stephens. A huge thank you as always for your kindness and generosity in the fundraisers organised by the children for children; promoting the British value of mutual respect for others is something we value highly as a school community.

Our annual fundraiser for the NSPCC (Number Day) was so well supported by all and learning in each class was brilliantly co-ordinated by Ms Neale (our school and Trust Maths Lead). Our focus was the cultural capital in maths : a world full of numbers and some key individuals who have used maths to inspire, create and develop our thinking. Check out the newsletter and your child’s class blog for some photos from the day ! The second fundraiser ,organised by our Pupil Forum today, was to recognise the importance of National Mental Health week. By simply wearing a scarf we were helping to visually identify the importance of S -safety, C-caring, A-achievement , R-resilience and F-friendship. All your donations will be used to buy resources and equipment for pastoral and well-being sessions in school .

Despite CV19 impacting on attendance recently we have been so fortunate to attend a Trust cross -country competition , a netball festival at Launceston College, a playground Leader’s workshop and Y6 and Y4 have taken part in a full day of First Aid in our school grounds! All great life skills linked to a healthy and physical lifestyle: A healthy body definitely helps to build a healthy mind.

This week we have also been thinking about Safer Internet Day (07.02.2022). The theme this year is “All fun and games?” In assembly on Monday we considered how to show respect and kindness in our relationships online. I have put some SMART hints in the newsletter that I think are always helpful to look at regularly with your child. I can’t believe next week is the last week before half term so I will take the opportunity now to wish you a restful and happy break with your family and friends. Fingers crossed for sun. We return on TUESDAY 1st March.

Maura Furber

School Improvement- fair priced school uniform for all .

As part of our school drive for affordable uniform for all the PTFA would like to draw your attention to the following: Pre-Loved Uniform

In order for all St.Stephens’ families to have access to good quality, pre-loved uniform throughout the year, we would like to change the way we offer and sell the uniform we have. From now on, if you require pre-loved uniform from us then please email ststephensp.t.f.a@outlook.com stating the uniform items and sizes that you would like. This will then be gathered for you (if what you have requested is available) and left in the office for collection and payment, (you will receive an email from us when items are ready for collection). Donations of school branded items would be gratefully received in the school office. **MANY THANKS** for your continued support enabling the PTFA to continue supporting your child’s school.

Price List:

Branded jumpers/cardigans £2.50 Plain jumpers £2.00
White polo shirts 50p Branded PE shirts £2.00
Trousers/skirts/shorts/dresses £2.00
Book bag £1.00
Wellies/shoes/trainers £1.00 Coats/outdoor clothing £2.50





NSPCC Number Day The World of Maths

For number day at St Stephens we either dressed up in professions which used numbers or maths or with numbers on our clothes to celebrate numbers and maths all around us.



What this looked like in Year 6!

The football group informed us that as part of improving their game, footballers and their coaches look at a range of data and statistics in order to form a game plan. Also they discussed the angles used to ensure that their shot on goal was accurate, along with the numbers on their shirts represents their positions. We also had a dice costume which promoted a discussion on the properties of a cube and we found out on our History of Maths Timeline, that it is thought that the first dice was used in 6000 BC. A couple of us came as Game coders and this linked to our famous Mathematician: Alan Turing who was influential in cracking the German Enigma Code during the Second World War. We all agreed that when at school, maths also features in the other subjects e.g. computing, geography, history, art, Spanish Some of us chose our favourite numbers and were able to list its properties e.g. a prime number, a square number, the first even number which was not a prime number, the square root of 81, the 3rd multiple of 6, the product of 6 and 5.

We also learned about the development of the number systems throughout history and represented our number in the Hindu ~ Arabic System, the Babylonian System, in the Mayan System and in Roman Numerals. After using our maths skills to crack the Fibonacci sequence we used our knowledge of the properties of circles to draw circles with radius that followed the sequence.



This was the first time that we had used a compass and we certainly had to draw on our resilience to succeed~ the smiles at the end of the session showed that we had.

We then created some artwork using the circles from the Fibonacci sequence. Wow~ what a lot we have learnt about the world of numbers- they are everywhere!

Marine conservation and seed bomb making in Year 5 and Year 6

Today we were very lucky to have a visitor from Plymouth Marine Aquarium. Esther shared a large number of marine artefacts with us; which we were able to handle and investigate. She told us about her job and the importance of sea grass to ecosystems and combating the ever rising levels of Co2 in our atmosphere. While on the subject of sea grasses and seed dispersal, we moved on to talk about wild flowers and their important place in our local land environment. We went outside to make our own seed-bombs, which we all took home and will disperse in responsible places where we would like to see wild flowers flourish once more. It was an amazing experience - Thank you Esther.



Cross Country Competition

Some of our Year 5 and 6 children represented St Stephens in an Andaras Cross Country competition at St Catherine's, along with three other Trust schools. It was great to see so many children taking part and enjoying sport.

A big well done to all of the children, they were a real credit to school. Sportsmanship, team work and resilience all on display alongside the determination to achieve their personal best in this event.

We have been running a cross country club after school and it was great to see how the children's physical skills and performances have progressed.



A special mention to Tyler for winning the Year 6 boys race.

Wild Tribe First Aid in Y4 and Y6

Wild Tribe First Aid is an outdoor learning programme developed to incorporate the governments' inclusion of the following objectives in the updated Physical Health and Mental Wellbeing curriculum for primary children:

Pupils Should Know...

How to make a clear and efficient call to emergency services if necessary.
Concepts of basic first aid, for example dealing with common injuries, including head injuries.



The key points that the children learnt were:

- What is first aid
- Recognising dangers and hazards
- Which emergency service to call.
- Conducting a primary survey on a casualty
- Placing a casualty in the recovery position
- Understanding what is in a first aid kit
- How and when to call the emergency services
- Common injuries and how to deal with them



Number Day 2022

Reading clues !

Class F went on a number trail adventure with Mrs Davey. The class received a letter from The Message Monster telling them the troll has captured the little goat and hidden him away! Luckily the troll has left some clues to find him. What an exciting, physical number trail that was and thank goodness the children rescued the goat!



Mental Health Week



A Huge thank you to our Year 5 Pupil Forum members for organising our 'Wear your Scarf to School Day' this Friday to show our school support for Mental Health Week. The event was very well supported - a perfect clothing option for such a chilly day !

Scarf stands for S=Safety , C=Caring, A= Achievement, R= Resilience and F= Friendship.

These are all values we highly endorse at St Stephens and recognise are important for everyone's well-being and mental health. All donations raised will be given to our Pastoral Team so they can buy resources to support the children in our school. THANK YOU.



Sports Leaders in the Making

Arena led a wonderful day full of practical and theoretical Sport Leader workshops with some of our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils recently. We aim to utilise these skills to enhance our lunchtime provision for our pupils in both Key Stages (once our bubbles can mix) to ensure we really develop healthy and physically active pupils. We want this to result in better attention in class and as a way of giving our pupils more opportunities to be creative, cooperative and competitive.



Launceston College Netball Festival

This week, 14 pupils from Years 5 and 6 attended a Netball Festival organised by Launceston College. During the morning session, the pupils learnt netball drills, how to shoot and the rules of each of the positions in a netball team. The afternoon was full of matches (for our two teams of 7) where a lot of fun was had and teamwork was certainly employed. All of the pupils were true ambassadors for Team St Stephens, displaying impeccable manners and a positive team ethos.

Some of the quotes from the day include: 'The most fun part was playing matches against other teams and I have learnt a lot about teamwork and how to be more involved.', 'I really enjoyed the netball tournament as we had to overcome challenges the further we went in the tournament,' and finally, 'I enjoyed the competition between the different schools and some people there were really friendly.'



There were 11 teams from primary schools in the local area and one of our teams won the tournament overall: a fantastic well done to all involved.

Go Team St Stephens !



BE SMART ONLINE



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SAFE

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.



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MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk

THINK UK KNOW

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ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.



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RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



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TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk



HEART

BE SMART WITH A HEART

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.



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FEBRUARY HALF TERM ROADSHOWS

EAST CORNWALL & NORTH DEVON 2022

- LANIVET COMMUNITY HUB 21st
- ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL 21st Multi Skills & Mini-Pilgrims
- BUDE FOOTBALL CLUB 22nd
- DOBWALLS FOOTBALL CLUB 22nd
- LAUNCESTON COLLEGE 22nd Girls Only | 25th Roadshow
- PADSTOW FOOTBALL CLUB 23rd
- SALTMILL 3G SALTASH 24th
- CALLYWITH COLLEGE 24th
- LAUNCESTON AMBULANCE HALL 25th Dance Party
- ST TEATH FOOTBALL CLUB 25th
- DUCHY COLLEGE 25th



9.30am - 3.30pm
Boys & girls of all abilities
aged 5-15

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