



An Daras Trust
Igniting Curiosity Growing Capabilities

St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter



**“ Embracing Learning; Inspiring Ambition;
Celebrating Individuality.”**

Friday 22nd July 2022

Mrs. Maura Furber -Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

So we find ourselves at the end of the summer term -it feels like only yesterday we were welcoming you all back after the second CV19 lockdown. Another school year over and with this always comes joy and sadness. Looking back on everything we have achieved as a team working together with you for your children brings fond memories, joy and a real sense of achievement. Having to say farewell to families and children that have been a special part of St Stephens for many years is hard and it is with genuine sadness that we say goodbye to our Year 6 cohort . We know they are ready for their next adventures at the colleges they have chosen and we are immensely proud of them. That said we will miss our eldest role models , the majority of whom have been with us since they were in Pre-school! We wish them all such happiness and know they will go onto fulfil their ambitions. This week we have enjoyed the transition days together. I do think the children grow overnight when they are ‘practicing’ at being in the next class up! We hope these days have helped your child to feel settled and excited about the new school year in September. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the ‘Meet the Teachers’ sessions. If you were not able to, please check out the class pages on the website to see the information shared. If in doubt about anything please just ask-we will do our utmost to help. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your amazing support over the past year. It’s certainly been a year that none of us will ever forget and your understanding and kindness to the team has never gone unnoticed. Fingers crossed we may have a more ‘normal’ year ahead full of more exciting opportunities. Finally, all that is left to say is have the most wonderful sunny summer with your loved ones making new memories .We look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 6th September 2022 and hearing all the children’s news.

Maura Furber

School Improvement @Team St Stephens

We are immensely proud of everything the children and staff have achieved this year despite the challenges we have all faced and continue to do so. That said we have already started to analyse what has worked well and what our next improvement steps will be. Our Academy Improvement Plan (AIP) will be available in September after an internal School Evaluation Plan (SEF) . Already we know that Writing will be a school priority to further embed good teaching strategies and showcase our reading drive. Ensuring that all pupils , irrespective of their individual needs, achieve and make good progress in all subjects will also be key. We have the same high expectation for all children , we recognise they have different strengths and different needs- just like us as adults! Our curriculum offer will also be honed and reviewed to ensure the children have an equal balance of knowledge and skills in all the curriculum areas. Our Governors will be focussing on our pupils’ voice and supporting , whilst challenging, the school to ensure we provide the very best we can for your children.



Election Day @ SSCA

Wow! Democracy was well and truly in action today at St Stephens, as the whole school participated in the elections for the new House Team Captains. Year 6 ran a very efficient and fair election: each pupil was 'registered' before they were provided with a voting slip; after this each pupil was shown to their voting booth where they cast their vote.



Once all of the votes had been cast, the current House Team Captains counted the votes twice and then they were verified by an independent observer. The results were EXTREMELY close!

Well done to everyone who participated and ran this election: you were AMAZING!

Also well done to all the candidates. They followed the process from writing and presenting their manifestoes to their house team in their own class, where the final candidates were voted for. Then to the whole school in assembly. I know a few children are disappointed they were not elected but their support for the chosen candidate is vital, they will be fully involved in decisions being made.



A HUGE congratulations to our new House Captains in Waiting (2022-2023)

They are currently working on their school message that will be published on the school website.



PTFA Summer Raffle

A huge well done to our wonderful PTFA for running a sun filled after school event on Friday to raise funds for enrichment opportunities for all the children. Thank you to our Chair of Governors, Joan Heaton, for attending to make the draw.

Thanks also to our wonderful samba band under the direction of Ms. Gilbert for entertaining us before and after the prize draw.

The PTFA are always looking for people to help at events so if you are interested please do let us know.

The total raised has now been confirmed as a fantastic £616. Thankyou to everyone who supported the event either in person or via selling/ purchasing tickets.



THE BIG PICTURE

A celebration of art across
An Daras Multi Academy Trust

At Launceston Town Hall
Tues 12th July at 10:30am - 4:00pm
Weds 13th July at 9:00am - 3:30pm



Many thanks to the families and governors who were able to visit St Stephens Art display @ The Big Picture Trust Art Event. This was such a wonderful celebration to



share the range of amazing art work produced in our school and those within the Trust. It was held in Launceston Town Hall over two days. Thank you to our Art Lead, Ms. Callcut for coordinating the displays and Mrs. Bye for helping to set them up. Thank you also to our four pupils who represented the school brilliantly and spoke with knowledge and enthusiasm to the visitors. A small sample of the work showcased is now in our main school entrance.



A Right Royal Event!

This week we were delighted to join with other local schools to dance in front of our future King and Queen Consort. A group of our children were chosen to participate in the inaugural Dons Lanson on the occasion of the visit of their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall. One pupil also presented flowers to the Duchess. This was an incredible honour and the weather certainly did not dampen our spirits and joy to be included in this historic event. A HUGE well done to all involved.

Despite the thunder, lightning and torrential rain the children represented our school brilliantly. Their manners were exceptional and they saw the positive in all aspects of the day. The children have been awarded a commemorative badge and certificate and as a school we have a special plaque to always remember this special day. We are very proud of them all.

A big thanks to St Joseph's who provided mini buses to take us to and from the event and to Ms Callcut and Mrs Hobbs who accompanied the children and have just about dried out!!!



KS1 Commonwealth Games

A huge well done to the Y2 pupils who represented St Stephens at the Interschool Commonwealth Games event held at Codes Green. The children demonstrated amazing determination, teamwork and sportsmanship. Their hard work and skills payed off -they were awarded the team silver medal. Great job everyone. Thank you to Mrs Morris for attending this after school event to support the children and the parents who provided transport and loud cheering!



KS2 Commonwealth Games

St Stephens entered three teams in the Interschool Commonwealth Games. They performed brilliantly in the four events. These were sprint, throwing, jumping and 600m long distance race. All children competed excellently and really showed off the talent of St Stephens. There were 6 teams entered altogether and we were placed, 4th, 3rd and 1st. Thank you to Mrs. Hunt and Miss Kempton for supporting our competitors in this after school event.



Well done Team St Stephens! Lots of proud children wearing medals and enjoying representing their school.

SPORTS DAY RESULTS

It was VERY close! A big well done to all the house teams .

The winning team this year is ... **ROUNDHOUSE**.

Tyler, Roundhouse's House Captain accepted the sports day cup on behalf of the whole team in assembly .



Congratulations to all.

Year 3 and 4 Wild Tribe Activity Day with Arena Sports.

Throughout the day, we completed three activities - Wild Maths, Wild Science and Wild Art.

Wild Maths allowed us to consolidate our shape learning by looking at the properties of 2D shapes. We then created our own dreamcatchers using sticks, wire and natural resources that we found on our school site.



Wild Science explored the exciting themes of Fossils and Volcanoes. This linked fantastically with the Geography and Science topics that the children have explored this year.

Finally, Wild Art explored the work of Andy Goldsworthy. In pairs, or small groups, the children had to design and create their own piece of art work. Each pair/group had to plan their piece of art work before forage for their materials. A true test of our relationships and leadership skills.

The activities tested our resilience, communication, creativity and planning and problem solving skills.

The day ended with toasting marshmallows over the fire - which was a fantastic opportunity to apply the skills that we learned at the Woodland Skills Centre a few weeks ago.

A big thank you to Michelle and Debbie from Arena for planning such a fantastic day.



Humanitarian Work recognised by National Publication



For the second year in a row our school has been awarded an Impact Award from our SMSC (spiritual, moral, social and cultural)provider 'Picture News'. This year our Humanitarian support and actions for the refugees in Ukraine -actions linked to our UNICEF Children's Rights - was recognised. A HUGE thankyou to Mrs Hobbs , our SMSE Lead, for submitting our application this year. The company replied "Wow Alison, this is just fantastic . What kinds and thoughtful children you have. Your Ukraine day looked like a great fundraiser."

Our school values of Advocacy and Leadership well and truly have been recognised.

A Fond Farewell to our Sensational Sixes.

This week we have found different ways to say farewell to our wonderful Year 6 group . On Wednesday we were delighted to join several other schools from the Launceston Area at a special Transition Service held at St Mary's church in town. Speeches were made by the Town Clerk, Mayor and Year 7 Transition Lead Ms Rash. The children sang beautifully and performed "Hidden Parts of Cornwall" as a group and told a story about team work, kindness and positivity called "Chopsticks". This certainly sums up year 6. I know how proud the parents and families were who attended as were we.



On Thursday the sun shone on our family and friends who came to join us at our very special school leavers assembly. The children had organised the event and it was filled with music, song, memories and inspirations. We are always so sad to say farewell to any of our pupils and their families who have become such a special part of our daily working life... and this year is no different! A class that has truly demonstrated our school values and been excellent role models for the rest of the school.

A HUGE thank you to the fantastic Year 6 teaching team -they have supported the children through an incredibly challenging year with amazing end results. We wish the children much luck and laughter in their new adventures and hope they come back and visit us when they can.

Remember Team St Stephens to follow your dreams-the sky is your only limit!



School Lunches in SEPTEMBER 2022

We have had an update on school dinner prices for next term .

From September the cost of a daily lunch will be £2.41

If you believe your child is eligible for free school meals or Pupil Premium funding please follow the link below

[Welcome to St Stephens Community Academy \(ststephenscornwall.co.uk\)](http://ststephenscornwall.co.uk)



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Ridgegrove Park Wildlife Celebration Day Saturday 23 July: 11am – 2pm



Free & fun family activities!

Bee walks – Nature table – Pot Painting – Craft activities



Free snacks 12-1.30

Join the nature-themed walk & wheel procession!

***Decorate your bike, scooter and/or yourself at our drop-in art workshop (11am-1.15pm).**

Gather at the Co-op end of the path (Newport Industrial estate) ready to start at **1.30pm**. *Make sure your wheels are safe to ride: free bike safety checks from 11am - 1pm.*

Join Launceston Wildlife Group, Bumblebee Conservation Trust and the University of Exeter and Making Space for Nature to talk about Cornwall's amazing wildlife and how you can help protect it.



*Children must be accompanied by an adult. Parents/carers, please ensure that your bike/scooter and those of any children in your care are roadworthy. If in doubt, bikes should be pushed rather than ridden. Helmets must be worn by cyclists under 18 yrs. Please ensure that decorations will not affect the steering or get tangled in moving parts. Dress for the weather!

For more information, please email: spacefornature@cornwall.gov.uk

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Summer Sports Camp



£15 per day

There is no charge for children in receipt of Free School Meals



Reception to Year 11

**At The Sports Centre, Callington Community College
Monday to Thursday from 1st to 25th August 2022
0900 to 1500**



COMMUNITY CLARDERY

tackling food
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**Every Wednesday from 3rd August 10am-
12pm at The Orchard Centre, Blind Hole,
Market Street, Launceston PL15 8AU**

Open to all - no forms or criteria. Reducing food waste
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