



An Daras Trust
Igniting Curiosity Growing Capabilities

St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter



“ Embracing Learning; Inspiring Ambition;”

Friday 24th June 2022

Mrs. Maura Furber -Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderfully sunny week we've had –its definitely beginning to feel like the summer term. As usual the team at St Stephens have been very busy and this newsletter showcases just a small part of the fantastic enrichment and teaching and learning that has been happening over the past fortnight.– I can hear singing and music from around the world as I write as St Stephens celebrate World Music Day via a Teams link with children all over the world.

Thank you to all the parents that completed the Trust Parent Survey form, we are so appreciative of your ideas and views. A copy has been placed on the website under the Parent tab and I've emailed you all a copy. We will do our utmost to action the points raised.

Our transition afternoons for our NEW Foundation children in September started this week .It was wonderful to see their smiling faces and every year I forget how little your children are when they first start the main school. The start of an exciting learning journey that I'm sure you all remember. At the other end of the school our Year 6 pupils are getting very excited about their class residential next week @ Camp Kernow. I know they will have the most amazing time and hope the sun continues to shine for them. I will keep parents/carers updated via email , photos and texts. Our Year 5 pupils are still talking about their fantastic residential to London-check out their class blog for photos and information. A HUGE thank you to Mr Hunt , Mrs Paul, Mrs Baxter and Mr Gilbert for giving up their own time to ensure this trip was a complete success.

Have a relaxing weekend –recharge those batteries for the next two weeks!

Maura Furber

School Improvement @Team St Stephens



At St Stephens we have had a lot of changes on our Governing Body and for different reasons you may not have had the opportunity to meet the team as yet. There is a poster , with photographs and a short biography, on the Parent Noticeboard as you enter the school playground and on the school website. I'm meeting with some of the group next week and we will be thinking of different opportunities for you to meet them. If you ever do want to discuss anything with a school governor you can inform the school office and they will ensure that they are contacted for you. Many of the group only took up their position in September and are passionate about supporting and leading improvement in our wonderful school. **WE DO CURRENTLY HAVE A VACANCY FOR A PARENT GOVERNOR** . If you are interested in this very worthwhile opportunity please let the school office know either by email or pop in to talk to Mrs. Furber.

Joan Heaton (Chair)



Sue Tierney



Sophie Hughes



Paul Dickenson



Martin Cornish



Kathy Walsh



Launceston Heritage Festival Weekend



A HUGE congratulations to our wonderful samba band who performed brilliantly at the Heritage Festival ; Churches Together, event at Launceston Castle last weekend. Led by our Music Lead , Ms Gilbert, the children worked fantastically as a team alongside pupils from another AnDaras school, Windmill Hill Academy , to produce some lively and energetic music for the event. The crowd were very appreciative and thank you to Tesco for providing snacks and refreshments.



An enormous thank you to Ms. Gilbert for her never ending energy and the other adults who supported the group and of course the parents and friends who came to support this event.

We were very proud to receive the following message from one of the organisers:

“It was good to meet you at the event in the castle grounds this afternoon. Many thanks to you and all your enthusiastic Samba players - they really made a great impression in both starting and finishing the event and they certainly gathered a good crowd while they were playing. I hope they all enjoyed the experience, and we hope to hear them again soon.” Peter Wright.



Supporting our Healthy Development

Jasmine and Deon from Archway Dental in Kelly Bray visited us to tell us all about keeping our teeth clean and the importance of oral healthy.

They explained that there are 6 steps to healthy teeth:

1. Brush your teeth twice a day (once in the morning and once at night)
2. Brush them for 2 minutes each time.
3. Use a pea-size amount of toothpaste.
4. Do not rinse after brushing your teeth (as this will wash away the fluoride).
5. Do not eat or drink sugary things between meals.
6. Visit the dentist twice a year.

They also gave us all a goodie bag with everything we need to keep out teeth clean and healthy.

What fantastic support from our local community -life skills are such a vital part of our curriculum at St Stephens.



Year 5 London Residential 2022

We had a fantastic residential trip to London this year. Year 5 started our visit at Trafalgar Square then walked down the Mall, stopped for lunch in St James park and then walked the rest of the Mall to see Buckingham Palace. Then we walked past Westminster Abbey to our UK Parliament. We toured the Palace of Westminster seeing both Houses of Commons and Lords in session. After our tour, we then had a workshop on the



democratic process by the Parliament Education team where we elected MPs and formed a new government! Finally, at the end of our visit we were visited by Scott Mann MP for North Cornwall who talked to the children about what his job is and then took questions from the class. This was a unique opportunity which we have not had before.

After Parliament, we travelled to our accommodation before stepping out once again to go for dinner at Pizza Express on Baker Street.

Tuesday, after a good night's sleep, we walked across Kensington Gardens, looked at Kensington Palace, then The Albert memorial and the Royal Albert Hall before arriving at the Natural History Museum. The Natural History Museum is huge but we visited the dinosaur hall, mammals, the Earth Hall and also the recently returned Dippy exhibition. There were lots of fascinating exhibits and everyone had their own favourites. Mr. Gilbert and I were particularly fascinated by the slice of a 1500 year old tree. After the museum, we had a final visit which was the London Eye.



I would just like to the team that agreed to go with me: Mrs Paul, Mrs Baxter and Mr Gilbert who all did a fantastic job and went above and beyond looking after the children away from home.

Also the Truronian Bus and driver Andy were fantastic, the staff at Pizza Express, YHA St Pancras and staff, the Parliamentary team and Mrs Furber for relaying images and messages to keep parents informed



(We'd like to say a HUGE thank you to Mr Hunt for all his hard work and time organising and leading this FANTASTIC residential- Team St Stephens)



PTFA CrAZy HaIR DaY!



A HUGE THANK YOU for your wonderful support and amazing hair creations last week in support of the PTFA fundraising event.

The grand total raised so far is £102. We hope you enjoy snapshots from the day -we love that the children just carried on with their learning 'as normal'.



Enrichment Day at the Beach



Year F, 1 and 2 went on a lovely, sunny trip to Summerleaze Beach in Bude. We enjoyed digging in the sand, building sand castles, burying each other, making sand art amongst lots of other things. We also all bought ice-creams or lolly pops which were delicious.

We had a great day; the children were all fantastic demonstrating team work, resilience and creativity ...and the weather was glorious!

Many thanks to all the staff from school and all of the parents helpers for making it such a great day. Its wonderful to take the children on trips again -we've all really missed these wonderful opportunities during the CV19 restrictions.



Our School Values in Action

Wild Tribe Wednesday- today the class demonstrated great communication, leadership and creativity to build a fabulous den. We found big sticks to help make our shelter, we worked collaboratively and helped to carry some very heavy things working as a real team.



We are getting really good at balancing and swinging across the trim trail on our field. We help each other by showing what we can do and encouraging our friends-great relationships in action!

Capabilities Curriculum Workshop

As part of our focus on providing a curriculum that gives our pupils life values and skills that they can transfer across subjects and experiences we were delighted to welcome Mrs. Rebecca Brewer who designed the Trust Curriculum model: Championing Children. In Year 6 we have been voting on the capabilities and reflecting on how as a class we interact and approach learning -and explaining our choices with Mrs. Brewer.



We voted to work on relationship and leadership skills-working in groups to agree questions to ask to rebuild a 'palace'. This involved working with people that we do not normally work with and learning how to manage our feelings within this activity.



World Music Day

Our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils took part in a zoom call with Emerald School in Nigeria, to celebrate World Music Day. Sandyhill from St Austell also joined us. We each performed two songs and then taught one to our partner school. It was an incredible to hear children in West Africa singing Hidden Parts of Cornwall, alternating the verses with us!

We also learned a song from the children in Nigeria in Yoruba-one of the Nigerian languages. St Stephens children represented the school brilliantly-well done to them all-what a great opportunity this has been.



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**



We are very excited about this Trust Art event to celebrate the Art work across the Trust. The event is open to the public on both days and we have a group of pupils representing St Stephens there at the stand on Tuesday 12th July between 12.00-2.00p.m.