

"Following God's path to flourish in life"

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 22nd September 2023

Willow Class children have worked hard this week in all areas of their learning. We have enjoyed seeing lots of independent learning from the reception children including, writing their names as labels for models which they had built, writing new sounds from their phonics sessions, and practising their cutting skills. The Year 1 children have worked hard to plan and write sentences in their English lessons. They have used pictures from the story 'No, Nancy, No!' and recorded sentences to explain the pictures also remembering to use capital letters, full stops and adding adjectives. The Year 1 children have also begun to develop their understanding of the countries within the United Kingdom. They used playdough and a map to show the 4 different countries and worked in small groups to attach labels to their map. Well done children!



This week in **Oak Class**, the children have really enjoyed learning about jobs that people would have held during the 17th century. During their History lesson, they used several sources to explore the differences between fire men in 1666 and fire people now. In PSHE, they deepened their understanding of Road Safety by exploring a scenario and considering the different choices that could be made and the consequences these could have. Both Year 1 and 2 children have continued to develop their place value skills during maths lessons, with Year 1 focussing on counting on from a given number and recognising one more and less, whilst Year 2 have been learning how to place numbers on number lines with intervals of 10 and 100, and estimating numbers on number lines.



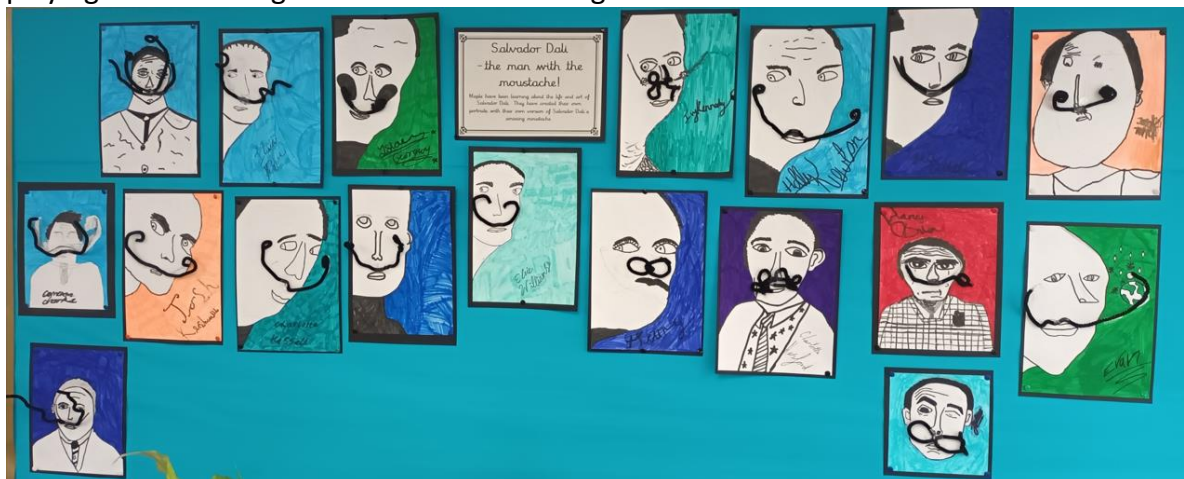
The children in **Beech Class** have been learning about vertebrates and invertebrates in Science; identifying examples of each and sorting them into two groups. They were very interested to watch a video of an octopus (an invertebrate) squeezing through an extremely small space! In RE, the children learnt about the Trinity and how Christians believe God is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In Art, the children are learning about Banksy; the graffiti artist. This week they designed their own tag, which is like an artist's signature. In Geography, the children created a sketch map of the school and included symbols on a key. To finish the week, Group 2 had their first Forest School session, and Group 1 enjoyed learning invasion tactics in PE.

In **Elm Class**, the children have been learning about different types of teeth in science this week. They enjoyed looking at their own teeth and at their friends'. After this, they learnt the names of the different types of teeth and the function of the teeth types. The class also compared human teeth to the teeth of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. If you have pets at home, perhaps you could look at their teeth to see the different types (mind your fingers though!)



In **Sycamore Class**, the children have worked hard in maths ordering and comparing numbers, as well as rounding different numbers. They practised their skills with numbers up to 5 million. In English, the children have been looking carefully at different persuasive letters and identifying what makes a letter persuasive. They have also started researching the Victorian Workhouses, finding lots of facts about the awful conditions within them. In Science, the children learnt about Isaac Newton and measured different objects to find their weight and mass. In Geography, the children looked at different maps and found the grid references of different symbols, focusing on four and six grid references. In PSHE, the children have discussed different ways to keep safe and what to do in a risky situation.

The children in **Maple Class** have completed their impressive Salvador Dali portraits with added expressive moustaches, as you can see in the picture. The Mr Men and Little Miss stories continue to be worked on with the introductory pages now completed in rough. During their History lesson, the children have created posters inspired by a collection of historical artefacts becoming experts on all sorts of WWII related topics. Despite the torrential rain on Wednesday, the class enjoyed a busy PE morning including playing 'Pass the Frog' and indoor tennis using hand mits.



STAA – PTFA Meeting – Tuesday 26th September 2023 – 6.00pm

Parents and Carers are warmly welcome to attend the first STAA meeting of the year. Meet the committee and find out plans for the future. STAA are a friendly group who volunteer their time to enhance the children's experience at ST Andrew's. Refreshments will be available.

A note for your diary





Pupils of the week...

Well done to Athena, Olivia, Sophie, Ivy, Toby, Rae, Iona, Sebastian and Scarlet. They have demonstrated the school values wonderfully. We are so proud of you.

Worship and Prayer Group

Jacob, Ivy, Cameron and Isla have volunteered to be our new worship and prayer leaders. Their job is to write the weekly prayers for assemblies, keep the worship spaces fresh and current and to help develop worship in school.



School Dinner Menu for the week commencing Monday 25th September

MENU	WEEK ONE
MONDAY	Mac & Cheese (V) or Mixed Bean Chilli with Rice (Ve)(Wg) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Rainbow Veg Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream
TUESDAY	Mild & Sweet Chicken Curry with Rice (Wg) or Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Sweetcorn & Peppers, Cauliflower Apple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or Chickpea and Veggie Puff with Roasties (Ve) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Broccoli, Sliced Carrot Strawberry Jelly and Peaches
THURSDAY	Tuna & Pasta Pesto Pasta (Wg) or Penne with Tomato Super Sauce (Ve) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Green Beans, Swede Chocolate Mousse with Pears (V)
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers with Chips or Falafel Wrap with Mint Yoghurt & Chips Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Flapjack (Ve)

CHILL – Wrap-around-care

Online booking forms are available on the school website. Please make all bookings by 1pm on Friday the week before and ensure payment has been made in advance via Parentpay or childcare vouchers activated.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS SCHOOL WEB PAGE FOR BOOKINGS](#)

Chill emergency phone number – 07535042629

Enquiries to Sue McCoskry - chill@st-andrews-weston.staffs.sch.uk

Prayer Space

Lord,

Help us to embrace the Fellowship of our families. Please keep us from petty arguments and help us to appreciate the people around us: our families, our friends, our classmates, our colleagues. You are in all of us. With that in mind, help us show the respect they deserve – that You deserve,
Amen.

And finally...

Many thanks to those of you who have taken greater care to park their vehicles more carefully. Ferrers Road didn't look so cluttered this week. October is international walk to school month and so it would be ideal to support this.

Mr Hayward.

Term Dates and Events for the Year 2023 - 2024

Autumn Term 2023

Tuesday 26 September	STAA – PTFA Meeting – 6.00pm in school
Thursday 28 September	Governors' Local Academy Committee meeting 6.00pm
Thursday 5 October	Mid-Trent MAT Board meeting
Wednesday 11 October	Maple Class (Year 6) Bikeability training – Level 2
Thursday 12 October	Maple Class (Year 6) Bikeability training – Level 2
Friday 13 October	Harvest Festival – Weston Village Hall – 10.30am
Monday 16 October	Maple Class children leave for Stanley Head residential visit
Friday 20 October	Maple Class children return from Stanley Head

Half Term: Monday 30 October – Friday 3 November

Inset day: Monday 6 November

Monday 13 November	Whole school flu immunisation
Thursday 30 November	Governors' Local Academy Committee meeting 6.00pm
Friday 14 December	Christmas pantomime in school
Friday 22 December	Last day of term

Christmas Holiday: Monday 25 December – Friday 6 January

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8 January	Term starts
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Half term break: Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Thursday 14 March	Governors' Local Academy Committee meeting 6.00pm
Friday 31 March	

Easter Holiday: Monday 25 March – Friday 5 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 31 March

Summer Term 2024

Monday 8 April	Term starts
Wednesday 10 April	Elm Class (Year 4) to Laches Wood – Residential visit

Friday 12 April	Elm Class return from Laches Wood
Monday 22 April	Stafford's Gotta Dance 6.00pm – 9.00pm
Monday 6 May	School closed – May Day
Thursday 16 May	Governors' Local Academy Committee meeting 6.00pm

Inset day: Friday 24 May

Half Term Break: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Inset day: Monday 3 June

Thursday 20 June	Governors' Local Academy Committee meeting 6.00pm
Thursday 4 July	Mid-Trent MAT Board meeting
Friday 19 July	Leavers assembly 2.00pm

Inset day: Monday 22 July

Summer Holiday: Tuesday 23 July – Friday 30 August 2024

Term Dates for 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term 2024

Inset day: Monday 2 September

Term Starts: Tuesday 3 September

Holiday: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Term Ends: Friday 20 December

Holiday: Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January

Spring Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 6 January

Holiday: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Term Ends: Friday 11 April

Holiday: Monday 14 April – Friday 25 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 20 April

Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28 April

May Day: Monday 5 May

Holiday: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Term Ends: Monday 21 July

Holiday: Tuesday 22 July – Friday 29 August