



WEEKLY NEWS 04.05.18

Well what a wonderful week it has been! Children continue to work hard and our Maths Open Afternoon was an absolute triumph. So many positive comments from you all. A huge thank you to Mrs Standen and Mr Derbyshire who worked so hard to prepare this informative afternoon for you all so that you could learn more about how we teach Maths in school.

LEARNING NEWS ACROSS THE SCHOOL



Children in **EYFS** have been busy learning doubles and number bonds this week. They have used lots of different items to add together and particularly enjoyed writing their calculations down in lots of different ways. The children have also been keeping an eye on our class caterpillars, who are all now safely in their cocoons.

Years 1/2 have been continuing their topic on Houses and Homes and have been thinking about what homes were like in the past. They learnt that there were no showers or hot running water, so you had to wash in a tin bath! In DT they have been building towers and then thinking about what makes a structure strong and stable. The children are having fun using their creative skills.



The children in **Years 3/4** had a wonderful visit from 93 year old Doris this week to find out all about what Stamford was like in the past. They learned how the streets of Stamford have changed, what school was like in the 1920s/1930s and what she liked to do in her spare time. The children were amazed how many times Doris attended church on a Sunday, with her family. They also found it fascinating when Doris explained that her family used to have a gentleman come to her house to take a food order in the morning and during the afternoon a delivery boy would deliver the food on a bicycle!



We would also like to thank Mrs Petrie who arranged the visit and accompanied Doris on her visit. A truly valuable experience. Thank you so much for coming to see us, Doris!

The children in **Year 5** have been busy in Maths continuing with their towns; scaling up their original plans and starting to make their models. In English, they have been exploring the animation, 'The Piano'. We have been amazed by the way they immersed themselves in the film and the narratives that have been produced from this. In Science, they embarked on an adventure through Space to discover just how far the distances between planets really are and have started to produce scaled pictures on this.



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In **Year 6** we have been continuing with our work on 'Alma', using figurative language for an effective description. They are working incredibly hard with their revision (both in English and Maths) and ventured outside on Tuesday afternoon for some SPAG relays. The children were full of spirits and there was a great deal of competition to get the correct answer for their team.

OPEN AFTERNOON FOR MATHS

Thank you to all families who were able to attend our most recent Open Afternoon which focused on Maths this time around (following on from our Parent Information Evenings held in the Autumn Term). It was great to see children and adults fully engrossed in a range of practical activities all centred around applying mathematical skills, knowledge and understanding. Some were very challenging and were designed to really make brains work hard! We hope that the activities and resources on display gave a good picture of how resources are used in school, how children are challenged in their Maths learning and also some fun ideas for you to try at home.

Our calculation policy along with a number of recommended websites which support learning at home are just a few clicks away on the school website www.stgilberts.co.uk under the tab "For Parents/Help With Homework".



STAMFORD SCOOTATHON



This year's Scootathon will be taking place on **Saturday 16th June** at Stamford Welland Academy. The Scootathon is open to all primary school children and their families and each year group has its own race. This year the Scootathon is introducing a pre-school and accompanied adult race enabling younger and older family members to take part. Registration is open from 9.00 am and there will be a BBQ & Refreshments.

An entry form will be coming home today with full details of the event and this needs to be completed and returned by **Thursday 17th May** along with payment and posted in the PTA Box.

DATES TO REMEMBER!

Bank Holiday Monday 7th May

14th May - 18th May - KS2 SAT's Week

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