



STAMFORD ST GILBERT'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

### We would like to share with you some great news!

Over the last few weeks, the Eco Committee have had a very busy time preparing for our **Eco Assessment**.

This week, Mr Ingham came to school to see all of the wonderful things that we do to be sustainable. We had to show evidence that we cover all ten areas of the Eco curriculum: Biodiversity, Marine, Energy, Litter, Waste, Water, School Grounds, Healthy Living, Transport and Global Citizenship. These areas are built into the children's learning and focussed on throughout different times of the year.

The Eco Ambassadors and Eco Committee, consisting of members from Year 1 upwards, did an amazing job at answering questions and showing our visitor around school. They were able to talk about how we monitor Eco efficiency across school, our future plans and the impact our actions have world-wide.

We were very excited to then receive a phone call later in the day to say that we had passed our inspection. This is wonderful news and means that we can keep our Eco School status for another two years.

**A huge thank you to Mrs Howson and all of the Eco reps and Eco ambassadors for all their hard work.**

### Christian Values

Our Christian Value this term is SERVICE and as part of this, children in school will be planning and taking part in acts of service to benefit the wider community.

### DIARY DATES

- 18/03/2019 Science Week**  
18th-22nd March
- 22/03/2019 Science Open Morning 9.00 – 9.45am**
- 22/03/2019 PTA Event- Bingo**  
Doors open 6:00pm- Hall- Further details below
- 25/03/2019 Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm**  
Bookings to be made via Parentmail
- 26/03/2019 Parents' Evening 3:30pm-6:00pm**  
Bookings to be made via Parentmail

### Attendance

#### **EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!**

Each week we announce the attendance percentages for each class, recognising improvement and the class who has achieved the best attendance!

*Congratulations to*

***FINE, SEUSS, SNICKETT & STRONG CLASSES***

*who all had  
100% attendance last week  
FANTASTIC!*

## Foundation Stage

This week in Foundation Stage the children have been looking at the story of “The Tiny Seed” by Eric Carle. They have been **thinking** about all the places the seed might land and where it might grow. We set up our own experiment in the classroom based on the book by planting a seed in water, sand, rock and soil. The children made predictions about which seed would grow. This was based on what they had already learnt about the needs of plants. The children are checking every day for new signs of growth!

The children enjoyed a treat on Tuesday afternoon when the Image Musical Theatre came in to school to perform “The Selfish Giant”. Some of the children were even **brave** enough to be part of the cast and it was **great fun** for all!

We have continued to do baking this week as part of our **Act of Service**. The children loved making chocolate Krispie cakes this week. We received a lovely card from Mindspace thanking the children for their cakes. This helped the children **reflect** on the difference **giving** can make, and has helped develop their sense of **empathy for others**.

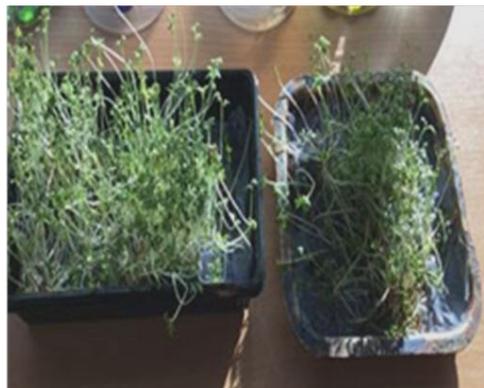


## Key Stage 1

Year 1 and 2 have had a wonderful week with a special visit from an inspirational theatre group. The children were totally captivated by the acting and singing which was absolutely fantastic.

Many of the children came back from the hall singing the songs that they had been taught. Some of the children in KS1 actually took part in the drama in front of the whole school and showed **amazing confidence** and **acting ability**. The children all identified the moral behind the drama, and acknowledged that friendship, caring and sharing are very important qualities.

This week the children have been reviewing the cress seed experiment they set up last week and have discovered that to grow healthily, cress most certainly needs water and sunlight. The children were **fascinated to discover** that the seeds kept in the dark with just water had turned a pale, yellow colour and the seeds with no water hadn't grown at all! The children also went into our amazing Jubilee Garden to **eagerly** plant a host of sunflower seeds and ranunculus bulbs which we will monitor over the coming weeks. Having set a fascinating factual question; 'Is there such a thing as a tree that walks?' some of the children (and parents!) have discovered that there really is a tree that can move itself!! An extra homework challenge for the Year 1.2s this week maybe!



## Key Stage 2

This week, Years 3&4 have been investigating the rates at which different solids change state when heated or cooled. They made predictions based on which solids they thought would melt the quickest and why and what would happen to them as they were heated. The children thought very hard and carefully about their predictions and used their prior knowledge to inform them. The children were **thoroughly engaged** with the experiment and showed a real **love of learning**.

In English, the children have been apostrophe mad! They have been using apostrophes to show singular and plural possession in sentences to describe a busy scene on a bus from a story that we have been looking at called the **Sugarcane Juice** which ties in with our India topic. The children were also introduced to the **Squeeze-O-Matic 19** which is a machine that helps to generate contractions. Unfortunately it was broken, so the children had to generate the contracted words themselves. The children have picked up this tricky concept really well and we hope to see them apply their **skills** in their **independent writing!**



## PTA Events

Family Bingo Night

Friday 22nd March

6pm - 8.30pm

£5 for adults including 6 bingo books

£1 for children including 1 bingo book

Tickets will be on sale every morning next week or via Paypal at [stgilbertsptafinance@outlook.com](mailto:stgilbertsptafinance@outlook.com)

For any PTA enquires please contact them by e-mail to [stgilbertspta@outlook.com](mailto:stgilbertspta@outlook.com) or by Facebook at St Gilbert's Parents

**St. Gilbert's PTA**

**BINGO**  
*Night*

**Friday 22nd March in the School Hall**  
**Open from 6pm (Bingo 6.30-8.30pm)**

**Entry - Adults - £5 inc 6 bingo books**  
**Kids - £1 inc 1 bingo book**  
entry for pre-school children free of charge

**Sweet tuck shop/soft drinks/tea & coffee**  
**available**

**Bring your own picnic and alcohol**

Bookings can be made now via Paypal or the PTA post box.  
Please include names of adults and children attending

**Email [stgilbertspta@outlook.com](mailto:stgilbertspta@outlook.com) for more information**

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## Cross Country

Well done to all of our children who took part in the annual Primary Schools Cross Country Championships on Saturday morning at Stamford Welland Academy. All of the children persevered and showed great determination on what was a very windy day. A special mention to our Year 5/6 boys who collectively came 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall out of all of the Primary Schools.

Many thanks to Stamford Welland Academy for organising such a great event and to the parents who supported and encouraged their children.

## **Book Fair & Second Hand Book Sale**

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all of the parent volunteers who ran the Book Fair after school and the PTA for holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand book sale. Without the giving of your time we simply wouldn't be able to hold these events after school and we are truly grateful. Thank you everyone!

We are thrilled to advise that you have raised **£825** in commission from the sale of the books at the fair which we will be able to use to purchase books for the whole school! That is fantastic!

## Book Aid International

This year we once again chose to support Book Aid International by dressing up and donating during World Book Day. We are pleased to advise that you raised £74 for the charity and we would like to thank you for your donations.

"Books offer the chance for people to learn, imagine new possibilities and shape their own futures. Every year, Book Aid International make books available to an estimated 29 million people around the world through an extensive network of partners and supporters here in the UK and around the world" source: *Book Aid International website*.

Parents' Evenings this term are on  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>  
March

Bookings will open on  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March



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