



STAMFORD ST GILBERT'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

Although "Blue Monday" has been discussed in the media this week, it certainly wasn't the case here at St Gilbert's. The children and staff have thrown themselves into exciting challenges galore, which have really put a smile on our faces – from tricky Maths problems (there is one for you to try below) to making imaginative dragon machines and designing adverts focussing on diversity.

As you will read, Year 6 pupils have also been investigating the pros and cons of the internet and social media, and the impact this has on them and others. Please do ask them more about this so that we can encourage open conversations about this issue at home too.

As well as all of the learning taking place in class, we have also been thinking about this term's Christian value of compassion. The children have spoken in Collective Worship about examples from the Bible as well as those from our everyday lives and shown a great understanding of the positive impact each and every one of us can have on others.

DIARY DATES

29/01/2020	Parents' Information Evening- Year 3/4 Times Table Tests 3:30pm
11/02/2020	Safer Internet Day
13/02/2020	Open Afternoon for Parents 2:30pm-3:00pm- for parents of children who attend St. Gilbert's
14/02/2020	Term 3 Ends

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 Milne Class
who had 99.23%
attendance last week.
Well done!*

Foundation Stage

Children in EYFS have been really enjoying learning about numbers. This week we have been focussing on counting carefully and thinking about how we can arrange objects to help us count them carefully or even using ten frames which can help us to easily see how many we have, sometimes without counting! Each class is putting together a big book of numbers.

On Thursday we went around the classroom looking for different ways we could represent each number from 1 to 10. We found Numicon shapes, counted out fruit and even drew our own images. It was lots of fun!



Key Stage 1

In Year 1/2 Friday afternoon was spent getting very creative as junk modelling materials completely took over the classrooms. Thank you to all parents who contributed! The children were required to use different techniques to cut, join and fasten their chosen materials in order to create their very own dragon machine. Which was inspired by our book of the week, *The Dragon Machine* by Helen Ward. The children had to think very carefully about the different steps they were taking as these were going to be written up into an explanation piece of writing the following week. Some children even utilised their computing skills by photographing and recording their work using the iPads, to aid their following write up.

Next week the children will share this work with the Foundation Stage children in the hope of inspiring them to create something similar.

In Science this week, the children have been learning all about the importance of hygiene and in particular why washing our hands well is part of keeping ourselves healthy. They have thought about germs and how they are spread, and have conducted some fun handwashing experiments involving glitter and glowing hand lotion, which is revealed under a black-light torch. There will be some left glowing on your hands if you have not washed your hands thoroughly! The children learned handwashing techniques - the ring, the hook, the claw, the spider, the dove and have been learning about the work of Louis Pasteur.

Wow! What a busy, fun week we have had!



Key Stage 2

This week in English, the children in Year 3/4 started to write a story set during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius on the 29th August 79 AD near the Ancient City of Pompeii. The use of vocabulary was fantastic and the descriptions of the volcano made us all feel we were actually there! To develop their stories further, the children used their skills they had learnt about speech and inverted commas. We wrote scripts to come up with exciting dialogue to go with their wonderfully creative stories. We are really looking forward to sharing these stories next week!

In Maths we have been challenging ourselves with lots of mind-bending puzzles and problems, using our written methods of addition as a way to find the hidden answers. We have been really impressed by the children's enthusiasm and resilience when tackling problems such as 'Magic Squares', Number Walls and Missing Number Triangles. Why don't you try our 'Magic Squares' for yourselves – All of the rows, columns and diagonals must add up to the same number. Good luck!

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Key Stage 2

This week, the Year 6 children had a great visit from Neil, who is based at Lincolnshire Police Headquarters as part of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children's Partnership, working with schools across Lincolnshire to promote E-Safety amongst young people. They had great discussions about social media and the impact that sharing online can have on individuals. They thought about the great things the internet has to offer, what life might be like without it and decided which parts of the internet were less desirable. The children's attitude to the issues raised in the session was impressively mature and they all agreed that after the session they will think more carefully about the content, messages and images they share online. It was also very interesting to learn about the age recommendations for lots of apps and games that the children currently use.

Whilst the Year 6s were busy with their E-Safety workshop, the Year 5 children were working in groups to create an advert to celebrate diversity in teams. We discussed what diversity means and what a diverse team looks like; we identified the diversity of skills and qualities that different people bring to a team, and the children identified their own skills and qualities and how they are similar or different to others. The adverts will be entered into the Premier League Primary Stars "ROAR! for Diversity" competition in the chance of winning some unforgettable prizes, such as working with designers to bring their adverts to life, tickets to a match and a Premier League Trophy/Cricket World Cup Trophy visit to the school!



Tuck Shop News

The Tuck Shop Crew along with Mrs Morris-Young have been busy sourcing, tasting and ordering the new items for the Tuck Shop and we would like to announce the new Tuck Shop List of items.

All the products have been very carefully selected.

Flavours may vary slightly from time to time, but the products will be the same.

We hope the children will enjoy trying out the new exciting tasty treats.

Mrs Camp and the Tuck Shop Crew.



Tuck Shop List	
Plain Raisins	2 tokens
Chunky Fruity Puffs <small>Low Salt, Vegetarian, Coeliac, Dairy Free, Egg Free, Gluten Free, Nut Free, Sugar Free/No Added Sugar</small>	4 tokens
Popcorn <small>Gluten Free, Vegan</small>	5 tokens
Freeze -Dried Fruit <small>Caffeine Free, Casein Free, Coeliac, Dairy Free, Egg Free, Gluten Free, Halal, Kosher, Lactose Free, Low Cholesterol, Low Fat, Low Salt, Nut Free, Soya Free, Sugar Free/No Added Sugar, Vegan, Vegetarian, Wheat Free, Yeast Free, 1 of your 5 a day</small>	5 tokens
Fruit Wriggles <small>Coeliac, Dairy Free, Gluten Free, Low Salt, Nut Free, Sugar Free/No Added Sugar, Vegetarian</small>	4 tokens
Smoothie Melts (various flavours) <small>Coeliac, Dairy Free, Gluten Free, Nut Free, Vegetarian, Wheat Free, Low Salt, Sugar Free/No Added Sugar</small>	5 tokens
Savoury snacks <small>Gluten Free, Nut Free</small>	5 tokens

All allergen and ingredient information is from the Premcrest website.

Fabulous Sporting News

What a performance by our Y5.6 Athletics team! Despite a fierce competition from 8 other schools (and a very intense two-point difference between 1st and 2nd place) they went on to win the Southern Lincolnshire Indoor Athletics!! Now we're off to the County Championships in Lincoln in July.

Thank you so much to parents for all of their continued support 😊 We are immensely proud of them!!





HALF TERM COMPUTING WORKSHOPS

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ICT SOLUTIONS

ARK ICT will be hosting a one day fun session this February, based all around computing, for children aged 7-11.

Thursday 20th February
St Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy,
Stamford

8:45am - 3:15 pm

£30 a day

Within the session the children can take part in a range of activities:

- Stop Frame Animation
- 3D pens
- Video game design on iPads
- VR experiences using headsets
- Robotics with Spheros

Places will be available on a first come, first served basis. For more information or booking please contact education@ark.me.uk or call 01775 720252 (option 5)



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