



Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

The children have settled back into the swing of the new school year well and produced some amazing pieces of work, including eye-catching and thoughtful artwork, which you will find out more about as you read on.

They have also fully embraced our Christian value of **friendship** for this term, with staff across school recognising how the children have been caring for those around them, using "helpful hands" and demonstrating many other acts of kindness both in class and at play.

DIARY DATES

- 07/10/2019 ECO Week
7th - 11th October - Details to follow
- 09/10/2019 Year 6 Residential Trip to JCA Mount
Cook Adventure Centre
Wed 9th Oct - Fri 11th Oct
- 10/10/2019 World Mental Health Day

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
Tiger Class
who had 98.26% attendance last week.
Well Done!*

Foundation Stage

This week in Foundation Stage the children have been reading the story "Charlie's Superhero Underpants". We enjoyed this funny story and have been listening out for rhyming words such as "llama" and "pyjama". We have been working on our memory and comprehension by looking at photos from the story and trying to get them in the right order.

This week the children have had their very first PE lesson. We went down to the hall and had lots of fun stretching and moving around the hall in different ways. The children did really well listening and following instructions.

An exciting part of our week has been painting pictures of bugs for the "Big Draw" project. Children painted giant pictures using paint brushes stuck on long sticks. Some children then got a chance to transfer their design on to a "tree cookie", which will be varnished and used in the school garden. The children did some really lovely paintings which we will hopefully be able to enjoy for many years to come.



Key Stage 1

This week we have been getting in touch with nature for Arts Week! The school is creating an installation for the Jubilee garden made of tree cookies. In Y1.2 we have designed and created some stamps in leaf shapes to print onto the cookies, thinking very carefully about how to show the patterns on the leaves.



Key Stage 2

Another amazing week in Year 3/4! The children had a special visitor on Monday. Phil, from Nene Park, launched Arts Week with a fabulous, hands-on workshop looking at the different parts of trees and the special jobs that they perform. From seeds to leaves to bark; all of the children had great fun exploring. To follow on from this, the children then designed their own tree cookies in preparation for a brand new display in the Jubilee Garden – their work was tree-tremendous!

In English, the children received another letter from Norman Messenger to thank them for their excellent animal descriptions. He also set them a new challenge – to convince the islanders of The Land of Neverbelieve to build a hotel next to the magical lake rather than the murky swamp. The children used contrasting connectives in their writing to write complex sentences comparing the two settings. We know that Mr Messenger will be thrilled with the results of the work that they produced.

In Maths, we started looking at much larger numbers and how they can be represented in many different ways. We visually saw the difference between 1 and 1,000 and even managed to count all the way to 10,000.

Our Science work continued to look at different animals and their habitats. The children showed great understanding when learning about animals that we can care for in our own homes and produced beautiful pictures to show the necessities of what animals need to survive.



Key Stage 2

On Wednesday, the children in Year 5/6 thoroughly enjoyed making paper lanterns which will be paraded on Saturday evening at the Stamford Georgian Festival. The children carefully constructed their paper lanterns by using tissue paper and PVA glue, thinking carefully about the design. They listened well and talked collaboratively with their peers, resulting in some fantastic lanterns! Thank you to the Arts Project Team for running such a creative workshop. It would be wonderful if as many people as possible could support this local event.

To celebrate Big Draw Week, the children have created tree cookies, based on bible verses that focus on creation, light and life. They decorated them using calligraphy pens; keep an eye out for them around school on display and in the Jubilee Garden!

In RE, the children have been looking at places of worship for different religions. They were tasked with researching the names of the buildings, the key features and design, in preparation for writing a comparison based on this next week. The children developed their Computing skills by attempting to show a split screen of two images, so that they could make a direct comparison between what they could see. We also talked about safely using search engines and retrieving accurate information.



On Monday our Collective Worship will be led by a member of the Evergreen Care Trust, who will tell us all about the work they do in readiness for our 'Go Green for Evergreen' Day on Tuesday 1st October. On this day we invite the whole school to come in wearing school uniform with the addition of a green accessory. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £1 on this day all of which will be donated to the Evergreen Care Trust. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile local community charity.

Mrs Camp

Evergreen Care Trust Mission Statement

To promote healthy ageing and attitudes towards older people, seeking relevant ways to honour old age and if needed, to serve through Advocacy, Friendship and practical support.

Aims

Honour - treating everyone with dignity and respect

Excellence - striving to achieve highest standards

Attitudes - promoting positive values

Living - supporting independence

Together - working in partnership

Holistic - encouraging whole person well-being

Youthfulness - advocating fruitfulness into old age

Arts Week

We have had a fantastic Arts Week this year! children have been getting busy with all sorts of exciting activities. Years 5 and 6 have created Georgian lanterns for the Georgian Festival this year. For this festival, the whole school also took part in designing and drawing their own Georgian houses using a pattern book approach in Term 6 last year. The Georgian Festival is a major exhibition held in Stamford, where people come from all over the world to visit. The children's artwork will be displayed in Stamford Arts Centre this weekend, if you would like to go and see if you can spot your child's work!

As well as getting busy creating lanterns for the Georgian Festival, Years 1 and 2 watched The Georgian Sense-O-Matic Show at the Corn Exchange which consisted of two young aspiring scientists and their much-talked-about, splendid, spectacular, scientific discovery machine! The show proved to be engaging, educational and funny!

The main focus of this week, though, has been 'The big Draw'. The Big Draw competition is the world's largest competition and St Gilbert's have entered for a second year running. (For more information you can visit <https://thebigdraw.org>.)

Our idea for the 'Big Draw' was to create an installation in our Jubilee Garden that would last a long time and to become part of our school environment. The feature will be made up of 45 'tree cookies' designed and decorated by the children. Our aim of the installation is to reflect our school's creativity and spirituality. As well as this, it will act as a focus that enables the children to read the bible quotations and reflect in a special quiet place. The 'tree cookies' have been kindly donated to us by Burghley Park as part of their regular tree cutting.

The children have been captivated and inspired to create some amazing pieces of artwork and all year groups have been busy submerging themselves in a variety of different creative activities throughout the school. Each year group used different mediums to decorate their 'tree cookies'. Early Years used paintbrushes taped to the end of sticks and painted bugs standing up! In Years 1 and 2, the children cut out sponges and printed leaves on their cookies. Years 3 and 4 used felt tip pens and drew trees. And in Years 5 and 6, the children created thought-provoking calligraphy designs and wrote quotes from the Bible. **What a fantastic week, well done everyone!**



PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM of the PTA is next Thursday 3rd October at 7.30pm for an 8pm start at The Crown, in the upstairs restaurant.

All Welcome

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An invitation to join us

Sunday sessions

10.30-12.00 noon

**Dates: 6th October 3rd November
& 1st December**

Make new friends whilst enjoying a fun packed session of bridge tuition & card play for young people aged 8-16yrs

Grand/parents very welcome to stay

All levels: Starter Bridge, Minibridge and Bridge

Come with a friend or on your own and

for one, two or three sessions.

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