



STAMFORD ST GILBERT'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

On Thursday, two of our Year 5 boys, Luke Warren and Harry Beacham, held a bake sale in aid of the Alzheimer Society. The office was inundated with cakes and buns of every description, kindly donated by our school families and the boys managed to raise an amazing £161.10. We are very proud of their kindness and thoughtfulness in their ambition to run this sale.

I believe it is a wonderful example of our pupils thinking beyond themselves and how they can support others in the wider community, living out our school values.

Well done to them both, and thank you to Mrs Dawson who oversaw the organisation with them.



DIARY DATES

- 02/12/2019 Advent Service
KS2 Advent Service - All Saints' Church
- 02/12/2019 PTA – Bag2School
- 04/12/2019 Nativity Play
Performances at 2.00pm & 6.00pm
- 05/12/2019 Nativity Play
Performance at 6.00pm

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 Seuss Class
who had
100 % attendance last week.
Well done!*

Foundation Stage

This week in the Foundation Stage, we have been reading the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have continued our learning of comparing sizes and using language such as 'Daddy Bear had the biggest size bowl' and 'Mummy Bear had the medium-sized bowl'. The children then had a go at making their own porridge, just like in the story, and thought about what ingredients they would consider putting into theirs. They decided that jam or honey would be good ingredients to use in their porridge and they agreed that they wouldn't like to use marmite!

We have also been practising our dances for 'Baa Baa Bethlehem'! We can't wait for you all to see it!



Key Stage 1

Year 1 and 2 have had a wonderfully creative week, writing descriptive poetry about the four seasons. They have been out and about in the school grounds, collecting imaginative similes and powerful adjectives to use in their shape poetry. Creating our poetry has been great fun and the children are now preparing to read them out loud, practicing using intonation and body language.

Rehearsals are well underway for this year's Nativity and the children have been practicing very hard on the performance. The children are all excited to share with you our Nativity production "Baa Baa Bethlehem". We look forward to seeing you all there.

Thank you to those who have already supplied costumes however we are still awaiting for a few to come in. Just a polite reminder please can you make sure that your child has their costume in school ready for the dress rehearsal on Tuesday.



Key Stage 2

The children in Year 3/4 have been very excited to start learning our new songs for the Christmas Service in All Saints' Church next month. There is a multicultural theme to the service this year and we are enjoying investigating all of the different countries that our songs are about.

We have also been continuing with our Abba focus in Music, using percussion instruments to create accompaniments to the songs, whilst thinking about tempo and dynamics.

We have been using our inference and deduction skills in English whilst studying our play, 'The Fly and the Fool'. The children had to locate evidence in the text that gave them clues about the different characters within the play. This is quite a tricky concept for the children to learn, but they managed it well and were able to build up a character profile about Mr Lo from the play, showing what he thinks about himself and how others view him.

In Maths, the children are well on their way to learn their times tables. Our Maths lessons this week, have focused on the three times table and the different ways that they can be represented. We would like the children to start to focus on extra practise at home and concentrate on accuracy and speed of recalling facts up to 12 x 12 to support their learning and become amazing mathematicians.

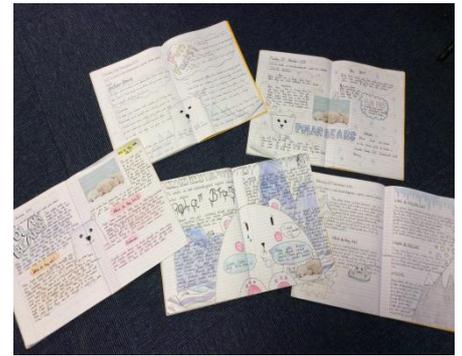
This week in Science we have been making shadow puppets, based on characters from our play in English 'The Fly and the Fool'. The children excitedly carried out a shadow investigation, measuring the length and size of the puppets' shadow as it moves towards and away from a light source. The children collected data to show how much a shadow changes in size and enthusiastically talked about what they noticed, discussing their results. The children worked together well and had great fun investigating!

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This week, as the weather was not on our side again, the children in Years 5 and 6 enjoyed creating their own circuits in PE. They had to think carefully about the exercises they included so that they gave their whole body a workout. They chose their equipment and made sure they moved carefully around the hall, bearing in mind that other teams had their own agenda too! They all enjoyed a fabulous workout and developed their technique throughout the session, swapping in exercises to maximise their work out!

In Science, the children have been collating their notes about polar bears in order to write a non-chronological report. They thought carefully about the layout and features they would need to include to make their report really effective. The children made some fantastic double page spreads and we were really impressed with their design ideas. We hope to use the double page spreads to inspire us in other subjects!

The Year 6 children have enjoyed taking part in Bikeability this week. They listened carefully to the instructors and learnt about managing themselves safely on the road on their bikes, taking care of traffic, signalling and pedestrians. As always, the children showed fantastic responsibility for themselves and others whilst out on the roads. It can be quite scary to ride alongside busy traffic and each and every child excelled themselves. Well done.



Stamford Model Railway Club
COMING SOON



Interested? Come along to our open meeting to find out more
WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER FROM 7PM
BORDERVILLE STADIUM RYHALL ROAD STAMFORD PE9 1US
WORKING MODEL ON DISPLAY
Adults and youngsters from 9 years onwards welcome
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It was my pleasure to decorate the St Gilbert's Christmas tree as part of the Stamford and District Lions' Christmas Tree Festival in St John's Church, Stamford.

Miss Hill's Year 5/6 Youth University group, made the fantastic decorations. They used their creative skills to beautifully write Christmas messages, using calligraphy, onto wooden tree cookies. They also threaded popcorn and cranberries to make decorative garlands. *The Festival takes place from Friday 29th November to Sunday 15th December, please do go along and see their amazing artistic handiwork.*

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