



Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

Announcements

Mrs Dobson will be leaving St Gilbert's just before the end of this term and her last day will be 19th December. She has been an amazing part of the family of St Gilbert's for twenty-two years, as a parent, the Chair of the PTA, a staff governor and as a member of staff. She has been an important part of the school's growth and truly lived out our values every day.

We are all going to miss her hugely and do wish her all the very best for the future!

Upcoming Events

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| 04/12/2018 | Year 5/6 Trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum
Departure 8:45am - Return 3:15pm |
| 05/12/2018 | Nativity Performance
2:00pm & 6:00pm |
| 06/12/2018 | Nativity Performance
6:00pm |
| 08/12/2018 | Christmas Fayre
2pm-4pm |

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 Caterpillar Class who had 100% attendance this week– keep it up!

Foundation Stage

It has been a very exciting week in Foundation Stage as the children went on their school trip to Oakham Castle! We were greeted at the castle by Sir John dressed in full knight's armour, and Lady Ferres in her beautiful Tudor dress. The children were engrossed from the start and listened beautifully as the story of the castle's 800 year history was told through puppets.

They looked around at the different horseshoes on the castle walls and had a hunt for horseshoes outside. They asked some **interesting questions** about why the castle had so many horseshoes. See if you can find out the answer from your reception child!

The children had a chance to build with real stone, **learning** the technique of overlapping the stones to make a strong wall, and then had a go at making a wall by weaving willow sticks. All the children joined in and used their physical and reasoning skills to work together.

In the afternoon they enjoyed activities of dressing up, making crowns and creating their very own knight or Lady "poppet", a traditional toy from the olden days. The staff at Oakham castle commented on how **beautifully behaved** the children were throughout the day and we were **really proud** of them. What a fantastic day



Key Stage 1

What a busy week it has been! The children have been getting ready for their Nativity performance and they have **been improving and perfecting** their dramatic skills! They have worked hard to learn their lines and we are **really proud** of the **effort** they are putting in to learning the songs. Props and costumes are nearly ready, so the children are getting very excited and are well on the way to putting on our fabulous Christmas show 'The Nativity'.

The children are wowing us with **their knowledge** of The Great Fire of London! It's clear they've been busy researching at home and listening intently in topic lessons. They have been talking at length to each other and the teachers about all they know, and are very keen to share the facts and events surrounding this historic event. They've also been recreating a silhouette of the London skyline during that fateful night, using special painting techniques to move the paint across the page.

On Wednesday the 'Maths Inter-House Challenge' was a roaring success! Mr Derbyshire and the House Captains set a number of mind-stretching maths activities for the children, who worked in together their 'House' teams. It was wonderful to see the children **working so well together, helping, encouraging and supporting** each other on a range of super maths tasks that included some mind boggling calculations and a hunt around school for a selection of 2D shapes. It was fantastic to see the **fun and enjoyment** they were getting out of their learning!



Reminder:

Please can all children bring
their costumes in on
Monday for the dress
rehearsal performance to
KS2

Teacher-led after school clubs
are finishing this week. Please
see Parentmail for further
details on all after school
clubs

Key Stage 2

As part of our Victorian topic in year 3/4, the children have been learning about the different types of toys and games played by Victorian children. They have looked at puppet shows and have begun planning their very own stories based on **traditional tales and myths**. They have been very **creative and imaginative** and have started designing their own characters and sets. Over the next few weeks, the children will be making their puppet shows so watch out for their performances.

As well as being creative in Design and Technology, the children have been imagining themselves as Victorian children at school. They have learnt lots about life in Victorian schools and how different they were to today. They have learnt about the harsh punishments and how to bow and curtsy to their teacher to show respect. By writing letters to the children of the future, they have demonstrated a **great understanding** of this era. Well done Year 3/4!



Key Stage 2

This week in 5.6, the children have been creating a set of instructions to make a horrible and disgusting medicine. They have **learnt the importance** of interesting sentence openers, imperative verbs and the use of subordinating conjunctions. This has produced some **fantastic** (if not gruesome) concoctions.

What a week it has been in Maths!! On Monday, the entire year group took part in our first-ever inter-house competition. A special mention to the House Captains of all four houses; they really shone in their **leadership** roles. Everybody in Years 5.6 **worked hard** for their house and earnt lots of gems towards the final total. Well done to you all!

As part of our work on the virtues courage and justice, we had a well-known Doctor who featured in our lesson. After watching a recent episode of Doctor Who, the children engaged in a **thought-provoking** discussion on the impact of Rosa Parks and her fight for equality in the 1950's. The children **respected** the subject matter and demonstrated **great maturity** and thought throughout the lesson.

