



St. Peter's
Catholic Primary School

Term 3, Week 4
Friday 30th January 2015

Newsletter

Our fabulous role models!

I have had a great week at St Peter's this week, the highlight of which has been being able to share my lunch with some of the lovely children in Key Stage 1. We shared lots of jokes (one of my favourites is below) and I was very impressed with Simran in year 4, who joined us and was able to show us her fantastic table manners. She is an excellent role model for the younger children in our school.

The PTFA have been busy with arranging lots of events over the coming weeks. I'm particularly looking forward to the pancake races on Friday 13th February. We will also be launching the 'Smartie Pants Plan' very soon and lets not forget the Valentine's cake sale in the last week of this half term.

Thank you for those of you who have volunteered to help label books. I will be in touch to arrange a date and I'll provide as much tea and cake as you could want!

PCSO Dave Martin is holding an evening for parents at North Leamington School to inform them about internet safety and how best to keep children safe online. I met with Dave a few weeks ago and he told me lots of things that I didn't already know, so I would strongly recommend that you attend where possible. I will put more information on our e-safety page of the website.

Thank you to those parents who have taken the time to complete and return the questionnaires to school. Its been a really useful exercise and already I have loads of great ideas about how to improve the school, but also about how to keep you as parents as well informed as possible.

Finally, we are holding the launch for our Art project on Thursday 26th February at the pump room gallery. We will start our presentation at 2.30pm and ask that the children be picked up from the gallery. We would love for as many parents as possible to join us. We will be sending you more information very soon.

Have a great weekend!

Miss McNamara.



Class four enjoyed using the 3D printer at the gallery this week.

Lateness

We have noticed that many children are turning up to school after the start of the school day at 8.55am. In fact, this week we had a total of **99 minutes of lateness!** Arriving late for school means that our children are rushing and flustered when they come in, which I'm sure you'll agree, is not the best way to start the day. It can also cause embarrassment when they arrive after the other children have settled into their class. I appreciate that traffic can be tricky in the morning, but would like to ask that if you are arriving late to school, you set off a little earlier so that we can reduce the impact of lateness on our children's start to the day. Many thanks.

Prayer for the weekend

May love and laughter light your days,
and warm your heart and home.
May good and faithful friends be yours,
wherever you may roam.
May peace and plenty bless your world
with joy that long endures.
May all life's passing seasons
bring the best to you and yours!

Stars of the Week!



Rory
- for working hard at school and at home with his writing.

Zach
- for super instruction writing.



Oscar
- for being an amazing reader and showing such good understanding of the texts he had read.

James
- for making a special effort in Literacy, enjoying himself whilst making pots at the Art Gallery, and offering Mr Rogers a new string for his guitar when a string broke in singing practice.



Class 1

This week Class 1 have been learning about shape in mathematics. The children have enjoyed taking part in Mrs Phillips' exciting games outside. In literacy the children have enjoyed acting out the story of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. The children worked in pairs, one being Mrs Gringling and the other Mr Gringling. The children got into role very easily and performed their story to the rest of the class.



Class 2

This week class 2 have had great fun designing sandwiches for Mr Gringling from the Lighthouse Keeper books. The children made some unusual combinations but without exception, decided they were delicious anyway! We used this experience as inspiration for learning to write instructions. We have also been trying to memorise our number pairs to 10 (feel free to test us!) and use this to work out number pairs to 100, or subtraction facts to 10. What a busy week!

Class 3

This week Class 3 has been continuing with our rainforest topic. The children read some of Rudyard Kipling's 'Just So' stories and they have written their own animal stories set in the Amazon rainforest using similar ideas. They have also created pictures of rainforest animals. In Numeracy they have been learning about weight and length, and converting units of measure. The rest of the class went to the art gallery this week, and had fun making cockerel models out of clay for our whole-school project, as well as exploring the museum.



Class 4

Class 4 this week have spent a most enjoyable and fruitful afternoon at the Art Gallery making pots as part of the school art project; whilst those left in school used watercolours to paint mountains. The ladies leading the art project commented on how lovely they found the children. In school we have been writing an adventure story in two parts where the first part was a cliffhanger (one bright spark decided to write about Cliff Hanger), looking at coordinates and properties of 3D shapes in Maths; and using ICT to create a leaflet about a chosen range of mountains.

Dates for your diary

Friday 6th February – Parents' Council – 9am

Week of Monday 9th February – Art launch – details to be confirmed

Monday 9th February – Valentine's day cake sale – 3.30pm

Tuesday 10th February – Class 4 to Marle Hall (return on Friday)

- Valentine's cake sale – 3.30pm

Wednesday 11th February – Performance and Standards (Governors) -7.00pm

Friday 13th February – Wear red to school - £1

Friday 13th – Pancake races in school (3.30pm)

Monday 16th February – Half term

Date for the grown ups: Saturday 21st March – St. Patrick's Day PTFA Ceilidh

Gold Award Winners!

Class 1 with 43% of children achieving a gold award this week! WELL DONE!

HOUSE POINT WINNERS:
St. Francis with 60 points!