



TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - May 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,



Headteacher Awards for May:

I am delighted to award the Head teacher Awards for May.

Congratulations to:

Swans: Esme Macloed-Irvine, Aaron Evans, Lily Beaton
Kingfishers: Charlie Brown, Jake Samms, Louie Rogers
Puffins: Ramayne Ellis-Newman, Gabriella Hinds, Ellie Page
Penguins: Lily-Jayne Stonnell, Harry West, Isla Hayes
Toucans: Harry Randlesome, Ben Wilson, Ben Bates
Hummingbirds: Louis Ellwood, Ethan Goto, Daniel McDonagh
Robins: Ollie Millard, Victoria Barker, Lewis Batt
Wrens: Aaron Ward, Yiah Williams, William Hawthorne
Condors: Siobhan Brown, Ayla Kamil Chayse White
Kestrels: Georgia Brown, Matthew Hall, Cayden Wilson

We have finished this half term with two busy days in glorious sunshine!



'The Ugly Bug Ball'. **Ducklings and R** enjoyed their 'Ugly Bug Ball' yesterday as they finished their 'Marching Mini beasts' theme. The children looked wonderful in their costumes. Many thanks for some inspiring designs!



Our 'Aiming High 'Healthy Heart and Mind' day today included the chance for children to learn

- Archery
- Football
- Tennis
- Mediation techniques
- Art skills
- Performing Arts
- Advert and marketing skills
- Film +Technology skills

A range of providers have offered workshops for children. The sports leaders were a great help supporting these activities. We always discover new strength on these days and today children have shown potential as actors, archers, artists, footballers, future Wimbledon stars, spiritually focussed children, film makers and future entrepreneurs. Mrs Julians planned all the events and we hope your children were really inspired to have both tried and learnt something new today.

Learning experiences in other year groups have included:

Year 1 made moving vehicles with axles and wheels. Highlights were Harry Vickery's steam engine, Charles Buckingham's JCB digger and Gabriel Luikaj's caravan!

Year 2, whilst studying Gambia, have designed and made some dramatic African masks and enjoyed some traditional food. Well done for trying some new things to eat Year 2!

Year 3 The Celts and Romans work has led to some unique 'Take Home Tasks' being brought in. Thanks for helping your child .Reciting poetry has become a real hit!

Year 4 The Off the Page Living History Egyptians day in Year 4 was supported by a number of parent helpers .Their help ensured the day ran really smoothly. There was a considerable amount of history and geography taught through the day's activities and new skills were learnt.

Sport Events and festivals

KS 1 gained Bronze (3rd) at the KS1 Multi Sports event last week, and both Year 4 Teams played really well at the Kwik cricket festival held at Ampthill's cricket ground. Well done to all who took part and thanks to parent's that helped us out yesterday. One team made it all the way to the semis, just missing out on the final but coming third.



Assessments in Year 2

We have been very pleased with the work the children have achieved this half term, especially as we have a number of standardised assessments they need to complete. The children have really worked hard and many have made super progress. They deserve a holiday! Good Year 2 parent support again, thanks.

Site development We have won two bids to replace the older windows and doors in school, and have also gained funding for better fencing and gates around the site. Over the summer this will make our school even safer and more eco-friendly which we're delighted about. Mrs Tillin worked hard to gain the money for these bids so we are very grateful to her.

Staff Changes for September



It is very sad when staff leave, but we always try to help them gain experience for new opportunities to develop their teaching careers. We have 3 changes and 1 'returner' for September 2017. As you are aware Mrs. Collins (Deputy Head) will be moving on to her Headship role next term which is a great new opportunity for her. Mrs. Johnston will be moving to teach in a school more local to her home and where she herself went to school. Mrs. Coen will be moving to a new role as Children's Worker at her local church. I am sure you wish these staff all the very best in their new roles, albeit that we are sad to see them move on from St Georges. Mrs. Scott will be returning to school 3 days a week in the summer. The new arrangements for teachers will be shared later next term as part of Move Up Day on June 30th.

PTA events The PTA is holding a Quiz night on Friday 16th June in the Village Hall (£5 a ticket). Get a table together, or join a table, and come along it is great fun! Everyone is welcome.

School Lunches Don't forget you will need to book lunches to ensure your child will have the lunch they like after half term. Last day for ordering is Thursday 1st June.

School Car Park

The school car park is only for the use of staff, local authority taxis and buses bringing children to school and delivery vans. Emergency service access has to be possible at all times. No parent should park or drop off in the car park unless they have met with the head teacher and there is a key reason why this needs to happen (e.g. reduced mobility of child or adult).

Parking outside the school playground

No parent needs to be parked outside the school for more than 10-15 minutes to collect their child. Some parents are in front of school for up to 1 3/4 hours. Please be aware that if you park outside school for an extended period, for no specific, school based, reason, this not only inconveniences our neighbours but it will also be reported to the police, as this becomes a safeguarding/child protection concern. Those parked may be considered by others to be observing other people's children, which is not acceptable behaviour.

For next half term please remember;

Sun hats and sun cream, water bottles. Please be sure to send sun hats or caps in, and put cream on children before school when the weather warms up. Water bottles are an essential at all times.



Have a great half term and see you back on Monday 5th June.