



Amadeus
Primary Academies Trust

“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them” (Romans: 12,6)

St Paulinus CE Primary Newsletter

Friday 3rd May 2024

It is hard to believe we have already been back at school for 3 weeks! So much has been going on throughout the school and it has been lovely to be able to go round to classes to see all the work being produced. I have enjoyed the tea parties where the children who have been chosen for the Golden Book have had biscuits, hot chocolate and played games together. The lunchtime staff have been wonderful in finding ways to get the children up onto the field this week when the weather has been good and the children have really enjoyed having the space to play. Year 4 held a wonderful class assembly telling us all about their learning and we are now going to ask them to teach the anti-bullying song they made during PSHE lessons to the rest of the school. Collective worship has been focussed on the parable of the Mustard Seed, Expressing God’s Mercy and Justice where children thought about the question – “I wonder what small difference you could make to work for justice and mercy?”

Please do take the time to read this newsletter to see all the wonderful things that have been happening across the school.

Wishing you all a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend and I look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday.

Mrs Rhodes

News from Year 6:

We have been very busy in Year 6 since the Easter holidays. In our English lessons, we have been reading the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. We have written some descriptions of the scorching desert setting, together with diary entries giving details of Day 1 at Camp Green Lake (it's not green and there is definitely NO lake!) In Maths, we have been looking back over lots of this year's topics and brushing up our skills. Our History lessons are focusing on 5 different English Monarchs and looking at who has the greatest legacy. We started with William I and will be moving on to look at Henry VIII, Elizabeth I, Charles II and finally Queen Victoria.



In our Science lessons, we have finished looking at Living Things and their Habitats, and have just started our new topic of Evolution and Inheritance. This week was all about different kinds of fossils. We have been lucky enough to share our lessons with Bluebell and Rose, who are doing their classroom training with Mrs Rutter. The class is now well-versed in the idea of ignoring them - although it was hard at first, as they are very cute puppies!

News from Year 5:

Year 5 have had the amazing opportunity to partner with children from Shenstone school to read together. These small group sessions have really allowed the children to develop their communication skills and promote a love of reading outside our own school community. After each session, the children have walked away with huge smiles and spoken to each other about how much they had fun. The session has become a highlight of our week and the children cannot wait for the opportunity for their group to read again!



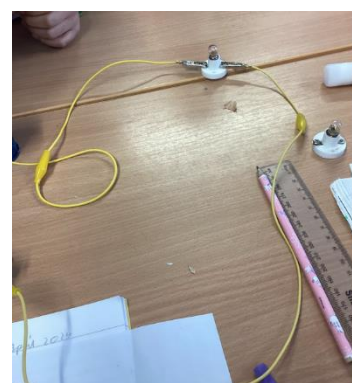
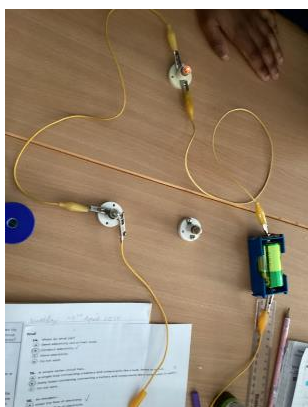
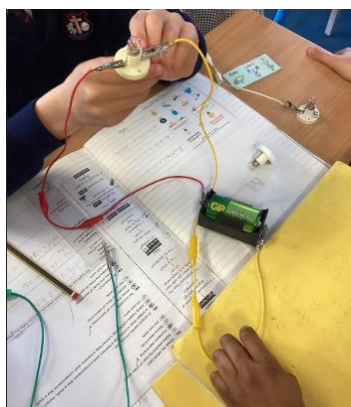
This term, year five have been focusing on their watercolour skills and how to experiment with different textures. They made their own artwork inspired by Jim Dine and added texture using different materials or artistic techniques.

News from Year 4:

The excitement was infectious in Year 4 as the children readied themselves for swimming lessons. With a plethora of questions about where, when, who, how deep, how long, how many seats on the coach and which outfit to wear, the children were ready for their first lesson. Armed with everything essential to go swimming, including flip flops, soft towels and, of course, hair gel we set off for Erith Leisure Centre. Here the children were assessed on their swimming abilities in the Boom pool before being placed in groups. Those in the deeper pool have been displaying their swimming and treading water skills whilst those in the Boom (middle) pool are using floats to help them perfect their breathing technique for the front crawl. The children lacking confidence in the water, have had fun practising multiple skills to get them from one side of the pool to the other. The lessons have been highly enjoyed by all, although Mrs Pike is struggling to keep them all awake mid-afternoon after such rigorous morning activities!

In art, the class is experimenting with the art of decoupage. Decoupage, coming from the French word *découper* meaning to cut. The children explored different forms of layering before decorating yoghurt bottles and demonstrating their freshly learnt techniques.

Science has been electrifying as we learned the different components that make up open and closed circuits and tested theories based on adding different items to our circuits. Year 4 enjoyed predicting what would happen and then putting their theories to the test. It was all highly illuminating!



News from Year 3:

We start our day with Guided Reading where we have been looking at the book 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'. Next, we have Maths and we have just started learning about Roman Numerals. In our English lessons we have written newspaper reports and learnt about the wife, the lighthouse keeper and the sailors from Hello Lighthouse by Sophie Blackall. In History we have been learning about the Romans – did you know they wouldn't let Boudicca be the Queen? In French we have been learning about food, colours and numbers. We have also been doing sculptures in Art. By Olivia, Amy and Evie.



News from Year 2:

On the 23rd April 2024 year 2 went for a visit to Hall Place as part of our Science topic of Plants. We have been growing plants in our class and learning about them. We organised a session on how plants grow and the children had to identify different types of seeds.

I was so proud of them for using interesting scientific vocabulary learnt in class: dormant, mature, germinate, anchor. We almost got them all right(apart from parsnips) Then we got to plant our own seed to take home. Lastly we had a walk around looking at the different trees and plants. Hugging a tree was a very ca



News from Year 1:

This week we visited the mosque in Crayford. We learnt lots of new facts about Muslims such as, their God is called Allah and their holy book is the Quran. We got to try the prayer mats, headscarves and read the Quran. It was so much fun finding out about Islam! - Written by Adin and Amari.



News from Year R:

Since returning to school, Year R have read two separate books - The Most Exciting Eid and Martha Maps It Out. The children have also had a wonderful time learning about Earth Day and why is it so important to look after our planet. They have made seed balls, bird feeders and ink-stained coffee filters to represent the earth.



Charity Donation:



Hi, I'm George currently in Year 6.

In lockdown 2020 I started to grow my hair (the barbers were shut), I began to like the top knot look!

For the last year I have been debating cutting my hair, I don't find change easy so it has been a tough decision.

Now I have taken the plunge and cut off 19cm of hair! I have decided to donate it to the Princess Trust. It's made me feel happy and fulfilled that I can help a young person who is having a tough time.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please let us have your comments and suggestions. The good, the not so good, the things we can improve. If there are any events you would like to see run by the PTA? Please do let us know. We're listening!

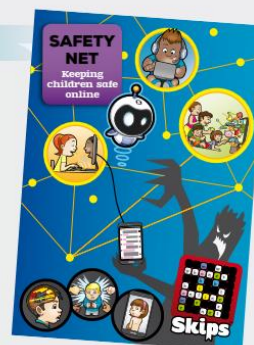


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A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



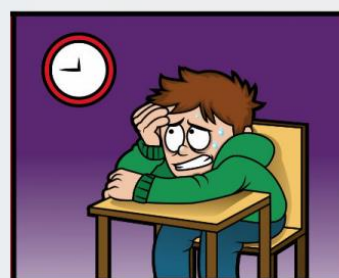
scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Up-coming diary dates:

Date	Event
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8 th May 9am	Year 3 Class Assembly Y3 parents welcome
Wednesday 8 th May	Year 6 to Church
Wednesday 8 th May	Year 5 Parents Secondary Transfer Meeting 3:30pm
Friday 10 th May	Class Photos – School uniform not PE kits
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 17 th May	Year 6 School Trip
Tuesday 21 st May	Pentecost Service

	All parents welcome
Wednesday 22 nd May	Year 4 to Church
Thursday 23 rd May	FUN RUN!
Thursday 23rd May	Last Day of Summer 1
Wednesday 5 th June	Year 6 Class Assembly – parents welcome
Wednesday 5 th June	Year 3 to Church
Wednesday 12 th June	Year 2 to Church
Wednesday 19 th June	Year R to Church
Wednesday 26 th June	Year 1 to Church
Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 5 to Church
Saturday 6 th July	PTA Summer event
Wednesday 10 th July	Year 4 to Church
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 6 Production
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 3 to Church
Friday 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers Disco
Tuesday 23 rd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 11am – Y6 parents welcome
Tuesday 23rd July	Last Day of Term - 1:30 finish