



**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 14th June 2024**

So much has happened since our last newsletter!

Year 6 have conquered the SATs tests. Their dedication to showing their skills is to be commended - but we know that they are far more than just a test result!

Children in Year 1 have worked incredibly hard on their phonics skills and took the phonics screening test in their stride. In Year 4, children have also shown a fantastic attitude towards their multiplication tables test. We are also very proud of the way that all our children have shown resilience and determination in their end of year assessments.

With another successful Fun Run having been enjoyed by our students and parents alike at the end of last term, a member of our school community is looking into an exciting opportunity for our children to join the Mini London Marathon in 2025: A shorter course, in an iconic location; guaranteed to make unforgettable memories. Please keep an eye out for further information following in the new academic year.

## **Sports Week!**

On Monday 17th June, we kick off Sports Week with our KS1 & KS2 Sports day - we look forward to welcoming you onto the school field from 09:30am for KS1 and from 1:30pm for KS2. There will be lots of exciting activities running across the week, check out our school instagram page to find out what we have been up to each day.

## **Universal Free School Meals**

We are pleased to inform you that the mayor of London has confirmed funding for UFSC KS1 and KS2, for the next academic year (2024/25)

## **News from Year 6:**

The last few weeks of term were very busy in Year 6! The whole class were amazing during their SATS tests. They were so sensible, well behaved and showed complete focus throughout the week. We are so proud of them and the huge effort they all put in. At the end of the week, as a reward for all of their hard work, we had an incredible day at Legoland. The brave ones amongst them went on some truly terrifying-looking rides, got soaked and screamed a lot. The less adventurous members of the group still went on rides, screamed a little and got slightly wet!



During the last week of term, the class went on a trip to the National Portrait Gallery in London. This was linked in with the History learning from this year. The children studied some paintings of the monarchs currently being learnt about, and then had a workshop in the afternoon about Black History. This was linked to the work earlier in the year on the Windrush Generation.

Back in school, the class also auditioned for our Y6 end of year production. They are very excited about performing this in July. This week, we had a visit from our local Police Community Support Officer as we learnt about being responsible citizens both online and in real life as we start to think about moving on to Y7.

### News from Year 5:

Year 5 were able to put their food technology skills to the test as they visited Pizza Express in Bexleyheath to make their own pizzas. The children thoroughly enjoyed the making section of the trip but also the experience of getting to try some different ingredients that are used as toppings! I was so impressed as the majority of children tried all of the different ingredients, even the ones they were unsure of, and were able to explain why they liked or disliked a product.

We also had the brilliant opportunity to take on some responsibility as a class as some Y5 children were able to take part in our Pentecost service in church. The class were very enthusiastic about this and so many volunteered to take part. They were especially excited as this gave them the opportunity to experience one of the leadership roles available to them in Y6.



### News from Year 4:

The children in Year 4 progressed well during their swimming lessons and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They are all saddened that the lessons have finished, particularly the few who were reluctant to even enter the water on the first day. In their other PE session, the children were learning about pace and technique in running, focussing on sprints and long distances. This helped us with the Fun Run and the well-being sports afternoon which they all enjoyed immensely, including the ice lolly at the end!

In Art, the class experimented with decoupage before exploring the work of Alberto Giacometti, an Italian Sculptor. The children looked at movement and how to recreate this in sculpture. They then experimented with tints and tones in painting. History has caused a stir, as we are learning about a topic none of the class had heard of before; the Shang Dynasty. We have been exploring why Ancient Civilisations settled near rivers as well as researching when the Shang Dynasty began, its hierarchy and the type of jobs that people did.




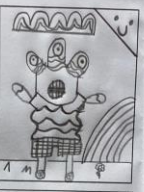
The children have done incredibly well, working hard in maths to understand decimals. In English, they are analysing a book called 'The Last Bear' which has created some interesting discussions about rubbish pollution and how it is affecting our seas and marine animals. We are all desperate to find out what happens when April sums up the courage to remove plastic from around a starving polar bear!



## News from Year 3:

Year 3 have been very busy in their testing week where they have worked hard to revise and prepare. In Maths, we have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes, understanding polygons and parallel lines. In English we have begun a brilliant book titled 'The Lost Thing', we have created our own creatures similar to those in the book and produced some fantastic creative writing to describe them. In PE we have been refining our skills in cricket and athletics ready for the sports week ahead!

LOST	
Name Lulu	
Description Lulu is helped help girl she was in the girl side live now and was a big pencil and was the red nice good and with very funny and 75% girl to pls girl here	Distinguishing feature(s) this pet was too side a girl and red
Likes the girl side live school and to go church the red side with screaming and note of them make running	
Type of character her type is a lioness and live reading books on now the girl did the cat	
Who to contact 07-97-81-05 FEWAD-10474 thousand	

LOST	
Name Dot and Spot	
Description Dot and Spot has three eyes. He has rabbit type teeth. He has little wavy hair on his eye. His height is 1 foot tall.	Distinguishing feature(s) he has three eyes and weird teeth.
Likes Dot and Spot loves to read stories and repair. He does not like to eat rice crackers or eat broccoli.	
Type of character Dot and Spot is a friendly little dog and is shy when people are near. He will like to play with you and a little to be nice and happy.	
Who to contact +44 7703090677	

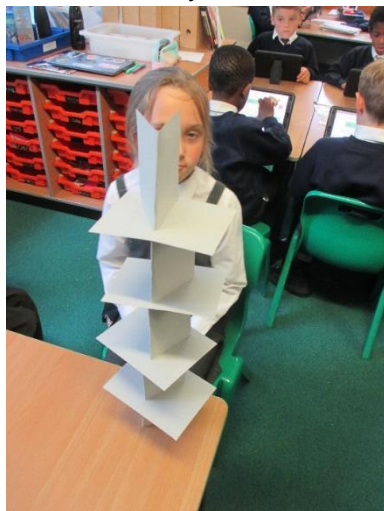
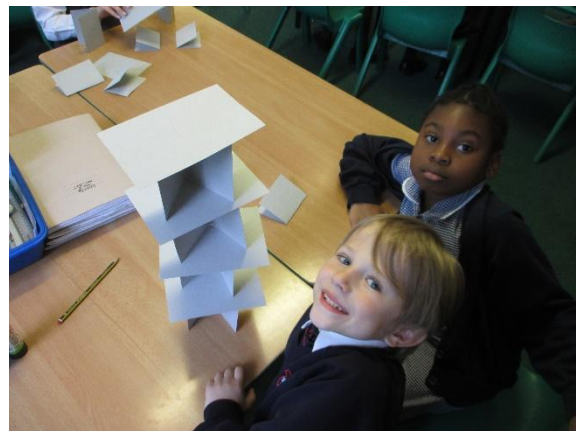
## News from Year 2:

I spoke to Roxie and Max from year two and this is what they told me...

DT is one of our favourite lessons!

We were folding pieces of paper and then we had to use some of these to put together to make the strongest structure. We also made structures that were circular, square and rectangle to see which would hold the most books. The most held was an incredible 30. By Roxie

We have also made overnight oats and roasted potatoes. With the overnight oats we put seeds, fruits and oats in a plastic cup. We also made roast potatoes by boiling them, then we put the potatoes in a plastic cup and we added salt, pepper and rosemary in with them. We put olive oil in to make them more juicy and crisp and stop them from sticking. They were delicious and I shared them with my Nanny, Grandad and my little brother Luca. By Max



## News from Year 1:

Year 1 had some mysterious items arrive in their classroom. We predict that it may belong to an astronaut such as Neil Armstrong or Buzz Aldrin. We have been using conjunctions and expanded noun phrases to describe these items and to write our predictions as to who they might belong to. Space is also our topic in History and we have been learning about some significant individuals such as Mae Jemison and Buzz Aldrin. We also have been practising telling the time to the hour and half past the hour - make sure to ask us to show you our new learning at home! We have been working very hard in our phonics lessons and we had our phonics screening test this week. Miss Dyer is very proud of us and all our hard work.



## News from Reception:

Reception were very busy in the last few weeks of term, covering a whole host of subjects related to the books they have been reading during their Literacy sessions. During our book focus *Martha Maps It Out*, the children looked at all kinds of different maps, thinking carefully about where we might find them and how we use them. One of our favourite pages in the book was a map of the solar system, which inspired us to create our very own space mobiles, containing not just all eight planets but the sun too! We are now in the process of connecting our crafted planets to our suspended space scenes.

We also thoroughly enjoyed reading the book *Anansi and the Golden Pot*. We wrote about what we would wish for if we had a golden pot that would give us what we most desired, but we also understood the importance of not being greedy and sharing our good fortunes with others. Additionally, we focused on the country of Ghana and thought about how it was different to the United Kingdom. We noticed that there were lots of beautiful patterns on the clothing in the book, so we researched more about Kente cloth and the meaning behind the different colours used. With help from our buddies in Year 6, all the children had a go at creating their own Kente cloth designs through paper weaving.

In our Maths lessons, we have focused on 3D shapes, learning lots of new vocabulary along the way. Not only can we recognise a sphere, a cube, a cuboid, a pyramid, a cone, a cylinder (and some of us, even a triangular prism!), we can identify the properties of the shape, looking at the different faces it has and whether it has flat or curved surfaces. We investigated which 3D shapes can roll and which can stack, before seeing who could apply this knowledge by building the tallest tower using as many of the 3D shapes as possible! We also revisited our learning on patterns, and have extended our learning to AABB patterns, ABC patterns and beyond!



## Safeguarding: Our Safeguarding Team:

We have increased our St Paulinus safeguarding team, please see below for details.

### SAFEGUARDING

If you have a worry or want to speak to someone.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is **Mrs Rhodes**  
(Last training completed 7th November 2022)



The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL) are:



**Mrs Sukonik**  
Assistant Principal  
(Last training completed  
22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022)



**Mrs Cusselle**  
Class Teacher / Phase Leader  
(Last training completed  
23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024)

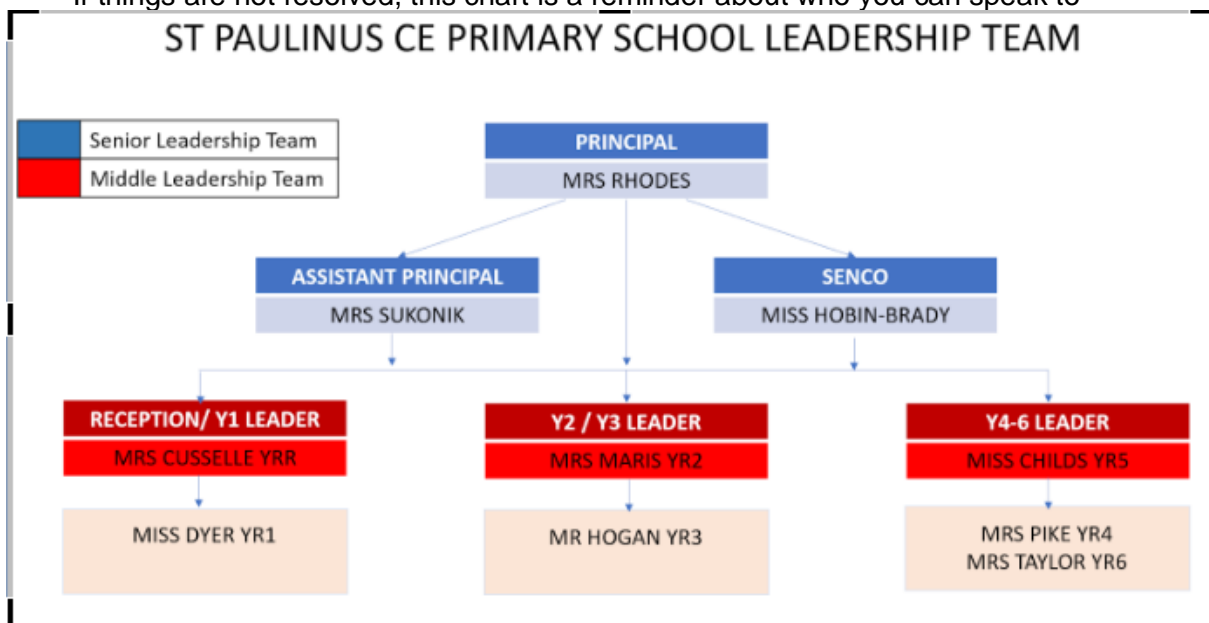


**Miss Childs**  
Class teacher /Phase leader  
(Last training completed  
23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024)

### Concerned about your child?

In the first instance, please always speak to your class teacher. They are available at the gate each day or you can email them on their class email which would be year\_@st-paulinus.bexley.sch.uk

If things are not resolved, this chart is a reminder about who you can speak to



next.

## Up-coming diary dates:

Date	Event
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day Reception and KS1 9:30am KS2 1:15pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 to Rochester Cathedral
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 to Greenwich
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year R to Church
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Class assembly 9am Parents and Carers welcome
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 to Church
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	French assembly 9am Parents of children in French club welcome
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 5 to Church
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 to the beach
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Summer event
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers service @ St Paulinus Church
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 to Church
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production 2pm and 6pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 to Church
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Disco
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 11am – Y6 parents welcome
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Last Day of Term - 1:30 finish</b>

### **Important date for Y6 Diaries!**

The **Y6 Leavers service** will take place on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July** at St Paulinus Church. During this service, our church family will officially wish our young people good luck as they leave primary school before the presentation from Governors. **Children will need to be in full school uniform and arrive at 9:45am.** We look forward to seeing you all there.

We are still looking for children to be involved in readings, singing and acting for this - if your Y6 child would like to be involved, please contact Ros Cooper via the admin email address [admin@st-paulinus.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-paulinus.bexley.sch.uk)