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St Paulinus CE Primary Newsletter

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

As the school year draws to a close, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your continued support and partnership. Your involvement in your child’s education is invaluable, and we are truly grateful for your contributions to our school community.

This term has been particularly special as we celebrated the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection. We are delighted to share that the school was recognised for its many strengths and the hard work and dedication of our staff and pupils. Your support has been instrumental in achieving this positive outcome, and we thank you for your ongoing belief in our school.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt farewell to four valued members of our staff who will be leaving us at the end of this term: Mrs Pike, Mrs Hurst, Mrs Taylor, and Miss Dyer. They have each made significant contributions to St. Paulinus Primary School, and we wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.

Today we said a sad goodbye to our Y6 children at our leaver’s assembly. We wish them all the love and luck in the world as they begin their next grand adventure, you will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers as you step out wearing your new uniforms in September and we know you will be amazing!

As the summer holidays approach, we would like to wish all of our pupils, parents, and staff a restful and enjoyable break. We hope you have the opportunity to relax, recharge, and create lasting memories.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the new academic year on **Tuesday 3rd September**.

Mrs Rhodes and Mrs Sukonik

Fundraising!

Well done to all of our children for taking part in ‘Dress Like Your Parents Day’ – we raised a fantastic £121 at the gate – thank you all for your kind donations. The money will go towards fencing off the carpark area. The winners were picked by our organisers, Erin, Imogen, Eva and Ethan in Y6. They felt that Bibi, as a Doctor in YR, Ara, as his ancestors in Y2, Eden, as a firefighter in Y4 and Imogen as a flight attendant in Y6 had the best costumes, we agreed but we also felt that Ronnie & Reggie in Y2 looked fabulous in their UPS uniforms. All the winning children had an extra long breaktime with an ice lolly, before playing on the trim trail in the woods.

Student Leadership

A huge thank you to our current Y6 student leadership team, you have all been fantastic role models this year, your dedication to your roles has been truly commendable, whether that has been setting up for assembly, conducting parent tours or supporting your classes, we are very proud of all of you.

We are delighted to announce our new student leadership team for September 2024 will be the following pupils.

House prefects:	Friendship	Spirituality
Ola	Eowyn	George
Harry	*Iyanu	Scholastica
Javan		*Jeremiah
Albany		Favour
		Darcey
		Dilaxya

Congratulations to both Jeremiah and Iyanu, our new Head Pupils. Both were appointed following a rigorous interview process with our SLT and our Vice Chair of Governors, Mrs Smith. All the candidates came from the student leadership team and it was a very difficult decision to shortlist them. Mrs Smith was very impressed with all of the student's applications, they should feel very proud of themselves for getting through to the interview stage. We look forward to working with you all over the next academic year.

Breaktime Snacks:

From September, if children would like a snack at breaktime they may bring in a piece of fruit only.

KS1 already get a variety of fruit across the week each day but are very welcome to bring an additional piece of fruit to have. No other snacks will be allowed at breaktime unless there is a prior arrangement for a medical reason. Please ask in the office if you are unsure.

A reminder for packed lunches that we are a nut-free school and due to the severity of allergies, there are no exceptions to this rule.

News from Year 6:

Well, Year 6's last weeks have been non-stop! They have been preparing to surprise their buddies with a craft activity (thanks to our lovely parents who provided coloured straws!). They have also put a lot of work into their own take on their Leavers Assembly for the last morning of term. On Thursday, they spent a morning at Haberdashers Academy, meeting some of the current Year 7's and 6th form mentors. After a sit down, chatting about timetables, homework, lessons and teachers, they had a quick look around the school's facilities. The last part of the visit was a Food Tech session, making pizzas! The trip was a great success and hopefully will be the start of regular contact between the 2 schools. Oh, and there was also the AMAZING production! They all worked so hard – acting, singing, prop-making, set designing, costume creating. All of it really paid off - we were so proud of them all.





News from Year 5:

It has been a fantastic year in Year 5, full of different experiences and lots of new things to learn. We have been recently focusing on food from different cultures in food technology and have been making summer rolls and a stir-fry. The children showed great skill when ribboning their vegetables for these dishes and were incredibly sensible when preparing them in their groups. I was also very impressed with their enthusiasm for trying new things and I think some of them even surprised themselves with what they tried!

Darcey - I have really enjoyed this year especially our school trips to The Science Museum and Pizza Express. I have also enjoyed our food technology lessons where we have made a range of foods from different cultures. I have had a great year in year 5'

Iyanu - This year we have made a variety of food from different cultures such as Summer Rolls, Stir-fry and more. I have also enjoyed reading with our year 1 buddies and I think that this has really helped improve their reading.



News from Year 4:

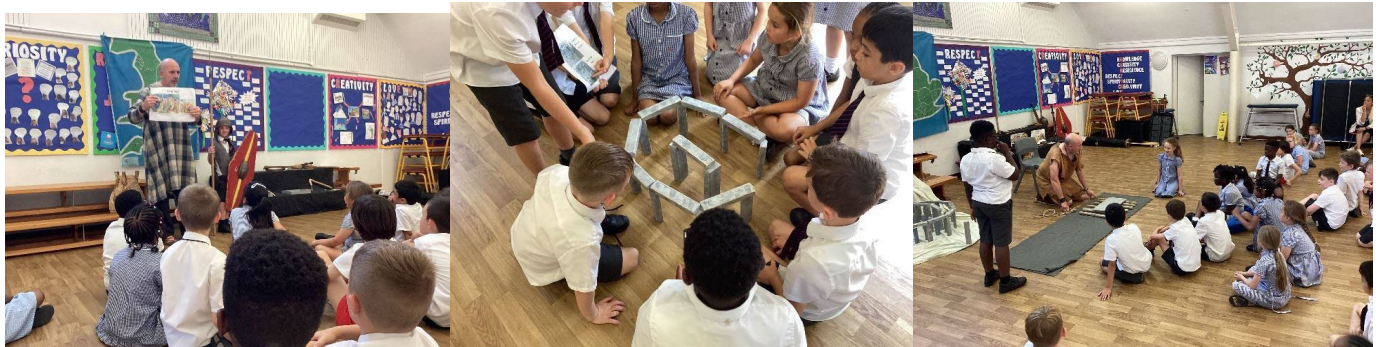
Year 4 finished the end of the academic year with a fantastic djembe drumming performance. The whole school and parent visitors sat enraptured as they presented numerous sets, which included songs in Portuguese and Swahili. Well done Year 4; you were all absolutely superb!

We have finalised our topic work on the Shang Dynasty, revisited Living organisms in Science, designing a theoretical eco garden for the school grounds and completed our art work using ombre techniques.



News from Year 3:

Y3 have gone back to the stone age this week, exploring real ancient artefacts and working as part of tribes in different challenges throughout the day. We have learned a lot about it in class and it has been great to experience what it was like thousands of years ago when we had a fantastic visitor who came to lead a special workshop for us last week.



News from Year 2:

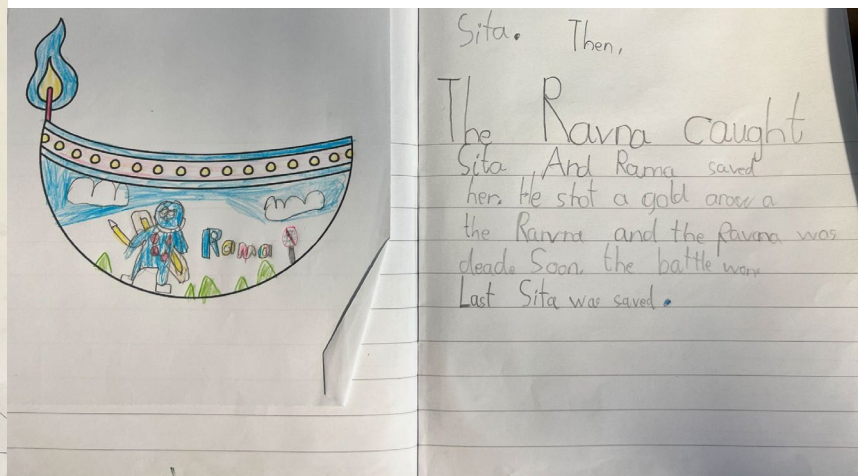
Year 2 have enjoyed their Seaside Trip this term. We did not care much for the rain but we still made amazing sandcastles and ate delicious ice cream.



News from Year 1:

Year 1 have really enjoyed the last few weeks of school. They have been working hard to complete their ART projects; completing a sketch of their face and adding all their skills from this year such as using different textures for effect and cutting and sticking to form a collage. Some children took part in a science workshop with the science ninja team exploring different materials and their properties. We have particularly enjoyed RE this year and was fortunate to speak to parents, volunteers and visit religious places to explore other faiths. We enjoyed learning about lots of other faiths stories and teachings. We particularly enjoyed learning the story of Rama and Sita, here is an example of our work.

Can you see through it?		
 Foil	Can you see the apple? No	opaque or transparent
 Plastic bag	Can you see the apple? Yes	opaque or transparent
 Coloured overlay	Can you see the apple? No	opaque or transparent
 Cloth	Can you see the apple? No	opaque or transparent
 Card	Can you see the apple? Yes	opaque or transparent
 Sellotape	Can you see the apple? Yes	opaque or transparent



News from Reception:

What a busy end to the school year! This Monday, the children had a wonderful visit from Ruxley Beekeepers, who were themselves also very impressed at Reception's knowledge of bees! As well as learning some new interesting information, the children were able to taste honey, try on beekeeper suits, look at wax candles and honeycomb and also try out bug eye lenses. Some of the children also took home some locally sourced honey, which has a much sweeter taste than shop bought.

The children have also been busy painting glass jars using acrylic paint, ready to make into their own vase with flowers to attract bees to their home.

We are now eagerly awaiting our butterflies to hatch and are hoping they will decide to do this before the end of term! If the warm weather continues, it is looking very hopeful they will be right on time!



I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!

Thank you very much to the PTA for organising a special visit from the ice-cream van last Friday – it was much appreciated on one of the hottest days we've had so far - the children absolutely loved it!



Up-coming diary dates:

Date	Event
Monday 2nd September	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Tuesday 3rd September	Welcome back to school
	New reception parent meetings
Wednesday 4 th September	New reception parent meetings
Thursday 5 th September	Reception start school
Tuesday 10 th September	Meet the teacher – 2 sessions, 3:40pm & repeated at 4:05pm
	School priorities meeting with SLT 2:45pm & repeated at 4:40pm
Friday 27 th September	Harvest Service in school 9:15am followed by our Macmillan Coffee Morning
Wednesday 2 nd October	Y2 class assembly 9:15am

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St Paulinus French KS1 lunch club; Year 3 lunch club and Year 4,5,6 after school club

We teach French through interactive PowerPoints, games, craft activities, treasure hunts, role plays, stories, rhymes and songs. Children receive Dojo points each lesson and a small prize at the end of each term.

KS1 CLUB: MONDAY LUNCH TIME 12:20-12:50pm

SEVEN sessions - 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th September, 7th, 14th, 21st October.

KS1 lunch club costs £3.80 per session, payable half termly: **£26.60**. We will be covering questions about name, age, where you live, numbers to 20, colours and family names.

YEAR 3 LUNCH CLUB: THURSDAY LUNCH TIME 12:20-12:50 pm

SEVEN sessions - 12th, 19th, 26th September, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th October.

Year 3 lunch club costs £3.80 per session, payable half termly: **£26.60**

YEARS 4,5,6 THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB 3:25-4:25pm

SEVEN sessions - 12th, 19th, 26th September, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th October. This after school club costs £6.60 per session, payable half termly: **£46.20**

KS2 clubs will be recapping questions and answers and talking about TV and film.

Children will also be offered a chocolate brioche (food allergies permitting.)

The price includes an exercise book, craft materials, something to eat, a sweet as a treasure hunt prize and end of term prizes.

Run by a DBS checked, first-aid trained, fully insured, experienced language teacher.

For more info or to book, e-mail bexleylanguagestars@gmail.com

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Some parent reviews: "Fabulous lessons. My daughter loves every minute and has progressed in leaps and bounds." "Great teachers and fun sessions." "It has given them a great head start in their secondary school lessons."



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**SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST
4PM**

**ST PAULINUS CHURCH
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**Join us for worship songs
prayers and refreshments**