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St Paulinus CE Primary Newsletter

Friday 27th September 2024



Well, what another two weeks of fantastic learning here at St Paulinus! We have especially enjoyed having some of the children come and show us their amazing work – look out for the special gold stickers coming home. A big thank you to Father Paul for a wonderful Harvest Service this morning, it was lovely to have some parents join us for this occasion. Thank you also to our wonderful volunteers who turned up, despite the rain, to do some gardening on our site today, including our own Mr Doyle who gave up his spare time to support this. This week we also held our first parent tours for new Reception children and parents for September 2025. Well done to our head pupils who showed them around the school - there was high praise from the parents who were very impressed with you. These tours are happening weekly on a Tuesday morning - please encourage those you know with little ones to take advantage of these small group tours.

Mrs Rhodes and Mrs Sukonik

Fundraising!



A huge thank you to everyone who supported us this morning at our Macmillan Coffee Morning! Whether you baked, bought or donated on the day or through our QR code, we are so very grateful for your time and effort, especially everyone who came out in the rain! **Thank you** as well to our dedicated **PTA** parents who volunteered their time to help make the morning run so smoothly – thank you ladies! You can still go on to our just giving page to donate – link below – we will have a final count up next week and let you know the total amount raised in our next newsletter.



<https://www.justgiving.com/CM24020276>

After School Clubs:

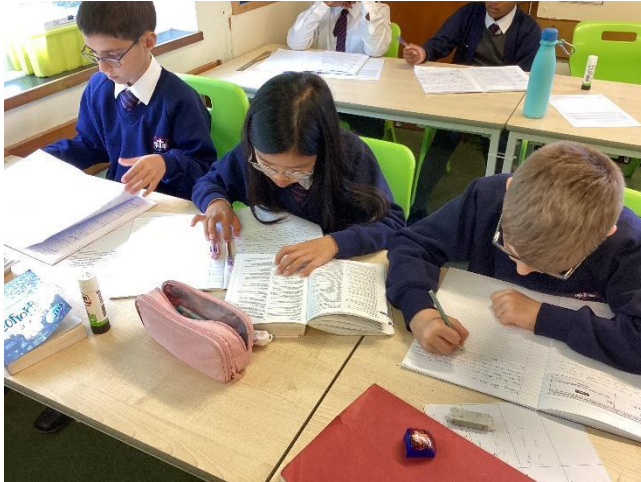
We have a number of afterschool clubs which are run by external companies. We have attached flyers for them all at the end of this newsletter. Please contact the clubs directly if you would like your child to attend.

A small reminder:

Now that we are fully into Autumn, children must have a warm, waterproof coat for school. All of our children will be taken outside to play during the day so it is important that they are warm and dry.

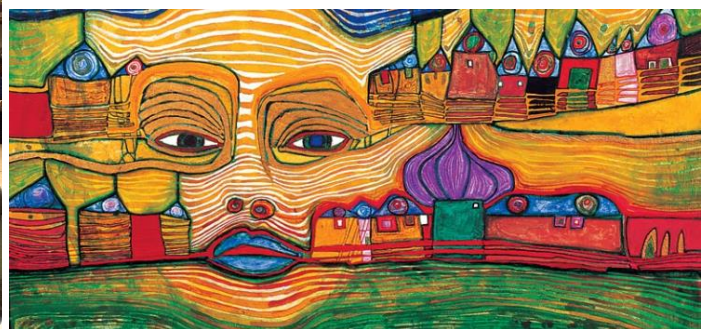
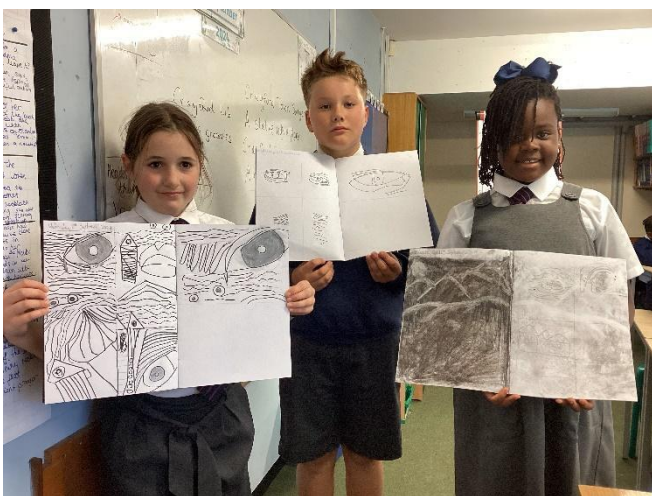
News from Year 6:

Year 6 have been focusing on creating their own discursive speeches on topics of their choice. They have been learning to use formal tone and emotive language to show the reader how they are feeling without directly telling them. They have begun their writing by thinking of arguments that would be in support of their chosen question as well as against to practice thinking of multiple viewpoints. The children have been so incredibly focused on trying to convince and engage their listeners without overwhelming them with too much information! I am so impressed with their dedication and how passionate some of them are about their chosen topics which range from 'Should animals be kept in zoos?' to 'Should we do more to protect our environment?'. The circuits involved getting a light bulb or a buzzer to work by connecting them with wires to a battery.



News from Year 5:

This week in art, Year 5 have been looking at an artist called Hundertwasser. He creates abstract art based on real life experiences. Children used a viewfinder to look at these images in further detail and closely copy. They have also learnt about subtractive drawing which means drawing in the negative. They used charcoal to cover the page and then erased out the image they wanted.



News from Year 4:

Year 4, have thoroughly enjoyed their DT topic and developing their culinary skills. Recently, they worked in groups to prepare, prove and cook their own bread rolls. In maths, the children have been making 4 digit numbers using dienes, place value charts and pictorial representations. They have been completing number lines up to 10,000 in increments of 50, 100 and 1000. In English, the children created their own adverts informing others of how they can stay safe online.



News from Year 3:

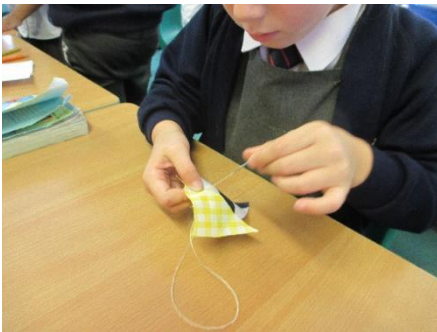
In computing we have been comparing physical media to digital and to show this, we drew 2 pictures - one on whiteboards and the other on iPads and discussed the differences. During Geography we have been looking at maps and the local area then as a class we drew a map of our area using symbols and a key.

We are really enjoying our science lessons, we have been learning about the three main groups of rocks and comparing them by using samples.



News from Year 2:

In Design and Technology, year 2 have been learning to sew a straight stitch (well, fairly straight).



News from Year 1:

Year 1 are excited to share the wonderful mathematical journey the children are embarking on! This week, our budding mathematicians have been diving into the world of numbers, learning to compare numbers and understand them in fun and interactive ways. The children have been exploring the magical realm of "greater than," "less than," and "equals" using colourful counters, egg box-ten frames and number lines.



News from Reception:

Last week, the children focused on the book 'What Makes Me a Me?' We were able to have lots of conversations about what makes us special, who is in our family and we drew our own self-portraits. We also went on an Autumn Walk during our Twigs and Trees session to see what signs of Autumn we could spot. We found chestnuts, conkers and leaves that were just starting to turn red and orange.

This week, we are focusing on the book 'Kind.' We are going to start our own kindness jar and we hope to spread kindness around the school to as many children and adults as possible! We have also worked hard to make our very own kindness hearts, by carefully threading beads onto a pipe cleaner which we then shaped into a heart. We then lovingly wrapped it in string and will give it to someone that we would like to share our kindness with.



PTA News:

It was lovely to see so many parents able to attend the PTA AGM this week. As a school we are very lucky to have such a dedicated group to help out at school events and tirelessly fund raise for us. Please look out for information from them on how they are spending the monies raised this year on the children. We look forward to working with the Committee and all our parents over the next year. If you would like more information about volunteering at events or any aspect of the PTA please speak to one of them at the gate or email them on stpaulinuspta@gmail.com.



National Poetry Day at St Paulinus

All children are invited to create a poem about any subject that interests them.

Let your imagination go wild: animals, school life, going to the beach, fun with your friends, mythical creatures or noises in the classroom. It can be a rhyming poem, non-rhyming, acrostic, narrative, funny or nonsense poem.

Each class will collect their entries and they will read them out for the class to vote on the best poem.

Some poems will be chosen to be read by adults in collective worship or, why not, performed by the poet, should they feel confident enough.

In addition to this, the winner for each class, will get a small prize and the chance to have their poem published in the newsletters to come. We are looking forward to reading your amazing poems!

St Paulinus Day!

Please see the attached flyers about all the exciting events being held on the Church open days for the patronal festival weekend on October 12 & 13th. We hope to see you there!

Up-coming diary dates:

Date	Event
Sunday 29 th September	St Paulinus Church Family Service Harvest Festival 10am
Wednesday 2 nd October	Y2 class assembly 9:15am
	Y3 at church
Thursday 3 rd October	National Poetry Day
Tuesday 8 th October	St Paulinus Day full mass celebration in school
Wednesday 9 th October	Y2 in church
Sunday 13 th October	St Paulinus Day Service at St Paulinus church 10am
Tuesday 15 th October	Parent's evening 3:40 start
Wednesday 16 th October	Y1 in church
Wednesday 16 th October	Parent Coffee morning with a chance to meet the Amadeus Primary Academy Trust Team
Thursday 17 th October	Parent's evening 3:40 start
Friday 18 th October	Show Racism the Red Card
Monday 21 st – Fri 25 th Oct	Y6 Residential Week
Wednesday 23 rd October	YR in church
Friday 25 th October	INSET day – school closed to children
Monday 28 th Oct – Friday 1 st Nov	Half term School closed to children
Monday 4 th November	Children back in school

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Autumn Term 2024

We are delighted to be able to bring Ole Spanish for everyone after school club to all the children at St. Paulinus C of E Primary School from year 1 to year 6.



With Ole Spanish, Children learn the joy of Spanish language through immersive and engaging classes using songs, stories, games and drama.

We are a well-established Spanish school providing DBS checked, qualified teachers and highly motivated lessons. Children will enjoy a positive learning experience finding themselves learning and speaking Spanish before they know it!



- Every Wednesday after school from 3:30- 4:30 pm
- Starting 13th of November to the 18th of December
- £12.00 per lesson (+ £10 initial one-off registration fee only for new students)

To register your child, please go to the following link for the spanish lesson:

<https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/ole-spanish-greenwich-bexley-rochester-autumn-term-after-school-club-da1-4rw-dartford-1af407e9-b07a-4db8-9289-077b79cccf33>

We advise early booking to avoid disappointment.

Should you have any further questions or difficulty with your booking please contact Luisi or Zarala at zalui@olespanish.net

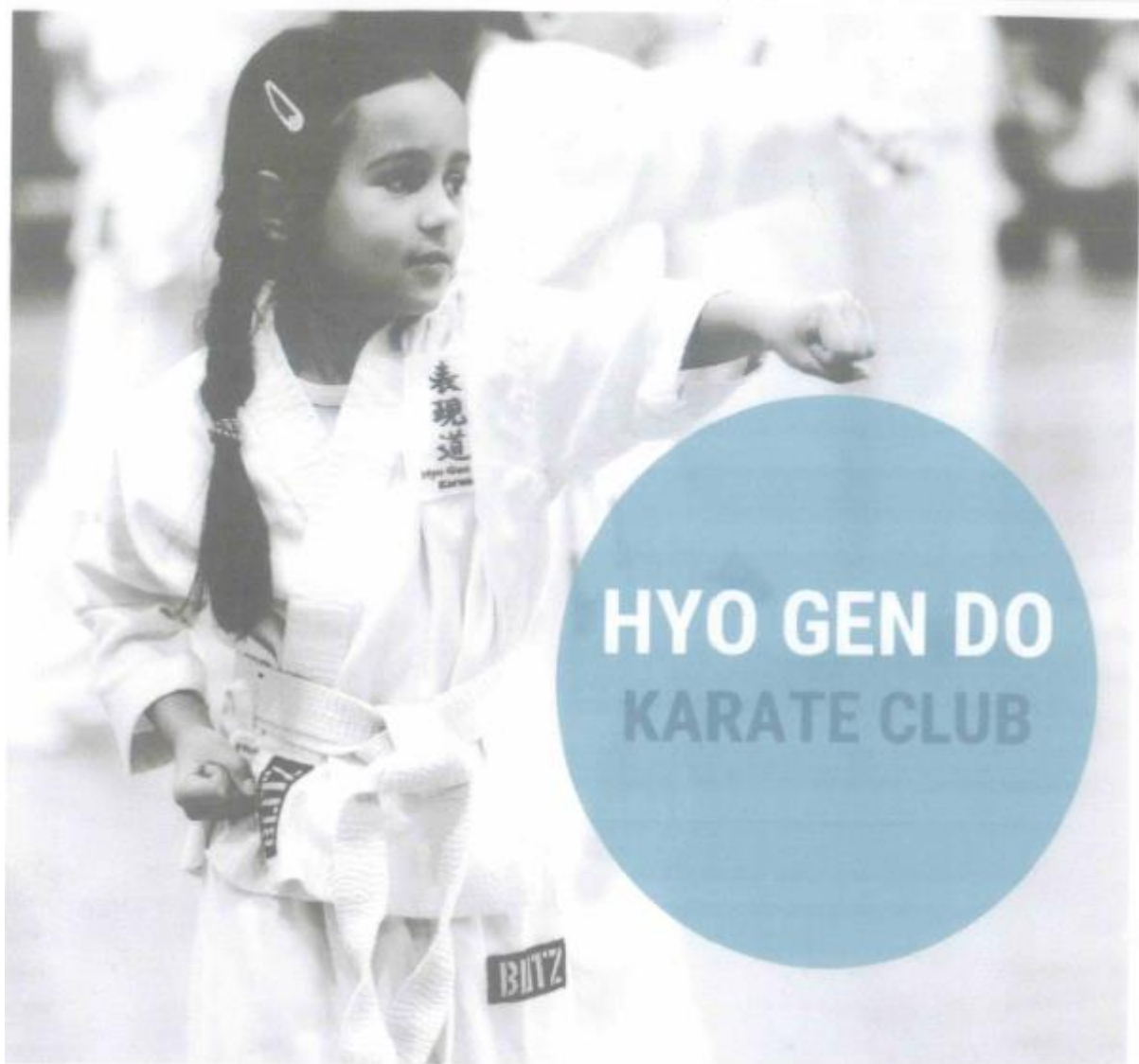


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St Paulinus Patronal Festival

Open day and gift day

Saturday 12th October 12.00-3.00pm

Teddy zip wire, BBQ, Candy Floss, Churchyard tours, be a Bishop for a day (Children) Meet Lady Limerick, War Grave tours.

Celebrating our cultural diversity 6.00pm

An opportunity to join in a service of prayer in Church followed by a shared supper in the hall.

There will be an opportunity both Saturday and Sunday to make a valid contribution to our historic Churches Restoration Project.

Family Patronal Service

Sunday 13th October 9.30am

Special family service with both choir and worship band followed by refreshments.

This is an important service as a special announcement will be made during the service.



**PATRONAL FESTIVAL
WEEKEND
CHURCHYARD TOURS
SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER
MIDDAY
ST PAULINUS
CHURCHYARD
PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
NEW TOUR**

Top Tips for... MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

BUY MILK

GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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