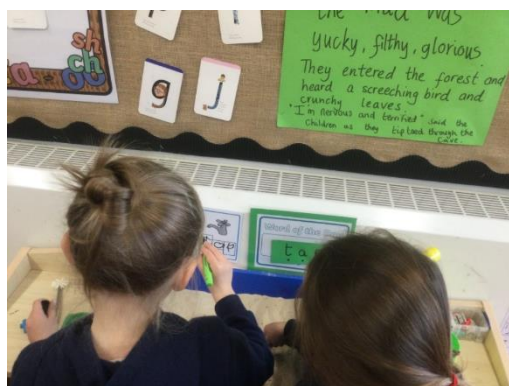




## NEWSLETTER – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### VALUE: Thankfulness

'Always give thanks for everything to God the Father' Ephesians 5:20



Writing in Ruby Class



Scooter Training

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Some of the highlights of this week. Ruby Class staff have been developing the learning environment and encouraging the children to practise their literacy and numeracy skills in lots of different ways. Year 2 had a practical lesson on safe scooting with Sarah Elliott, Sustainable Travel Officer from Hertfordshire County Council. Hopefully they will put the lessons they have learned with her into practice so that they are making safe choices when out on their scooters.

As well as the usual curriculum focus this week, as seen in the Emerald class photo of children examining soil to determine what it consists of, we have also been thinking about Black History. We want the children to learn about different cultures and enjoy the novelty of different experiences as well as looking for commonalities so that they understand the ways in which we are all the same. All of the children took part in Capoeira workshops with Elias who originates from Brazil. Capoeira is a Brazilian martial art disguised as a folk dance and the children were taught moves that built into sequences. They enjoyed the music he produced and they were taught a very simple Portuguese song. They watched each other perform the moves and we ended the day with an assembly, where they thought about what they had learned, asked additional questions and watched some children from each class.



I am getting very positive feedback about the swimming lessons and about the progress the children in Emerald Class are making. As the year progresses, more classes will have this opportunity and we will continue to subsidise the cost so that all children can learn to be safe in water and able to swim effectively.

On a different note, we are aware of a number of children who are talking about and making up games based on an internet sensation called Squid Games. We believe that the children are picking up second hand derivatives and are probably not being exposed to something so unsuitable but would urge you to check. If you do have specific concerns relating to this, please get in touch.

Have a good weekend and stay safe.

Jeremy Fisher



**Investigating soil**



**Playing the Berimbau**

### **Capoeira Workshops**





## MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



*Fr Simon writes:*

Finally, Hollywood actor William Shatner - aka Captain James T. Kirk of *Star Trek* fame - has boldly gone where no nonagenarian has gone before - namely space.

It's been reported that one launch of Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic rocket produces up to 300 tons of carbon dioxide, released into the upper atmosphere where it remains for years. That's a small amount by comparison with the aircraft industry but, for all its environmental faults which need to be rapidly addressed, most would argue that at least the aircraft industry has a greater purpose than simply providing a glorified theme park ride which has little prospect of scientific discovery.



And now the Duke of Cambridge has waded into the discussion, saying that: "We need some of the world's greatest brains and minds fixed on trying to repair this planet, not trying to find the next place to go and live."

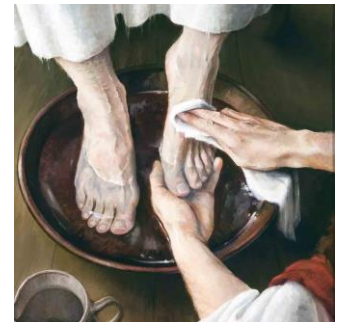


So what's at the heart of the space projects being created by Jeff Bezos, Richard Branson, and Elon Musk? Can these rich entrepreneurs envisage scientific discoveries which we're too short-sighted to notice? Or is it simply the opportunistic commercialisation of space for future gain and exploitation?

At this point in time, the projects seem to have little altruistic benefit and, particularly in the face of philanthropic projects run by other rich entrepreneurs for the benefit of those struggling to live right now back down on planet earth, seem to suggest Branson, Musk and Bezos might be viewing the world only from their own self-indulgent perspective.

That said, isn't that what we all do, within the limitations of our own particular circumstances? Do we not all egocentrically place ourselves at the centre of the world, hoping to see it spinning around us?

Jesus once said "whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant." Whatever our position in society - whatever our means, wealth and ability to put rockets into space - it's only then that we can truly get our relationship, not only with God but with everybody else, balanced and correct.



Yours in Christ,

*Fr Simon*

## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Ruby

- ✚ Kaden for fabulous effort.
- ✚ Arlo for great joining in and participation in activities.

### Sapphire

- ✚ Poppy for producing some great art work.
- ✚ Harvey for good focus in lessons.



### Emerald

- ✚ Alice for understanding and using great vocabulary in class.
- ✚ Ella for being helpful in class and supporting others.

### Diamond

- ✚ Daniel for excellent responses in English.
- ✚ Teddy L for excellent listening and being a good role model.



## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Reception  
Issy



Year 6  
Natasha

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Whole School  
Attendance - 97.4%

Whole School Target Set - 96%



Please contact school on the first day of any absence. This can be done by calling **01279 723 204**, **Option 1** and then leaving a message on the absence line.

If you are going to be late, please also advise the school office to ensure a meal is ordered in time.

## PE DAYS

Ruby Class – Tuesday & Thursday

Sapphire Class – Tuesday & Thursday

Emerald Class – Wednesday & Friday

Diamond Class – Monday & Wednesday



*Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit. As the weather turns colder, please ensure that your child wears warm clothing i.e. navy blue PE joggers/zip-up hooded jacket and a weather-proof coat.*

## NOTICES

✚ Nasal Flu Vaccination is on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**.

✚ On **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October** the children are invited to participate in our pumpkin themed **Woodland Autumn Trail** with a contribution of **£1** to earn a chocolate prize. Parents can pay cash into the office or by online bank transfer using their child's name as the reference.

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SPELLBROOK SCHOOL P T A

✚ PTA Annual General Meeting is on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November** from **7.30 to 8.30 pm** in school. All welcome.

## NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Chicken &amp; Sweetcorn Meatballs with Savoury Rice (Red)</li> <li>❖ Veggie Mince Fajitas (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Chicken Pie (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheesy Spring Veg. Bake (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Roast Beef (Red)</li> <li>❖ Beany Bolognese (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Friday	❖ INSET

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
20/10/21	Nasal Flu Vaccine – Rec to Year 6
21/10/21	Woodland Autumn Trail
22/10/21	Inset 2
25/10/21 - 29/10/21	Half Term
01/11/21	PTA AGM
16/11/21 – 22/11/21	Year 5 Mini Police
15/12/21	Emerald Class Swimming – Last Lesson
21/12/21	Last Day of Term
05/01/22	Inset 3
06/01/22	First Day Back
14/02/22 – 18/02/22	Half Term
31/03/22	Last Day of Term
01/04/22	Inset 4
19/04/22	First Day Back



30/05/22 – 03/06/22	Half Term
06/06/22	Inset 5
08/06/22 – 10/06/22	Diamond Class Residential
20/07/22	Last Day of Term
21/07/22	Occasional Day
22/07/21	Jubilee Bank Holiday in lieu

Contact: [admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk)

Website: [www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk](http://www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk)

# Please park SAFELY

We need everyone to play their part in keeping the roads near schools safe.

## DRIVERS SHOULD NOT:

- park on yellow zig zag markings.
- park on double yellow lines at any time, or on single yellows during restricted hours.
- park or drive on footpaths.
- park within 10 metres of a junction, as this decreases visibility.
- block driveways or dropped kerbs.

You may be issued with a fixed penalty notice. Thank you for your cooperation.



# Please switch off engine when parked



In partnership with:



Spellbrook PTA

Thursday 21st  
October

# WOODLAND AUTUMN TRAIL

£1 per child

Complete our pumpkin  
themed autumn trail to earn  
a chocolate prize!



## PARENTING AN ANXIOUS CHILD

Zoom Workshop for Parents & Carers of  
children aged 5-11

Topics covered include:

- Understand what anxiety is
- Look at and understand the different types of anxiety and how to recognise it
- How anxiety and stress are linked
- What happens when anxiety overwhelms someone
- Share some solution focused tools to support young people handle their anxiety

An interactive light bite  
masterclass which allows you  
to understand anxiety and  
think about how to support a  
child with anxiety

This unique and inspiring  
parenting masterclass  
develops confidence in  
understanding anxiety and  
discusses how to explain the  
process to children.

### EVENT DATE AND TIME

Tuesday 23rd November  
2021

10am -12pm

£5.00 per household

### BOOKING INFORMATION

To request a booking form  
please contact Jo at Aspects  
by emailing

[admin@aspects.org.uk](mailto:admin@aspects.org.uk)

Or call 01279 758134

