



NEWSLETTER – 16th June 2023

VALUE: Friendship

Focus: Valuing Difference

“Encourage one another and build each other up.” 1 Thessalonians 5.11

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Diamond Class: Our Year 6 pupils from Diamond Class had the wonderful opportunity this week to take part in a live talk with a truly inspirational person. A couple of reports were written by pupils. This is by Charlie Samain



Our Zoom Call with Chris Lubbe

At 10 am on Wednesday, our year 6's in Spellbrook had a two hour zoom call with Chris Lubbe, a former security guard for Nelson Mandela. He started by telling us about how Nelson Mandela got imprisoned for life and came out after 27 years. He went to jail on an isolated island for fighting against the officers and protesting for non-white people to be allowed to do the same things as whites. He was released when world leaders heard about him and told the South Africa government to release him. The first year he came out he became the first black South African president and planned to bring peace. He died on Chris' birthday in 2013 and was remembered as one of the world's most inspirational people. Chris then told us about how he was nearly separated from his black parents for being lighter coloured than them. He mentioned that all non-whites lived in horrible houses with no electricity. He participated in protests for blacks and went to jail over 60 times. Sometimes they tortured him and once they kept him in a cold shower for a week without food. He also said that once when he worked on the trains a black man was beaten and thrown off a train for being in the white section. He said it was worth it when Nelson came out of jail and stopped apartheid (the separation of whites and non-whites). He visited Mandela when he came out of jail and Mandela asked Chris if he wanted to be his security guard because he was so tall. Obviously, he said yes and then until 2013 Chris was with him every step of the way, at elections, gatherings and even meeting celebrities such as Michael Jackson. He then finished off by talking about racism and that it is more rare in England it still happens elsewhere. It still happens sometimes in England, particularly in sports. He said racism is one of the worst crimes and although we all look different, we were all born to the same human race. I thought that some of the information about apartheid was shocking and the fact that racism still goes on around the world stuns me, but it is a good thing that many countries have made progress with this and have laws against racism.

By Charlie Samain



Saracens Foundation (Birchwood) Tag Rugby Festival: Emerald Class all went to a Tag Rugby Festival in Bishop's Stortford. I found out about it from Lorcan, Sienna and Harry. They told me that there were lots of schools there and it was very hot. Emerald Class were in three teams and each team started with some activities to develop their tag rugby skills, such as running and chasing each other as well as passing the ball. They then had about five matches with other schools. As they had ten in their team and only seven were on the pitch at any time, they were swapped in and out. This let everyone take part. I asked about their favourite recollections.

Sienna said, "I like the rugby and playing the games but also enjoyed lunch as when I go out on a trip my mum gives me a bigger packed lunch."

Lorcan explained, "I enjoyed when you get the ball and can just run because I like running. I also like passing the ball and in our team, we had players who were really good at passing and knew where everyone was and could just throw it to them."

Harry told me, "I like all the running and that gives you lots of exercise. I did loads and loads of steps. It was fun."

I am pleased that they had such an enjoyable time and are learning to enjoy a range of sports and physical activities.

Diamond and Ruby: Whilst Emerald Class were out at rugby, we had a spare session with our PE coach so took advantage of this by arranging something a little different for Diamond and Ruby Classes. Diamond Class had the opportunity to develop their leadership skills by planning a super outdoor activity session for the Ruby Class children. They were given a number of challenges:

- To use the outdoor spaces; the meadow and woodland but avoid staying in the sun for long periods.
- To set up scavenger hunt type activities
- To help the younger ones
- To have fun.



Diamond Class split into groups with an overall leader for each and came up with a range of tasks. Letters, objects and people were hidden in the meadow and woods for the younger ones to find. In buddy pairs, one older and

one younger, they set off, searching, finding and having fun. Each pair was successful, and they collected many things. Ruby Class were disappointed when the afternoon came to a close and they had to stop. This was a super activity afternoon that was enjoyed by all. Well done Diamond class for being super leaders.

Sapphire Class have been continuing their living things and habits focus, looking at micro—habitats. They carried out a woodlice investigation. They collected woodlice and set up different conditions of light and dark, dry and damp and watched to see where the woodlice preferred to be. They found that they preferred the dark and some preferred the damp and dark. The woodlice were returned to where they had been collected from and I am assured that no woodlice were harmed during this activity.



Ruby Class: To continue learning about animals in Science, Ruby Class learnt about nocturnal animals. They talked about the animals they had seen out at nighttime. They learnt why some prefer to be nocturnal and focused on hedgehogs. They designed their own clay hedgehogs by rolling the clay into balls then pinched the clay to form little noses. Some created legs and ears but all added wooded spikes on their backs. The concentration it required is evident in these pictures.



Have a lovely weekend.

Jeremy Fisher

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



Father Simon writes:

As Manchester City supporters, my son and I were glued to our TV screen last Saturday evening as they made heavy weather of beating Inter Milan in the European Champions League final. But they did it, resulting in the wonderful sky-blue scenes on Monday evening in a rain-soaked Manchester city centre as they celebrated with fans and displayed their season's treble trophy haul: the Premier League, the FA Cup, and now the European Champions League.



Of course, it's taken Man City a while. Following a controversial Arabian take-over 15 years ago and many ongoing questions over the club's finances, the brilliant Spanish manager, Pep Guardiola, has been building his winning side year by year since his arrival in 2016. Dream-teams don't come together overnight.

On the same day as their celebrations in Manchester, the Archdeacon of Hertford - the Venerable Janet Mackenzie - joined me at Spellbrook for our collective worship. She had a lovely time meeting the pupils and staff, seeing the classrooms, and hearing our reflections on our current collective worship theme: 'respect'.



We particularly focussed, on Monday, on respecting and valuing difference. So, I showed the school a picture of a Man City side made up only of eleven Erling Haalands - Haaland being Man City's brilliant Norwegian striker. I made the point that, it doesn't matter how good Haaland is (this season he broke the record for the number of goals scored in a Premier League season), his skill as a striker doesn't make him the best or most suitable goalkeeper. Nor might he be the most effective defender. And so, for all the plaudits and praise which have been heaped upon Haaland this season, a team of eleven Haalands would have been unlikely to have won the Champions League. And that's because we each have our own different skills and talents which we need to respect and value, and which are all required to not only make the world go round but to make it a more interesting place.

This Sunday at Great St Mary's we're going to be hearing the part of St Matthew's gospel which records the names of Jesus' twelve apostles.



Jesus had also taken a little while to build his dream-team. And, if you read the gospels (the four books within the Bible which record Jesus' words and actions while he lived amongst us in the first century) and keep an eye out for the apostles' character, background, and skills, you'll soon realise that they were far from identical.

It seems Jesus also recognised and respected the value of difference as, through prayer, he chose his first team squad - his starting twelve - the group he saw as being most likely to bring home the trophy: namely, the salvation of the world. With Christianity now a global religion, they certainly triumphed in spreading the word!

Have a sunny weekend,

Fr Simon

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sapphire
Pedro

Diamond
Oscar

STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✚ Eliza for great focus and attention.
- ✚ Arthur for good listening and attention.

Sapphire

- ✚ Lorenzo for enthusiasm in English lessons.
- ✚ Shakti for good focus and contributions in lessons.

Emerald

- ✚ Elise for super progress in English.
- ✚ Sabiha for great participation in English this week.

Diamond

- ✚ Finley M for excellent independent writing.
- ✚ Eshal for being a superb role model.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 93.94%**

Whole School Target Set – 96%

Please contact school every 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.

NOTICES

- ✚ **PTA Summer Fair** is on **Saturday 1st July** from **11.30 am to 3.00 pm**. Wristbands are available to purchase for **£2 per child** or **£5 for 3 children** online from the link: [Summer Fair Wristband | Spellbrook P T A \(sumupstore.com\)](https://www.sumupstore.com/SummerFairWristband)

- ✚ **Parent Consultations** will be held on **Monday 3rd July from 1.00 – 6.30 pm for Diamond, Emerald and Sapphire classes in school**. Bookings can be done in Arbor by clicking on **Guardian Consultations** and selecting a time from the drop-down menu. The deadline to book is **Monday 26th June**.

- ✚ **Sports Day** is on **Wednesday 12th July**. The gates will be open from **12.35** for a **12.45 start until the end of the school day**. Children should come dressed in their **PE kit (red top & navy blue shorts)**.

- ✚ **School Photos** – viewing cards were sent home last week explaining how to view and order pictures. Order by **21/06/23** to get an early bird discount.

- ✚ **Midday Assistant Vacancy – closing date – 23/06/23**. Please click the link for more details: https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,midday-supervisory-assistant_85121.htm

- ✚ **Teaching Assistant Vacancy – closing date – 23/06/23**. Please click the link for more details: https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,classroom-teaching-assistant_84327.htm

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Pork Sausage with BBQ Sauce (Red) ❖ Cheese & Sweet Potato Slice (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Veggie 'Meatball' Sub (Ve) (Red) ❖ Roasted Tomato Pasta (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Chicken (Red) ❖ Creamy Quorn Pie (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Mild Chilli Con Carne (Red) ❖ Quorn Burger (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
01/07/23	PTA Summer Fair
03/07/23	Parent Consultations
05/07/23	Diamond Class Production
07/07/23	Whole School Music Event
10/07/23	Rec, Y1 & Y2 Trip to Paradise Wildlife Park
10/07/23	Teddy Bear's Picnic - Nursery
12/07/23	Diamond Class Last Swimming Lesson
12/07/23	Sports Day
13/07/23	Transition Day
13/07/23	New Nursery/Reception Welcome Morning
14/07/23	Sports Day (Reserve)
20/07/23	Leavers Service at Great St Mary's
21/07/23	Last Day of Term
01/09/23	Inset 1
04/09/23	Inset 2
05/09/23	First Day Back
23/10/23 – 27/10/23	Half Term
01/12/23	Occasional Day – School Closed
20/12/23	Last Day of Autumn Term 23
04/01/24	Inset 3
05/01/24	Inset 4
08/01/24	First Day Back
19/02/24 – 23/02/24	Half Term
26/02/24	First Day Back
28/03/24	Last Day of Spring Term
15/04/24	First Day Back
06/05/24	Early May Bank Holiday
27/05/24 – 31/05/24	Half Term
03/06/24	Inset 5
23/07/24	Last Day of Summer Term

Contact: admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

Website: www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk





Well Bean Gardening

Learning through growing
Growing through learning

Get growing with our After-School Gardening Club

Wednesdays from 3.20pm-4.30pm



- Spellbrook's Gardening Club meets on Wednesdays and is open to Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Limited spaces available
- £30.00 for five sessions to July 5 June 7 - July 5
- All equipment supplied but pupils must bring appropriate clothing as we will be outside in all weathers
- This half-term we'll be:
 - Working to improve the school gardens
 - Taking part in the RHS Campaign for School Gardening Award Scheme - LEVEL 4

If you would like your child to attend, please return the slip below to the school office before Wednesday June 7 and make a payment of £30 in cash/a cheque made payable to: WENDY GORDON or with a BACS payment to: Wendy Gordon/27441520/07-04-36 (Use your name as reference)

I would like my child to attend Spellbrook's After-School Gardening Club on Wednesdays:

Child's name: Year group:

Your name: Phone number:

Email:

Any allergies or medical issues that we need to be aware of*:

*Your child's safety is a priority, but we can only put measures into place if you let us know.

Well Bean Gardening has a Facebook page (please check it out and like) and every week an update of what we get up to at the club will be posted.

If you **DO NOT** want photos of your child to be used on Facebook please tick the box: (Please note that children are never named)

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Payment of £30 has been made via Cash/Cheque/Bacs with the reference name of:

Email: wendy@wellbeangardening.com
Mobile: 07817 528652

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Dear Parents,

24.03.23

Mr Dave Biggs will continue to deliver after school clubs, which will begin on the 18th April.

Please visit www.gjwsports.co.uk to make a registration.

Tuesday
Football

Thursday
Athletics

Clubs will start at 15:20 with a collection time of 16:20.

Athletics will consist of sprints, relays, distance, timed runs, javelin and long/triple jumps.. Children will take part in athletics focused games, such as capture the flag, run-outs, box to box. They will also use ladders, hurdles during a SAQ (speed, agility, quickness) circuit.

To complete the registration, please use the payment details below.

NatWest Business Account
Gershon Williams- GJW SPORTS
Sort code – 557049
Account Number – 83780637
Reference – SurnameSBS

We will continue to offer a trial option for pupils who have yet to attend our after school clubs. The session price will be £7.50.

Should you have any further queries please email: enquiries@gjwsports.co.uk

Best wishes,

Mr Gershon Jack Williams B.A. (Hons)
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SPELLBROOK PTA

SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 1st July
11:30am to 3pm at
Spellbrook Primary school

To buy wristbands, please click on the link:

[Summer Fair Wristband | Spellbrook P T A
\(sumupstore.com\)](https://www.sumupstore.com/Summer-Fair-Wristband-Spellbrook-PTA)

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MONDAY

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Beginners 4.30pm - 5.15pm Intermediate 5.15pm - 6.00pm Advanced 6.00pm - 7.00pm

TUESDAY

HIGH WYCH MEMORIAL HALL, SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS CM21 0HX
Beginners 4.00pm - 4.45pm Novice 4.45pm - 5.30pm
Intermediate 5.30pm - 6.30pm Advanced 6.30pm - 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY

SAWBRIDGEWORTH MEMORIAL HALL, THE FOREBURY, SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS CM21 9BD
Beginners 4.30pm - 5.15pm

THURSDAY

AGE CONCERN HALL, PRIORY STREET, WARE, HERTS SG12 0DE
Beginners 4.15pm - 5.00pm Novice 5.00pm - 6.00pm

FRIDAY

RA BUTLER INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL, SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX CB11 3DG
Beginners 4.30 - 5.15pm Novice 5.15 - 6.00pm Intermediate 6.00 - 6.45pm
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We give practical tips on how to prepare and help you deal with your own emotions and concerns in order to best support your child in the best way.

A recording of the session will be available following the workshop.

Price - £5.00 per household
Date - Thursday 29th June 2023
Time - 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Online via Zoom



To register, please email admin@aspects.org.uk
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Hertford Museum launch new 'Wellbeing Trail'

Hertford Museum have launched a Wellbeing Trail designed in collaboration with the children of Hertford St Andrew Primary School.

The trail is now available to collect from the Museum's front desk and provides a starting point for children, families and carers to talk together about ways to support their mental and physical wellbeing. Our new leaflet guides visitors around a number of exhibits with links to physical health, personal care, play, and music. Children are encouraged to think about how they can incorporate some of the 5 Ways to Wellbeing into their daily lives.

Hertford Museum is free to visit. We are open Tuesday to Saturday 10am -5pm and Sunday 12pm -4pm.

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