



NEWSLETTER – 2nd February 2024

VALUE: Perseverance

Focus: Meeting a Personal Challenge

'I can do all things through him who strengthens me' Philippians 4:13

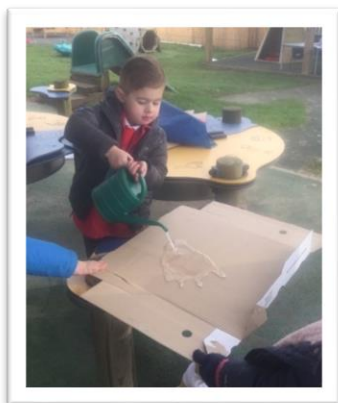


Ruby Class Plant Hunt

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Ruby Class are learning about plants. They talked about plants and then went on a walk around the school site to see what they could find. They found lots of trees, shrubs, grass, snowdrops and shoots of different flowers. Later on, during the year, they will be able to see how different plants appear and how trees and shrubs change with the seasons (see above).

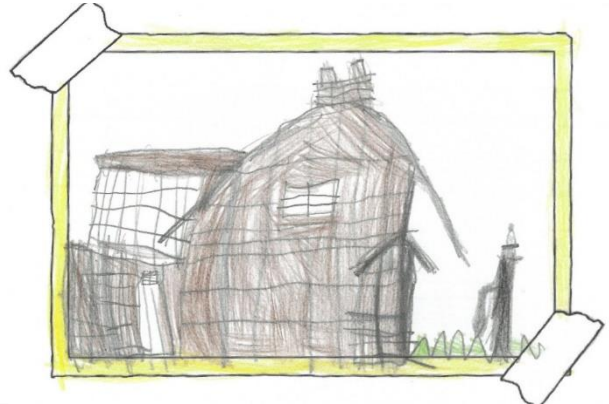
Also, in Ruby Class they have been getting involved in Commando Joes challenges. Continuing with the Incy Wincy Spider theme, the class had to help the Commando Joe bear on a washed-out rainy day. The character-building focus was on Communication and Teamwork. They had to find materials to create an umbrella or den to keep the bear dry. With guidance, they worked in groups testing plastic, cardboard, paper, tissue paper and sponge. They enjoyed testing which material was waterproof even if the poor bear got a bit wet in the process.



This week some of Year 3 and Year 4 took part in a football tournament at Leventhorpe. It was a 7 aside tournament for a mixed team of boys and girls. For many of our players, this was the first time they played competitively. They played well and supported each other and showed our current value, perseverance, even when the score wasn't in their favour. I am proud of their efforts and positive attitude. They reported that they had enjoyed representing our school.



Sapphire Class have been looking at our school buildings as part of their local history topic. They have been comparing the original parts of the building with the more recent additions. They have crated drawings from their observations.



In History, Emerald Class have continued to develop their knoweldge of Roman Britain. The children have learned about one of the key events, the revolt of the Iceni tribe, led by Boudicca. They sequenced what happened, how the Romans reacted and also found out about the consequences for Boudicca and her people.

Diamond Class: Last night, Diamond Class children and their families came into school to watch the Young Voices video and whilst eating popcorn and other refreshments, re-live some of their favourite moments from this fantastic experience. We had a great turnout and the evening helped raise funds to offset the cost of this memorable visit to the O2. The children enjoyed singing along, seeing themselves up on the screen and having fun together. A few of them were confident enough to get up and dance and provide additional entertainment. Thank you to the families for their support and to Mrs Smith and Mrs Cook for planning this.





Have a super weekend,

Jeremy Fisher

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Father Simon writes:

As I was beginning to ponder this coming Monday's collective worship when we'll be continuing to reflect on what it is to 'persevere', I still had my reflections on this Sunday's church readings in my mind.



The gospel passage this Sunday (St John 1:1-14) talks about God creating the universe. It reminded me how people of faith have to persevere because, whilst the Bible is full of the accounts of Jesus, they're too often dismissed by many as ancient and irrelevant, and our "Main Man" - aka God - has never been seen by us mere mortals!

As we'll be hearing in that gospel passage this Sunday, in order to have made it, God had to exist before this visible creation came into being. He therefore was and remains outside his creation.

Yet we mere human beings find it almost impossible to think of an invisible force or being larger than the universe. That's why we've personified God, and turned him into a 'Him', portraying Him as a grey-haired and bearded old man sitting on fluffy white clouds surrounded by angels with harps. But that's not the reality; it's simply our limited response to God being beyond our imagination and language.



But God has come to our aid, allowing us to persevere with our faith and to persevere in our ability to draw ever nearer to Him. He hit upon the idea



of entering this visible world in the form of a divine human being - Jesus Christ - His Son who could fully reveal His character to us, albeit in miniature form. This is God's Word that "became flesh and lived among us" as St John puts it. And in that moment, in the birth of a baby in Bethlehem, we finally had a portrait of God to help us to imagine and draw closer to the God we've never seen.

So, as we read about Jesus in the Bible and learn about God our Father, I pray that we'll have the stamina to persevere in our journey with Him, just as the pupils are persevering in their reflections on the word 'perseverance'!

Yours in Christ,

Fr Simon

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Ruby
Silver

Emerald
Charlie

Diamond
Ella
Michal



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✚ Rowan for great improvement on focus in lessons.
- ✚ Petru for good following of Ruby's routines.

Sapphire

- ✚ Niveth for perseverance in swimming.
- ✚ Annabelle for using her reading skills in her writing.

Emerald

- ✚ Sabiha for her hard work and perseverance in Maths.
- ✚ Johnny for the fantastic work he's doing in English.

Diamond

- ✚ Mariia for always putting a huge amount of effort into all her work.
- ✚ Elise for being extremely helpful.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Whole School
Attendance – 92.49%

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

- ✚ **Lost Property** – we have a lot of unclaimed uniforms in the lost property box. If your child is missing items of uniform, could parents kindly check lost property as we will be clearing out the box by half term.

MENU w/b 5th February 2024

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Mild Chicken Curry (Red) ❖ Macaroni Cheese (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Veggie Sausages with Gravy (Ve) (Red) ❖ Sweet Chilli Quorn (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Pork (Red) ❖ Shepherdess Pie (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red) ❖ Vegetarian Roll (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Battered Fish Fillet (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
19/02/24 – 23/02/24	Half Term
26/02/24	First Day Back
08/03/24	PTA Disco
20/03/24	Sapphire Class Last Swimming Lesson
25/03/24	Easter Service
28/03/24	Last Day of Spring Term
15/04/24	First Day Back
06/05/24	Early May Bank Holiday
23/05/24	Year 6 Crucial Crew
27/05/24 – 31/05/24	Half Term
03/06/24	Inset 5
14/06/24	Bag 2 School
25/06/24	Class Photos
03/07/24 – 05/07/24	Diamond Class Residential
11/07/24	Secondary Transition Day
22/07/24	Leavers Service
23/07/24	Last Day of Summer Term
02/09/24	Inset 1
03/09/24	Inset 2
04/09/24	First Day Back
07/10/24	Harvest Service
14/10/24	Individual Photos
28/10/24 – 01/11/24	Half Term
29/11/24	Occasional Day
20/12/24	Last Day of Term
23/12/24 – 03/01/24	Christmas Break
06/01/25	Inset 3
07/01/25	Inset 4
08/01/25	First Day Back
17/02/25 – 21/02/25	Half Term
24/02/25	First Day Back
04/04/25	Last Day of Term
07/04/25 – 21/04/25	Easter Break
22/04/25	First Day Back
05/05/25	Early May Bank Holiday
26/05/25 – 30/05/25	Half Term
02/06/25	Inset 5
03/06/25	First Day Back
23/07/25	Last Day of Term

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Autumn term 2

AFTER SCHOOL Sports Clubs

Spellbrook C of E Primary School

3:20 - 4:20pm

October 31st - Thursday 14th December

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Autism Empowerment Webinar

This one-hour lunchtime webinar is a brief exploration of how Autism can present, the history of Autism, diagnosis as well as differences in communication and social interaction. We will also be looking at how the environment can impact on someone with sensory processing challenges.

The main aim of this webinar is to focus on the many strengths autistic individuals have and how we can increase understanding and Neuro-inclusivity through education and raising awareness.

Webinars are held on Zoom on the following dates:

Thursday 29th February 12:30 to 13:30

Friday 29th March 12:30 to 13:30

Friday 26th April 12:30 to 13:30

At the end of the webinar, you will receive a certificate of attendance that will be emailed to your given email address.

The cost of this one-hour webinar is only £5.50!

To book your place on the webinar please either scan the QR code below or go to: www.theautismtrainingnetwork.com/training

"For every person who understands Autism better, another Autistic person will be happier."
Libby Scott, Autistic Author (at age 11)



THE SECRET ART CLUB

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Activities:

- Painting
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Caroline Clark (Caz)
07847269734
or book on at
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think measles

It's not just a kids' problem

Teenagers, young adults and anyone who has missed their MMR vaccination can get measles.

Symptoms such as:

- high fever
- rash – sometimes starting around the ears
- sore red eyes
- cough
- aching and feeling unwell

Remember, if it could be measles – they need to be in an area where they cannot pass the infection to vulnerable patients such as the immunocompromised and pregnant women.

For more information go to
www.nhs.uk/vaccinations

immunisation
Helping to protect everyone, at every age



Essex Fire Museum Open Days
Tuesday 20th February 2024
Sunday 25th February 2024
(10.30am to 4.00pm)



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