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Summer 1 Newsletter 2023

Dear Parent/Guardians,

What a fantastic and busy half term this has been, with SATs in Years 2 and 6 and the curriculum being brought alive through real-life experiences! The children have been conducting themselves beautifully around school and during whole school gatherings such as Liturgies, Masses, Gospel Reflections and Class Assemblies.

Catholic Life and RE

It's been a busy half term at school. The classes have been very proactive in helping to contribute to the Catholic Life Section of our website. We ask you to have a look in order to learn more about our distinct catholic ethos and how we place Jesus Christ at the centre of our work here at school. Please go to:

http://www.staugustines.dorset.sch.uk/website/catholic_life/453981

When on this page you can then take time to browse by clicking on the sections on the left.



In RE we've been learning about Ascension Day and Pentecost. Each class concluded their topic with class liturgies. During our Reception Class Pentecost Liturgy, the children made Pentecost flames to help us remember the Holy Spirit filling the hearts of the disciples.

We had a beautiful Easter Mass led by our Year 5 class and took this opportunity to thank Deacon Geoffrey for his many years of service as our school chaplain. He then helped with commissioning our Mini Vinnie Group who work so hard to further our Catholic Mission. It was a special day and we thank everyone involved.

Our Mini Vinnies have been busy with a lovely project this half term. One of our members decided that she wanted to make children receiving medical care, smile, so her idea was to ask the children at school to create art work at home that they could then bring in and together with her family, they would then take these pictures to the hospice. The Mini Vinnies then got on board and helped co-ordinate this campaign. We thank them all and especially the Dubois family for this wonderful gesture.



On Ascension Day, Father Anthony and Mrs Ayles very kindly came into school to help us celebrate an uplifting mass led by our Year 4 class. It was a special celebration and we were proud of the way the children led the readings and prayers so well.

This week we have had a Spiritual Retreat Day at School. The theme has been...*USING OUR GIFTS* and on Wednesday, we set up the hall as a prayer space with 8 interactive prayer stations for each class to visit during the day. The day then finished with The Crowning of Mary Service. It was a wonderful day that allowed our children to remember Mary's love and to reflect upon the gifts of the Holy Spirit in a deeply prayerful way. We thank everyone involved in the day, especially the teachers who stayed late on Wednesday evening to transform the hall into a spiritual space for our children to enjoy.



We are also grateful to the Year 6 Mini Vinnies who helped at each of the prayer spaces and who led the readings at our Mary Service in the afternoon with Father Anthony.



Thank you also to the parents who kindly donated the flowers, which the Infant classes lay at the feet of our statue of Mary. We're happy to inform you that on Friday Mrs Wilkins took these to Mary Anning House for the residents to enjoy.

We asked the children how they felt after this special day,

"It was really good and relaxing. You could calm yourself down and it was peaceful"

"I loved the prayer stations. We had time to spend with God."

"I found it really calm and peaceful"

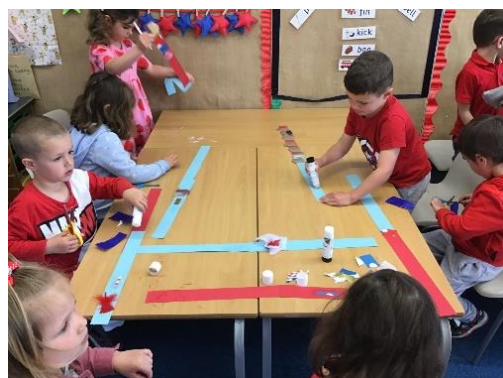
"I liked the station where you could say something nice to 5 friends because it's good to say nice things"

Curriculum

Reception

We are always so proud of the way our children in Reception try their very best at school. Here are some of the activities our children have engaged in over this half term.

In Art and Understanding the world, we have been learning about changes in the seasons and the beauty of nature. We've been developing our collage skills to produce some beautiful spring pictures.



In preparation for the Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla, the children made lovely crowns and learnt a special reception song, which we composed actions to. It was a fun filled day and a pleasure to celebrate and to be part of the nation's history.



In Maths, we've been working hard on doubling, halving, adding and subtracting using a number track and on learning number patterns. It's been fun to participate in active learning and to learn so many lively number songs.



Year 1

We have had a super busy half term in year one with lots of new learning! The children have really enjoyed our science topic this half term, which has been all about animals. We have talked about what different animals eat, their features and looked at grouping animals into mammals, fish, amphibians, birds and reptiles.

The children have worked really hard in Maths this half term, learning some difficult topics. We have been learning all about halves and quarters and using objects and sharing circles to share equally.

We had such a lovely day to celebrate the coronation. We made crowns, flags and wrote what we would do if we were king for the day. In the afternoon, we decorated biscuits, which looked brilliant.

In History, we learned about King George III and how Weymouth has changed since he was on the throne!

In English, we have learned to write our own fact file! We learned different facts about an animal and learned to present it in a way that people could use it to find information.

In Art, we have used printing with paint to create a picture and we have recreated our own repeating patterns.

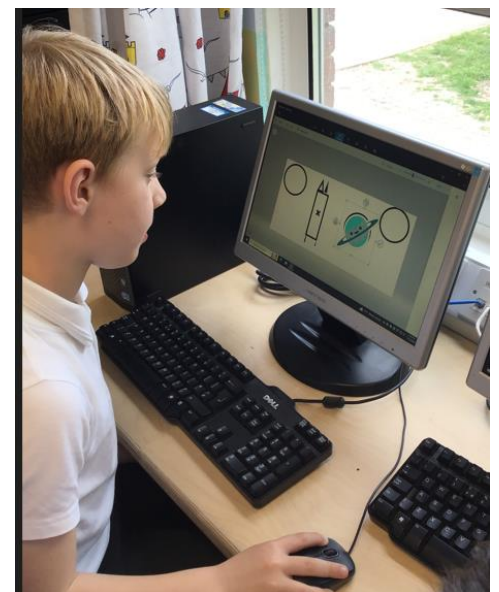


and we could not be prouder! Some of our key topics this half term have included instruction writing in English, time in Maths and Pentecost in RE.

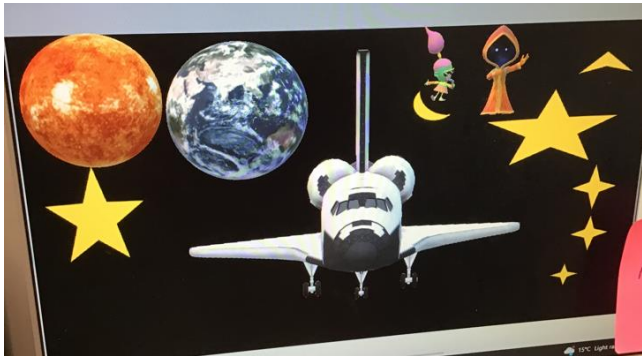
Our History topic this half term has been 'Explorers', where the children have learnt about the voyages of Christopher Columbus and the journey of a lifetime of Neil Armstrong. This week the children have welcomed two students from Budmouth College who went on a trip to NASA, the students answered the children's questions, and they were able to learn exactly what it is like to work inside NASA as well as some recent missions they have undertaken.

Year 2

In Year 2, we have had an extremely busy half term. The children have worked so hard across all areas of the curriculum



In Art, the children have thoroughly enjoyed creating some digital space art on computers. They practiced the necessary skills and experimented with the software before creating their own pieces! On Coronation Day, the children participated in a day full of all things 'Royal' and celebrations. We ended the day teaming up with Year 1 to create our own Coronation cookies; we hope they tasted as good as they looked. We are really looking forward to next half term as we draw Year 2 to a close!



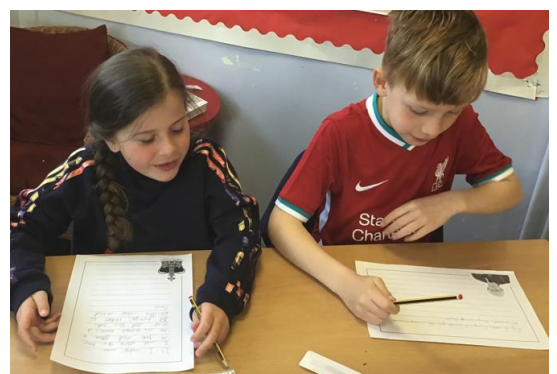
Year 3

We have had a great first half of our term in Year 3; we have enjoyed different aspects of learning across a variety of subjects. In Art, we have focused our learning around Georges Seurat. Alongside comparing his works with those of other painters who used pointillism, we analysed the different techniques he used. This culminated in the children producing a self-portrait using this style, with some very successful results!



In History, we looked at the Roman Empire and the reasons behind their success and eventual downfall. To build up to answering the impact that they had in Britain, we looked at the design of their towns, the battles that took place and the different arguments behind them leaving.

In P.E, the children have enjoyed a mixture of fitness lessons, looking at a number of different exercises, and tennis lessons. The children have enjoyed this mixture of activities, particularly with the improving weather!



In Science, we have looked at the impact of different forces, while in R.E, we had a wonderful liturgy to finish our topic of Pentecost. The children had a very reflective and prayerful time as they considered what we had learnt.

Along with this, we have had other days of adapted learning, such as to celebrate the coronation of King Charles. We enjoyed a range of activities such as making crowns and saying what we would do if we were king or queen for the day. We look forward to having a great

second term and end to the year.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a very busy half term! In science, the children have been learning about electricity. They started the unit by trying out different circuits to see what a complete circuit needed. They have learnt about electrical conductors and insulators and have designed an investigation to test different objects. The children finished the unit by analysing and drawing up the results of their investigations.



In History, the children have enjoyed learning about the Vikings and their struggle for Britain. We have analysed historical information to decide whether Alfred the Great was really great and also explored the Saxon justice system.

In Art, we really enjoyed developing our photography skills by looking for patterns in nature that we can use in our William Morris-inspired wallpaper. We have made our own tile print which we have used to create complex patterns on our motif wallpaper.

In RE, we celebrated the end of our "New life" topic about Pentecost by having a class liturgy in the chapel. The children were very reverent when praying and listening to each other and they all enjoyed planning what they would do and then evaluating how it went afterwards.



Year 5

Year 5 have had a very busy start to the summer term! To start off we had a very special visitor from Wessex Water, called Tim Stevens. Tim taught us all about how important water is to our daily lives and how much water each person uses in a day (it was more than we thought!) The children then investigated how to filter some contaminated water using a home-made sand filter to make it as pure as possible.

There were also lots of opportunities for celebration this half term. To celebrate King Charles III's coronation, Year 5 had a wonderful time creating their own coronation crowns and decorating some delicious cakes to celebrate!





In History, Year 5 have been thoroughly enjoying learning all about World War II in Weymouth. For this, the class took a trip to the Nothe Fort where we took part in an 'evacuee experience'. The children had a wonderful time, exploring what it would have been like to be evacuated to Weymouth from London during the war. We particularly enjoyed experiencing what it would be like to be inside an Anderson shelter during an air raid and learning how to put out a fire with an old water pump and hose!

Year 6

As you can imagine, year six have been working extremely hard this half-term. This cumulated in the children sitting their SATs tests. We were very proud of the dedication and effort that the children put into their learning during the run up to SATS week and also how mature they were during the testing week itself. Now we can turn our attention to our school production, which I am sure you will all already be excited for!

In other areas of the curriculum, we have been enjoying the novel *Moonfleet* and some of us have been writing in this style during our story writing in English.

In Maths, we have been learning how to construct pie charts.

Perhaps the most popular area of the curriculum this half-term has been Art. We have been constructing magazine covers using the Sketchpad digital art programme. The children have really enjoyed this and created some amazing magazine covers!

We are looking forward to our last half term together and all the exciting things it will bring us, such as PGL, production and sailing - I know we can't wait to share these experiences with the children!

Sport

St George's Cup - Year 3 and 4

Year 3 and 4 performed admirably at The St George's Cup on 4th May. Although the team have not played together before, they worked very hard and never gave up. Despite losing the first game, they re-grouped and deservedly drew the second one, with an unstoppable penalty from Fin. Two further defeats did not dampen the spirits of the team. The second defeat was particularly harsh, with St Augustine's having all of the ball, but conceding late on to a superb strike that went into the top corner. The final game, against St John's seemed to be following a similar pattern. However, a quickly taken throw-in from Joshua was flicked on by Jax to Fin. He showed great composure to bring the ball down, and score a thunderous strike, which gave the keeper no chance, giving St Augustine's a 1-0 win.

The team as a whole deserve a lot of credit; Mya never stopped running for the team and made a number of important tackles, Joshua and Harry made several goal-saving blocks, while Jacob read the game very well to make some important interceptions. The captain, Jax, led by example, with his long throw a constant thorn in the side for the opposition defences. Leo showed his versatility as he performed well in a number of different positions. Sebastian played in the 'Tom Bearwish' role in the middle of the park and created chances as well as breaking up the play. Fin scored twice and showed that if he gets a chance in the area, there is only one place it is ending up! Finally, Levi made a number

of great saves for the team throughout the tournament, with his dangerous kick also providing chances for the team.

We thank St George's for hosting and the parents that were able to attend. We look forward to playing in more matches as a team soon.

Year 5/6 football Match

St Augustine's looked to get back to winning ways after suffering a narrow defeat last time out. They managed to do this in a competitive game that saw them create a number of chances. Starting quickly from the off, Harry had a well-struck save by the confident Atlantic goalkeeper. However, there was constant pressure from St Augustine's which led to Harry bursting through and striking the ball into the back of the net. Some clever link-up play between Xavier and Archie B led to another chance for Harry which he duly tucked away. At the other end of the pitch, Archie H was proving more than adept at leading the defence in repelling anything that came his way. He led by example and communicated brilliantly with his team mates.

Soon after, Harry was able to complete his hat-trick with a calm finish to make the score 3-0. Just before half time, Atlantic were able to beat the high press that St Augustine's were implementing, and scored a well-taken goal to make it 3-1. After half time, St Augustine's picked up where they left off. The constant pressure and quick runs forward led to a further goal from Harry, followed soon after by another from Archie B. Atlantic did not give in however, and they got the final goal of the game with a strong header that flew into the top corner, leaving the score at 5-2.

Overall, a very strong performance from St Augustine's in a competitive game. We thank Atlantic for making the journey, and look forward to playing them again in the future.

Team: George, Archie H, Declan, Riley P, Louie, Sammi, Archie B (1 goal), Xavier, Arley and Harry (4 goals)

Joint players of the match: Archie H and Harry



Football Report vs Chickerell, Thursday 18th May

An excited St Augustine's team, many representing the school for the first time, gave a fantastic account of themselves against a strong Chickerell team. They worked together as a cohesive unit throughout the match while also offering encouragement and advice to each other. While Chickerell got the victory that their strong side deserved, all of the St Augustine's players can walk away with their heads held high.

Rio made some very important saves in goal and showed an intelligent footballing brain on several occasions. Harry H worked very hard in defence, managing to make several important blocks and clear his lines when needed. George, playing in an unfamiliar outfield position, utilised his pace whenever the attack tried to get in behind. Harry C, again playing in a very unfamiliar position, worked very hard for the team. He gave advice, encouraged, and led like a true captain. Jacob read the game very well in midfield, making some important interceptions and passes along the way. Jakub worked very hard, with a few of his through balls creating good chances. Riley K proved to be a threat when St Augustine's got the ball forward, always looking around to see who the pass should be played to. Toby did not stop

running; he was a threat going forward and when defending, he also played in several dangerous corners. And finally, Clark showed that he has a natural attacking talent; he played on the shoulder of the defenders and regularly outpaced them. I have no doubt that he will get his first goal in his next match.

We are all very proud of the attitude and team performance that St Augustine's put on- well done!

Team; Rio, Harry H, George, Harry C (captain), Toby, Jacob, Jakub, Riley K and Clark
Man of the match: Harry C and Toby



Finally, I hope that you all have a lovely break with some fine weather! I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 6th June. Please refer to the page below for the Summer Term Dates List.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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Dates for your Diary Summer Term 2023

Monday 5th June	INSET Day
Tuesday 6th June	Children return to School
Tuesday 6 th June	PGL Parents' Meeting at 3.25pm
Thursday 8 th June	Y5/6 Swimming Gala (invite only)
Thursday 8 th June	Minstead Parents' Meeting 3.20pm
Monday 12th -14th June	Year 6 PGL Residential Trip
Thursday 22nd June	Sports Day (AM KS2 and PM KS1) Parents/Carers welcome
Monday 26th June	Class Photos
Wednesday 28th June	Reserve Sports Day (AM KS2 and PM KS1) Parents/Carers welcome
Thursday 29th June	Y3 Corpus Christi Mass at 2pm
Tuesday 4 th July	Transition Day
Monday 10 th July	Y5/6 Sail for a Fiver
Tuesday 11th July	Y6 End of year performance at 1.30pm (parents/guardians welcome)
10 th July-14 th July	Last week of Afterschool Clubs
12th July- 14th July	Y6 Primary College
Monday 17th -19th July	Year 4 Minstead Residential Trip
Tuesday 18th July	Y6 Leaver's Assembly at 2pm
Wednesday 19th July	Y6 Leaver's Mass at 2pm
Friday 21st July	Break up for the Summer Holidays at 3.15pm

***Please be advised that it is likely there will be additional dates added to these dates.**