



Dear Parents

26 May 2017

As the short half term draws to an end, once more the children have had many learning experiences we would like to share.

Thought for the week

We are now reflecting on the feast of the Ascension, and we ask the Lord to deepen our understanding as we celebrate.



God our Father, make us joyful in the ascension of your Son Jesus Christ.

May we follow him into the new creation, for his ascension is our glory and our hope.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Dates for your diaries !

June

- 5 Children return
ARTS WEEK 1
- 6 Educational visit - 6Y Greenwich
- 8 Educational visit - Yr R Science Museum
Educational visit - St Paul's
- 9 **KS2 Sports Day - MacMillan Stadium**
- 10 **Saturday School**
- 12 Year 6 residential to Devon
- 13 Educational visit Yr 4 Ben Franklin House

- 16 Educational visit - Yr 3 London Eye
Animal experience in school
Next newsletter
- 17 **Saturday School**

Highlights

Year 1 have taken a walk in the local area to develop their awareness of road safety.



Year 3 and an after school club have focussed on learning chess since January. They are learning to think strategically. Some of the children entered a competition at St Joachim's and enjoyed playing against the other teams.



Year 5 have developed their understanding of rivers with a field trip to Limehouse Basin.



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Year 5 enjoyed their visit to Holland with a lunch stop in Bruges.

The children spent a day in Amsterdam, visiting Ann Frank's House, the Van Gogh Museum and travelling on a canal boat.



Meeting the Dutch children from our partner schools in Best, was a highlight for everyone.



The children further added to their International Club learning by visiting Ypres and learning more about World War II.



Other children in Year 5 developed their knowledge of using a bike safely with training in school.



Now that SATS are over, Year 6 consolidated their knowledge of World War II with a visit to the Imperial War Museum.



Year 6 also explored Shell's Make the Future Live exhibition at the Queen Elizabeth Park.



We enjoyed listening to music and singing at our annual music concert to raise money for cancer research. The children performed well and we raised £695 for cancer research.



We attended the Diocesan Citizenship awards in Brentwood with our school and class citizens. Reese, our school citizen was presented with her award by Bishop Alan.



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Our class citizens were:



Sarah Omoregie
Jayden Kimuisi
Ronnie Mansfield
Stephenie Okoro

Andrew Antwi
Loverage Boakye
Lauryn Magwad
O'Dell Yiadom

We were delighted to be awarded the Silver Science Quality Mark, which recognises the wonderful science opportunities, investigations and learning that has taken place at St Helen's.

We were pleased to welcome a representative from the Toilet Twinning charity to a special assembly at St Helen's. Children from other Deanery schools also attended as we had all raised funds for the charity during our Citizenship focus.



The children were presented with a certificate as a thank you for raising over £2500 for this good cause.



We extend our thanks to all the children and staff that have worked so hard to achieve this award.

Children took part in the British Science Week Competition and completed scientific investigations outside of school which recognised a Change.

We ended our wonderful half term honouring Our Lady with our annual May Procession.



Reminders

Water

As the weather is getting warmer children need to drink plenty of water. Please give your child a bottle so they can top up with water during the day.



The winners present their investigations on Monday 19th June 2017 to St Helen's and St Joachim's and an external judge who will decide the overall winners.



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