



Newsletter 23rd June 2023

Dear parents and carers

This week has once again been full of excitement at St Hugh of Lincoln. We had a visit from Rabbi Zvi Solomons, who helped us to learn about the Jewish faith on Monday and we all watched the Big Refugee Live Assembly on Tuesday to help us appreciate what life is like for refugees. Our RE followers from Y4 and Y5 went to The Good Shepherd Mass at Arundel Cathedral on Thursday. Thank you to Emilia and Jermaine and Kane and Isla for representing our school so beautifully.

This week I am including a Sports Day update (for your information) and some important news about staffing changes for next year. Next Tuesday the children will have their transition afternoon when they will meet their new teachers.

God Bless
Mrs Grace
Head of School.



Curiosity Corner club on the field



Reception

Year R were amazing in their liturgy with Fr Nick this morning. They sang their hearts out and it was enjoyed by all the parents and siblings!

In RE we were talking about what we would do to prepare if Jesus was to come and visit. The children came up with fabulous ideas in their continuous provision..... A vehicle was made by David so that Jesus would be able to get around to visit all his people. A pancake was made by Pebble and Hattie with a sign of the cross on it.

Dens were made 'beautiful' for Jesus' arrival, Alessandro made his house with heart balloons around it to show Jesus that he loved him.

Mrs Grace came into our class to tell us what she does to be close to Jesus. The children loved hearing how she prays and goes to church and that being kind was the most important way to be close to Jesus.



Year 1

This week, the children were very excited to be able to do their science learning in the outdoor classroom. Throughout this term, we have been identifying different materials and objects within our school environment. All the children were able to identify and classify a range of materials and objects.



Year 2

This week Year 2 have been continuing their learning in Science-Feeding and Exercise. They really enjoyed sorting and classifying different foods that humans eat and deciding whether they were plant based, animal based or dairy based. They had a few surprises and challenges with some foods like cakes and honey, but after lots of discussion they were able to come up with the answers. Well done Year 2 for working together as scientists in your teams.



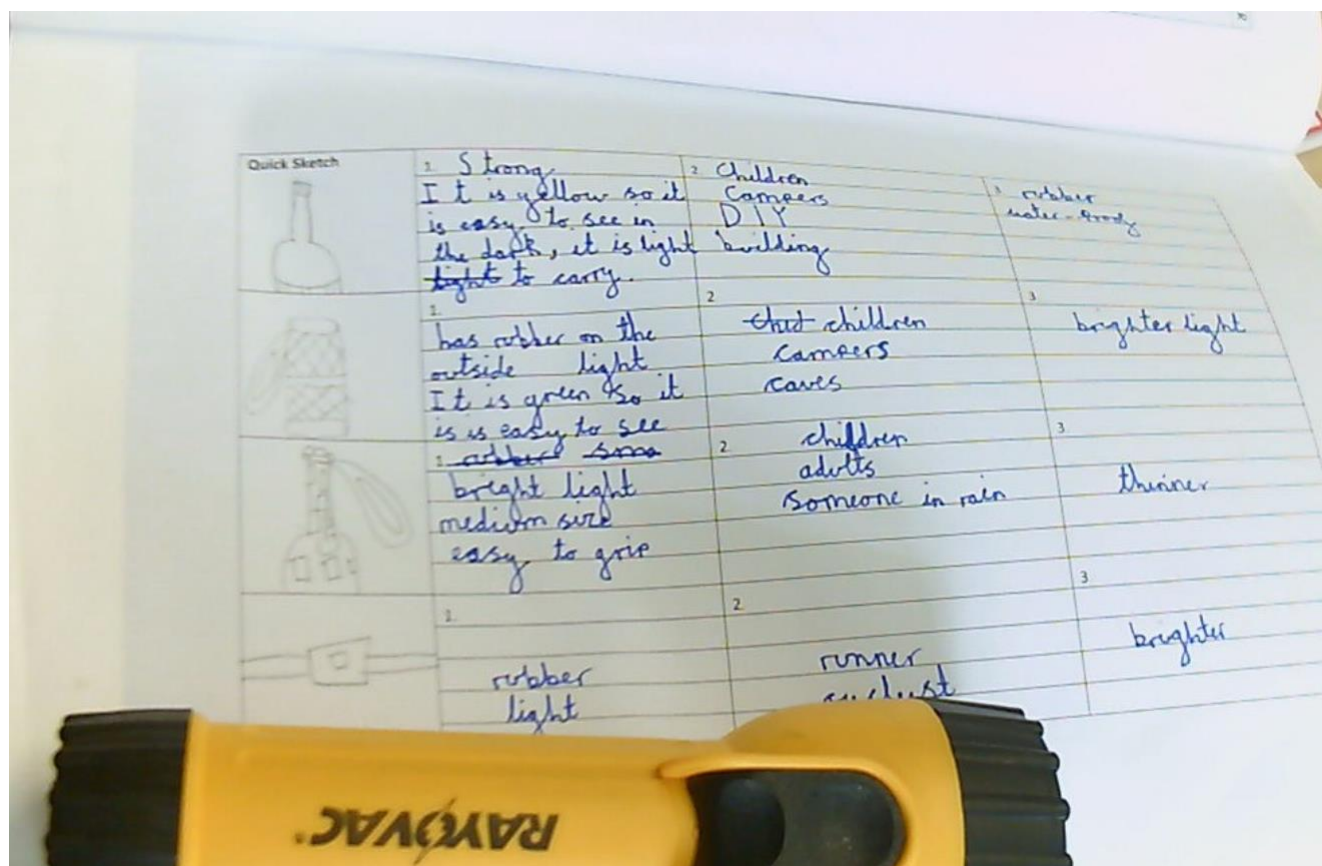
Year 3

In maths we have been learning about shape and angles. This week we constructed 3D shapes and thought about the properties of the shapes using the vocabulary, faces, vertices and edges. In art we are making sculptures inspired by Robert Morris and Anthony Caro. We have been learning different joining techniques.



Year 4

The year 4 children have been evaluating torches this week as part of their DT unit on torches. They had great fun identifying features of different types of torches and relating it to the need the user may have. Many that were brought in from home were waterproof, bright and easily carried. The children highlighted these features as being the most important when considering the situations a torch may be used in. They look forward to future lessons where they will be designing their torches based upon a set of criteria, they feel would meet a consumer's needs. This will involve creating their own circuits and switches. We were impressed with the great evaluative skills the children displayed throughout this lesson. Well done year 4!



Year 5

Year 5 this week worked on their team building and problem solving skills. The first activity they had to order themselves in order of their birthdays without talking and they completed it in an impressive 5 minutes. They then had coloured stickers on their heads and had to organise themselves into groups with the same colours as themselves without communicating. The final activity involved a box of random objects. One member of the team had a look in the box and acted out what the object was to the next team member who passed the information onto the final person who write down the list of all the objects. The adults found the acting out very amusing to watch! Fantastic team work year 5 - well done!



Year 6

On Wednesday, Year 6 went in a coach up to London. We went to the Houses of Parliament first and had an amazing tour. We got to go into the House of Lords and stand where they would have debates when looking to pass new bills. We also got to see where the King would enter when he opens parliament and reads the King's speech. After our tour, we had a debating workshop where we debated about whether we should have a 3-day weekend... we decided that a 3-day weekend should be law. It was lovely weather, so we decided to have lunch in the sun outside which was followed by a walk to Buckingham palace and then the national gallery. We had a great time but we're ready for bed after all the walking and sightseeing!







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Bee-lieve Foundation

On Thursday, we raised money to support young people and their families to deal positively with the challenges and trauma caused by mental health. Good luck to the teachers and pupils within the Xavier schools who are running The Lions Martian Race. Thank you for supporting The Bee-lieve Foundation.



Notices and Announcements

Staffing Update

Recruiting great teaching staff is becoming more and more difficult but we at St Hugh's have always been blessed to have such a strong and talented group of staff working with us. However, there comes a time in a teacher's career when it is naturally right to move on for all sorts of reasons whether it is for career progression or simply to be closer to home.

It is with great sadness that I announce the news that Miss Quinlan and Mrs Ashveer will be leaving St Hugh's at the end of this term. Exciting new opportunities await them both and we wish these two excellent teachers all the very best for their new appointments. However, I know that you will all agree when I say - we will miss you both!

Miss Quinlan has been an absolute pillar of support to our year 6 children for the past 2 years in all respects and Year 3 before that. A talented Maths teacher and a strong believer in every child she teaches, Miss Quinlan is loved and respected by all the children because she always works so hard to provide the very best learning opportunities for them to enjoy. We thank her for everything she has done over the years she has been with us and we wish her well as she progresses her career.

Mrs Ashveer is loved and respected by all the children she teaches. She is a very talented teacher and her passion for PE has made a huge impact on the PE curriculum which they have all enjoyed so much this year. We thank her for her hard work and dedication to our school over the last 3 years and wish her well in her new role.

I have already informed you of Mrs Rose's retirement at the end of the year but I would once again like to pay tribute to her for all her hard work and dedication to our school over the last 35 years. Thank you Mrs Rose!

Mrs Mahapatabendige will also be leaving us at the end of term. Congratulations to her on her exciting new role which she will be starting in September. Since September, she has been dedicated to supporting children in class and individually. She has worked extremely hard and had a huge impact on helping the children to improve their reading. We thank her for all her support this year and we wish her well.

Finally, Mrs Addison, who has been working with us as a Learning Support Assistant since February, is leaving today. He has been offered an exciting job opportunity with some overseas travel. We wish him well and thank him for all his hard work here.

On Tuesday 27th June, the children will be meeting their new class teachers when we have our transition afternoon.

Classes and teachers for September 2023

Welcome to our new teachers – Mrs Medina, Miss Thompson and Miss Russell.

Reception Class: Miss Scott/Mrs Barker

Year 1: Miss Bye

Year 2: Mrs Medina

Year 3: Mrs Wilmott (3 days)/Miss Wisdom (2 days)

Year 4: Miss Russell

Year 5: Miss Thompson

Year 6: Mr Davies/Miss Wisdom (1 day)

Sports Day:

Monday 26th June KS1 Track events and Thursday 29th June Track events:

KS1: 9am-10.45 approx KS2: 9am-11.30am approx

We are really looking forward to celebrating Sports Day and to having parents to spectate. After dropping your children at the KS1 pedestrian gate, please join us on the field. A parents' viewing section in the centre of the field will be created. You are welcome to bring a small fold up garden chair or similar and a small umbrella for shade, if needed. We politely ask that you stay in the designated area unless you need to use the toilet facilities in the Wraparound care unit. We do permit you to take photographs but please keep them for your own personal use and do not share on Social Media.

PE Uniform from September

Following feedback at our parent forum meeting in March and with the agreement of our Governors, from September our PE uniform will be as follows:

- Red uniform polo shirt or red polo shirt
- Black shorts
- Plain black jogging bottoms/black base layer leggings
- Red uniform sweatshirt or red uniform cardigan
- Trainers

We are hoping that this will reduce the number of different items of school uniform that you need to purchase as well as being a smarter look with consistency in colour of items worn.

St Hugh of Lincoln Music Evening

Further to the email sent by the school office on 9th May, we are delighted to write further regarding the Music concert to be held at St Hugh's on Thursday 6th July at 5pm, which we anticipate will be finished around 6pm. This concert will give those children that are receiving instrumental or vocal lessons the opportunity to perform in front of an audience. Performing can be a great confidence booster for children and it gives them a target to aim for. This concert is open to absolutely all abilities and will be an informal, relaxed and friendly affair. If your child is receiving lessons outside of school and would like to participate in the concert, please can you contact Mrs Evans (marie.evans@btinternet.com) to inform her of your interest.

Celebrating other Cultures

We would like to dedicate a section of our school library to the different languages which are spoken by our St Hugh community. If you have any picture books which are written in different languages, please could you donate them to our school library, so that the children can share the languages which they speak at home with their peers.



After school Club – Activity Fridays – Summer Term Deal

Each Friday for the rest of this term, we will be holding special activity sessions during After School Club at a reduced price of £6.50 for collection at 4.30pm to include a snack.

30th June – Clay pot making

7th July – Puppet making

14th July – Biscuit and cake decorating

Planet Soccer - Summer Camp Booking link

Planet Soccer are running a summer camp in the summer holidays on the 7th - 11th August.

<https://bookwhen.com/planetsoccercamps94#select=ev-sooj-20230807083000>

Dates for your Diary

26th June – Sports Day KS1 Track Events – parents invited (Morning: 9am)

27th June – Transition Day to SJB for Y6/Transition afternoon for rest of the school

29th June - Sports Day KS2 track Events – parents invited (Morning: 9am)

July

1st July – School/Parish Summer Fete at St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School

3rd July – Sports Day KS1 Track Events (Wet Weather alternative date) – parents invited

6th July – St Hugh of Lincoln Music Evening

10th July - Sports Day KS2 Track Events (Wet Weather alternative date) – parents invited

18th July – Year 6 Leavers' Mass 2pm

19th July – Year 6 BBQ 3.30-5pm

Last day of school: Friday 21st July 2023 (school day ends at 1pm)

Safeguarding contact reminder

We seek to provide a safe and happy environment for all children. This means that we have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place. If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversation heard, and report to Mrs Grace, Mrs Pickard or Mr Davies or dsl@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk as soon as possible the same day.

