



Newsletter 3rd February 2023

Dear Parents and carers,

Another busy and exciting week at St Hugh's is at an end and once again, an enormous amount of learning has been going on.

This week we heard in the Gospel, Jesus' Sermon on the Mount where He describes to the disciples the qualities and experiences that will lead to a person being rewarded or blessed by God. This list of blessings are known as the Beatitudes. This linked nicely to our focus on British values as we reflected on Holocaust Memorial Day. We thought particularly about the unfairness of discrimination of any sort particularly the racism suffered by the Jewish people in Nazi Germany and other occupied countries during World War 2. Unfortunately being pure of heart, merciful, persecuted or a peace-maker doesn't always lead to instant happiness; being holy is hard work! However, like all good things that come through hard work, the blessings that come from sustained efforts to be holy, are well worth it in the long run.

A particular highlight this week was the visit of Sharon Girling OBE. Sharon is an absolute mine of information on anything to do with online safety. She spoke to the children in their year groups and ran a workshop for parents which was very well received. She made some interesting observations while she was here and I have attached her letter to me to this newsletter as I think you will find it interesting.

Have a great weekend! God Bless!
Mrs Grace



Reception

Reception have been exploring the book, *Handa's Surprise*. They have been using clues from the story and photographs of the amazing landscapes and wildlife to compare this part of Kenya with life here in the UK.

Additionally, the children have been inspired by the Italian artist, Giuseppe Arcimboldo. They have created their own fabulous portraits using just fruits and vegetables!

Can you help?

Reception are looking to find someone who could come in to speak to the children about how to look after their teeth and gums. Do you have any links with a dental practice? Are you a dentist, dental nurse or hygienist and would you be happy to come and speak to our children? We would be so grateful if you could contact the school office with any help that you can offer. Many thanks!



Year 1

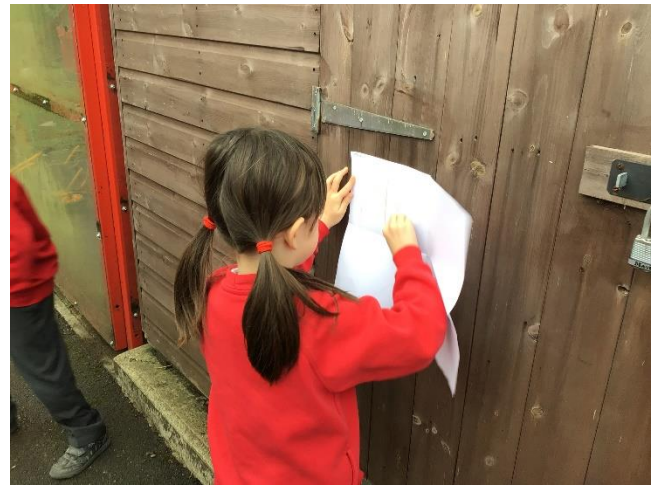
On Wednesday, we visited the Lightbox and listened to an interesting talk from Sharon Gurling about online safety. At the Lightbox we toured two of the galleries to search for stories within the pieces of art. This inspired our own story making skills and in groups we then made individual puppets. A big thank you to our parent helpers who accompanied us on the trip and to Mr O'Donovan who drove the class in the school minibus. Once we were back at school, we learnt about the four top tips of staying safe on the internet.

1. People we don't know are strangers.
2. Be kind and nice to people on our devices.
3. Keep our information safe.
4. If we get a 'funny tummy' feeling you should tell a grown-up we trust.



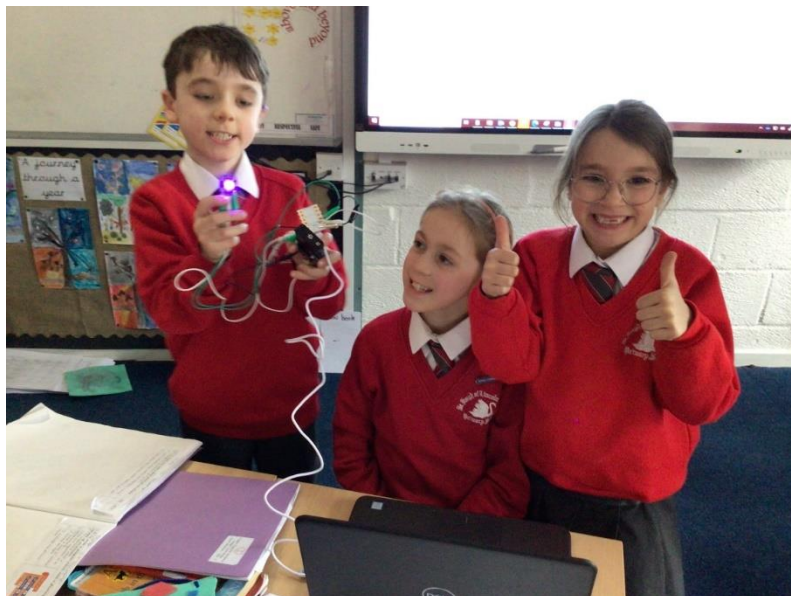
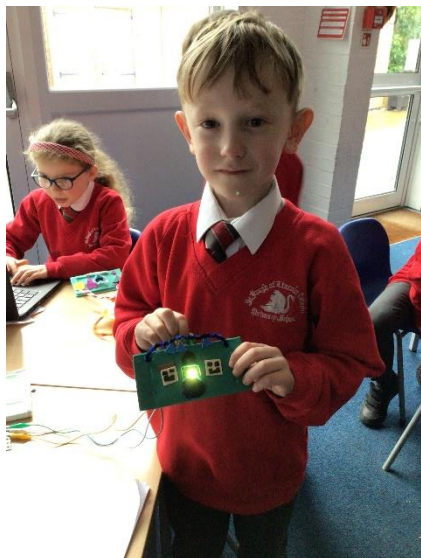
Year 2

Year 2 have been out and about on a Texture Hunt for their Art lesson. They were able to describe colours and choose materials to create a texture. Afterwards they went exploring outside as Texture Detectives to find different surfaces. Next time they will be using all their textures that they found and created to make a collage.



Year 3

Year 3 have been working hard in DT this half term learning about the impact the digital revolution has had on product design. We have been creating eCharms. We used a template to make a pouch for our eCharm and decorated it to appeal to a specific user. Then this week we had a very exciting lesson writing a programme to make an LED light flash different colours as part of our eCharm. Next week we will be thinking about point of sale displays for our eCharms.



Year 4

The year 4 children had great fun on their trip to Sayers Croft as part of their Geography learning on rivers and the water cycle. They began the day by completing an orienteering task whereby they needed to look for landmarks and follow clues to unscramble words for a word search. After that, they took part in a water cycle game that helped them practically remember each stage of the process. Shortly after this they journeyed to a nearby stream to complete a river sketch, study and pollution investigation. Many of them found lots of animals within the stream which proved the water had little pollution present. The day finished with them building a shelter out of natural resources. All commented on what a fantastic day they had, with many wanting to stay for longer. We were proud of their excellent behaviour and particular the teamwork they demonstrated throughout the day. Well done year 4!



Sports News

Was a great afternoon of football for the year 5 and 6 mixed football team, winning two games and losing just one. We have now won 3 of our 4 league matches. The boys all played so well and supporting each other both on and off the pitch.



School Council

This week, the School Council met to explore how we can maximise use of our beautiful new Creation Garden in our school... watch this space for how their super ideas will be actioned over the next few weeks!



Medicine/Cream/Lotions

Please note that the school is happy to administer any medication that has been prescribed by your child's doctor and is prescribed to be taken during the school day. The medication needs to be supplied in the original packaging and accompanied with a completed medical permissions form. These forms can be found on our website and paper copies are available from the school office. Please administer any other medicines, creams or lotions before your child comes to school. Many thanks.

SEND Coffee Morning

Thank you to the parents who attended the SEND Coffee afternoon. It was really useful to get parents' views on how we can improve the school experience for our children with additional needs.

We are currently working on how we can improve our practice and the school environment for children with Neurodiversity. If you have any ideas, please email our school Special Needs Coordinator Mrs. Pickard.

If you have a child with additional needs, the Surrey Local Offer page is a great place to look for support for parents. Please click on the link below for more information:

[Surrey Local Offer](#)

For Home Learning Phonics/Early Reading Read Write Inc. - Virtual Classroom films

Please see below the links for each phonics group to complete at home. Please set aside 10 minutes to watch the film with your child at least three times a week. Please find a quiet space for your child to watch the film on a laptop or tablet. Please praise your child as he/she joins in with the lesson.

Reception- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/9ivOZinT/OPgOFzDI> and <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/fzzA0Kem/sFopz1gi>

Reception Mrs Iles' Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/m6m6mrAG/qXXJ1oYz>

Purple Group-<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/JqylhqCe/0cYpHd1M>

Pink Group-<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/l3YDWkpF/nV1b5zG0>

Orange Group-<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/BrleuL3c/X2C21f2C>

Yellow

Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/RtoPxWMW/h4rVAZyZ> and <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/laZgJ24F/xReUIpC6>

Blue

Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/NOKGSkF6/6NmpO5Im> and <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/DmghKUZ0/ih8mkNRh>

Dates for your Diary

February

10th February Friday – Break up for Half term – normal time 3.15pm

20th March Monday – Return to school

15th March Wednesday – INSET Day

March

2nd March – World Book Day – activities to be announced and special lunch on **3rd March**

9th March Thursday - Y4 Class Mass 9.00am

23rd March Thursday – Y3 Class Mass 9.00am

21st and 23rd March - Parent Consultation Meetings – on School Cloud 3.30pm-6.00pm

Friday 31st March – End of Spring Term – early finish 1.00pm

Reception Learn and Share sessions:

Please arrive at 2.45 via the main entrance (by the office) where you can collect your child from their YR classroom to share their learning with you in the school hall. The session will finish by 3.15.

Friday 10th February 2023

Friday 26th May 2023

Class Masses

We are delighted to announce that Class Masses will begin again in the Spring Term. They will be celebrated by either Fr Rob or Fr Nick and parents of the children in the class are invited to attend. Here are the dates:

Y5 Mass Thurs 9th Feb @9.00am in hall CANCELLED

Y4 Mass Thurs 9th Mar @9.00am in hall

Y3 Mass Thurs 23rd Mar @9.00am in hall

Y2 Liturgy Thurs 27th Apr @9.00am in hall

Y1 Liturgy Thurs 25th May @9.00am in hall

YR Liturgy Thurs 22nd June @9.00am in hall

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.

