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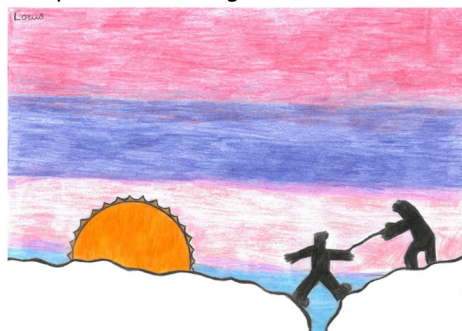
## Newsletter 10 November 2023



We have had a busy but exciting start to Term 2. We have already had sporting matches, (some of which you can read about further on in the newsletter), a Teds day and visits from Bob Ogley and Kent Wildlife. I know there are also many more exciting trips, visits and events happening over the next few weeks including 'Bedtime Story Day' next Tuesday and the book fair visit.

Our visit from Kent Wildlife links to the work we are doing on improving the school grounds. Staff from Kent Wildlife will be working with us to make our grounds as nature friendly as they can be. They will be working alongside our eco-committee in completing this project.

At the beginning of the year, I set the children the task of creating us a picture that could symbolise 'The Good Samaritan' that we could use across the school. There were some amazing pictures and after a long deliberation, the winning picture was the one drawn by Louis in Year 5. Well done Louis. This is his picture, which will be printed on a larger scale and used across the school.



Mrs Pullan

It is with a heavy heart that I share some incredibly sad news with you. Unfortunately, after her diagnosis of cancer last year, Mrs Mhairi Mackelworth sadly passed away on Tuesday evening. I am sure those of you who were lucky enough to have had children taught by Mhairi will remember her as such a dedicated, caring, enthusiastic teacher who supported each and every child she taught; they truly thrived with her.

Not only was she a great teacher, Mhairi was a treasured colleague who had an amazing sense of humour, appreciated by all those who worked with her. Mhairi also had such a positive outlook on life- she was not going to give up and I know over the last year she spent valued time with friends and family making cherished memories that would last forever.



We keep Mhairi's family, her husband and 4 children in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Mhairi we were lucky to know you and experience first hand your specialness. Your memory will be with us always at St John's.

May you rest in peace.

### Prayer

Dear God,  
Thank you for  
our many  
positive  
memories. Be  
with those who  
have sad  
memories at this  
time of year and  
help us to make  
the world a  
better and safe  
place.

Amen



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### TEDs day at St John's

You may have heard that Willy Wonka sent us a message on Thursday 2nd November, he said:

*St. John's children, you are all such amazing scientists I hear. I desperately need your help. Something is happening in my factory and so many things are going wrong.*

*Can you use your science skills to help me?*

EACH CLASS HAD A PROBLEM TO SOLVE.



Reception – Can you unfreeze the chocolate river?

Year 1 – How can you grow a gummy bear?

Year 2 – Which material is the “stretchiest” fabric to make dungarees for the Oompa Loompas?

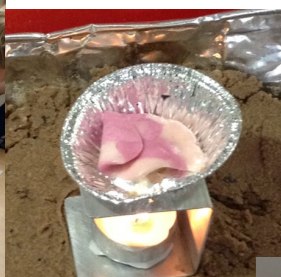
Year 3 – Willy Wonka wants to rebuild his Starburst wall. Which rock will be the strongest?

Year 4 – How can Willy Wonka make ice cream without a freezer?

Year 5 – Willy Wonka is designing a new suspension bridge across the river.

He is using strawberry ices. Which is the strongest lace?

Year 6 – How can we transport the chocolate eggs along the river?



A great day was had by all! Thank you Mrs Casewell for organising such a fun day for the children.

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### Year 3 visit Butser

On Tuesday 17th October, Year 3 stepped back in time with a trip to Butser to link with their learning about the Stone age. A great day was had by all!



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### Mr Gent Braved the Shave!

I'm sure you will have heard that on Wednesday, Mr Gent 'Braved the shave' and after 30 years, had his hair shaved off! So far he has raised £314.92 for school - THANK YOU Mr Gent!



### Special mentions—Week beginning 30th October



**Year 1** — Sophia for her excellent scientific knowledge, enthusiasm and ability to explain her theories whilst experimenting

**Year 2** — Deya, for persevering in her investigation to discover that tin foil could not stretch at all without breaking.

**Year 3** — Edie for showing maturity and scientific curiosity when completing her experiment and concentrating on the task.

**Year 4** — Amazing teamwork on TEDS day! Congratulations to Seb, Huey, Candle and Sadie for using their compromise and negotiation skills learnt in OAA and OHSE to come to a mutual agreement, Excellent Science collaboration.

**Year 5** — The whole of Year 5 for excellent teamwork in discovering the strongest strawberry lace. Super scientific knowledge and thinking from Max H, Max S, Zeena and Louis

**Year 6** — Well done Year 6- Cargo Kings and Queens- some great teamwork. Invention, imagination and co-operation. Congratulations to Mei, Violet and Mysha for transporting 13 chocolate robins BUT special congratulations to Amber, Mya and Emily for their outstanding teamwork and resilience.

*Well done to you all!*

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### Special mentions—Week beginning 6th November



**Year 1** — Aoife for always trying your best in everything you do and for being extra supportive to your peers who may find things a little tricky.

**Year 2** — Darcie, you have made fantastic decisions with your learning this week. We are really proud of this positive step- Keep up the excellent work Darcie!

**Year 3** — Margot for acting with maturity and showing a curiosity to learn more in every subject.

**Year 4** — Matilda C for taking responsibility for picking up litter on the playground and really caring for our environment, helping to spread the eco-committee message.

**Year 5** — Huey for super scientific knowledge about Earth and space and using evidence to answer questions.

**Year 6** — Albert for showing and acting on his curiosity when carrying out independent research on the Mayans in History. Well done.

*Well done to you all!*

### Dates for your diary

#### November

14.11.23 — Bedtime Story Day (All classes)  
 14.11.23 — Book Fair  
 14.11.23 — Year 6 Swimming  
 15.11.23 — Table Tennis Tournament (selected team)  
 16.11.23 — Open Morning  
 16.11.23 — Film Night  
 17.11.23 — Children In Need Day wear something Spotty with uniform  
 17.11.23 — 09:00 Year 4 AOW Parents invited  
 21.11.23 — Year 6 Swimming  
 23.11.23 — Year 5 Science Museum Trip  
 24.11.23 — Panto Reception & KS1  
 24.11.23 — 09:00 Year 6 AOW — Parents invited  
 24.11.23 — Futsal competition (selected team)  
 27.11.23 — Girls Football tournament (selected team)  
 28.11.23 — Year 6 Swimming  
 28.11.23 — Football match (selected team)  
 30.11.23 — Flu vaccinations

#### December

02.12.23 — PTA Christmas Fair  
 04.12.23 — Year 3 Visit Vine Baptist Church  
 04.12.23 — Basketball tournament (selected team)  
 05.12.23 — Open Morning  
 05.12.23 — Year 6 Swimming  
 13.12.23 — KS2 Carol Concert  
 13.12.23 — Nativity  
 15.12.23 — Last day of term  
**Finish at 13:30**

#### 2024 Advance notice!

26.06.24 — Sports Day  
 27.06.24 — Back up Sports Day

You can find all of the dates for your diary and further information on the [School Calendar](#).



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