



St John's CE Primary School

Newsletter 20 March 2024



We have been thinking a lot about things that make us go 'Wow!' or 'That's Amazing!'. We talked about things like amazing views from windows in Seville, Rainbows, Dolphins swimming in the ocean and climbing mountains.

We have also had many events in school over the last few weeks that have also made us go 'Wow!' or 'That's Amazing!'. We had a visit from the firemen, Book Day with wonderful costumes, a trip to the bookshop, a workshop from Gary Northfield, Carrotty Wood and STEM Day to name a few! You can read more about these events in this newsletter.

I look forward to sharing some more 'Wow' moments with you over the final two weeks of this term!

Mrs Pullan

A very special visit!



Ellis in Squirrel Class worked with Mrs Simpson to write a letter to Sevenoaks Fire Station asking some questions about what they do.

They wrote a letter back and delivered it in person! The firefighters showed the whole class the fire engine in the car park.

We saw where they kept the hoses, the water tank and they told us about some of the important tools they might need to use to knock down doors and cut through cars.

As they drove away we all covered our ears as they sounded the sirens!

This visit worked perfectly with our topic of 'Superheroes' as we got to meet some in real life!



Prayer:

Dear God

Be with us when we experience the same emotions that we see in Jesus, when we feel amazement, compassion or anger. May we grow through them with you alongside us.

Amen

Dates for your diary

March

21.03.24 — year 2 Infant Agility, Knole Academy

22.03.24 — PTA Bunny Hop Disco

27.03.24 — 09.30 Easter Service

28.03.24 — Last day of Term 4 (*please note this falls on a Thursday, school finishes at 13:30 and there is no ASC provision*)

April

15.04.24 — INSET DAY

16.04.24 — First Day of Term 5

18.04.24 — Year 1 Infant Agility, Knole Academy



19.04.24 — Year 3, Egyptian Day

23.04.24 — Year 3 Swimming starts

23.04.24 — 24.04.24 Year 3 and 4 Parent Consultations

25.04.24 — Year 1 trip to Kent Life

May

15.05.24 — 17.05.24 Year 5 PGL Residential

24.05.24 — Year 3 Act of Worship

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

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World Book Day

Reception and Year one started their week with a visit to Sevenoaks Bookshop where they listened to a story and were able to spend their World Book Day voucher - some chose a fact book, some went for a dinosaur book, some selected a classic Elmer story and all seemed happy with their new reading materials!



On Book Day, Gary Northfield, author and illustrator, gave all the children a wonderful workshop. He talked about what had inspired him to become an author and showed some of the comics he used to read and the first comics he had made when he was at school. He taught the children how to draw one of his characters - a 'lovely pirate'.

The work the children produced was very impressive and showed how anyone can design their own characters and stories.

The children had a go at using these skills in the classroom with comic strips to explain the water cycle, to retell tradition tales and to warn of the dangers of plastic pollution.

The graphic novel section is now open in the library with a range of books for all the children to enjoy and be further inspired!

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Love 2 Dance at The Stag

On Wednesday 13th March, the dance club participated in Love 2 Dance at The Stag theatre. Since October they have been working hard learning two dances; Into Wonderland and Day Dreaming.

They performed on the stage at The Stag in front of over 400 people and did magnificently. They all remembered their steps, stage positions and to keep smiling throughout. Although there were no winners they should all be very proud of themselves—well done!



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Celebrating our children's success



On Sunday 3rd March **Emily** took part in the Kent Plate Tournament in Folkestone as part of the Sevenoaks U10 Girls Development team.

They did brilliantly to come joint 3rd with Canterbury, bringing home a bronze medal.

Emily was a key member of the team playing mainly in midfield and filling in in defence when needed. Well done Emily!

Mats, Rory and Erskine played for Sevenoaks Hockey Club in the U10 Kent Hockey Competition in Folkestone on 3rd March 2024.

Mats' team competed in the Kent Cup Tournament. They won all of their games thanks to some brilliant goals from Mats, winning the Kent Cup, and now go through to the regional finals!

Rory and Erskine's team competed in the Kent Plate Tournament. They won their group, won the semi-final and drew in the final with some amazing assists from Erskine and some fantastic saves by Rory in goal. The final went to penalty flicks and sudden-death where they were pipped to the post by Knole Park coming second in the competition. Well done all!



It was the Kent Cup hockey tournament hosted at Marden Hockey Club on Sunday 17th March and **Lottie** and her Sevenoaks U12 girls team managed to come 2nd out of 16 teams.

Congratulations Lottie on your Silver medal!

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Sports update: Basketball



On Monday 4th March the Year 5 Basketball team played 3 matches. They came up against Anthony Roper and although the score line does not show it we ended up losing 20-10.

Then we played Amherst, where everyone was 'super tall' (according to the children!). This was a closer game and after some good shooting from Harrison and Mats we only lost 14-10.

Finally we played Otford and with some brilliant shooting from Ashley, Mats and Harrison, we narrowly lost 14-10.

Mr Bull said how well the team played and they should be proud of themselves. Good effort team!



St John's Sports are kindly supported by Robert Draper Removals and Storage

Year 3: Fly the Flag

On Monday 11th March, Year 3 had the honour of attending the Sevenoaks council's Fly the Flag for Armed Forces Day ceremony. We met the Mayor of Sevenoaks, listened to a speech from King Charles and paid our respects as the Sea Cadets hoisted the flag up the flagpole. We even made the paper!



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Special mentions—Week beginning 26 February



Reception — Charlie, for always showing enthusiasm, confidence and perseverance in all that you do.

Year 1 — Abigail, for her great improvement in handwriting and increased focus on the carpet.

Year 2 — Flora, for being a kind and thoughtful friend in PE. When it came to working in pairs and small groups, you were happy to work with everyone. What a role model!

Year 3 — Romilly, for behaving with maturity and showing others the right thing to do.

Year 4 — Iris, for your thoughtful questions and insightful answers in all lessons. You are an active learner, always doing your best!

Year 5 — Ivan, for consistently working hard across all subjects!

Year 6 — Sam, for always being on time and ready to learn. It is so appreciated.

Well done to you all!

Special mentions—Week beginning 04 March



Reception — Ariana, for showing so much more confidence in all activities and making friends in your class.

Year 1 — Ayla, for her amazing progression in reading. Keep it up!

Year 2 — Christina for her absolute love of books and dedication to reading which show in her fabulous writing.

Year 3 — Melina, for putting a smile on everyone's faces with your fantastic positive attitude and sense of humour.

Year 4 — Moses, for showing great enthusiasm across all subjects. Thank you for being willing to share your ideas and knowledge with the class.

Year 5 — Freya E.G, for working extremely hard with Mrs Old and persevering with 'tricky' calculations.

Year 6 — Luca R, for sharing knowledge of his faith with his classmates. Thank you Luca for teaching us so much.

Well done to you all!

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