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Our Year 6 have spent several weeks completing their final preparations in the lead-up to their SATs. Staff have been working hard to identify any gaps in knowledge and provide additional support when required. Throughout the run-up to this week, the children have demonstrated amazing learning behaviours, dedication and positive attitudes. Their determination to do their best is wonderful to see. Our children care; they are resilient and keen to challenge themselves. We are all immensely proud of them and the efforts they have put into their learning; they all deserve to do well. However, although the SATs are important, they only demonstrate a fraction of what makes our children so special. The short poem below reminds us of that:

SATs don't measure music, or the kindness in your heart.

SATs don't see your beauty, SATs don't know your worth,

SATs don't see the reasons you were put upon this earth.

SATs don't see your magic, how you make others smile,

SATs don't time how quickly you can run a mile.

SATs don't hear your laughter, or see you've come this far,

SATs are just a tiny glimpse of who you really are.

So sitting at your table, with a pencil and your test,

Remember SATs aren't who you are, remember you're the best.

Our Year 6 children still have many exciting learning opportunities to come before the summer holidays. As I write this, they are currently on their residential trip with Year 5, our sports days, our secondary transition days, our leavers production, our Careers Week, and our Summer Fayre and Leavers disco.

The summer term is definitely our favourite!

Mr B

Spotlight On Inspire... Enrich... Achieve...



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

May

Monday 6th Bank Holiday Monday 27th-Friday 31st Half Term

Weds 22nd— Fri 24th Year 5/6 residential to

Kingswood

June

Saturday 15th WASP's School Fete

Wednesday 19th Sports Day

Thursday 27th Reserve Sports Day

Friday 28

July

Tuesday 9th 2.00 pm Yr 6 Leavers

service

to parents

School closes Wednesday

10th July

August

School opens Tuesday 27th August

ATTENDANCE

Each week we like to say well done to the class with the best attendance

29/4/24	Zebras	99.23%
6/5/24	Polar Bears	100.00%
13.5.24	Polar Bears	100.00%

There will be an afternoon off timetable with a picnic and snacks for the class with the best attendance at the end of this term.

Overall attendance 96.5 %

It would be great if we could reach 97% by the end of term.

See back page for our attendance 'name the bear' competition.

Did you know that children as young as 6 'begin eliminating potential careers, jobs and interests based on who they perceive themselves to be'? (Gottfredson PsychNet2002)

At St Peter's we want to encourage children to

reach for the stars!

Can you help?

If you are able to come into school to talk to small groups of children about your education and/or job please contact the office, your child's class teacher or Mrs Howard via Dojo. We hope to get as many volunteers from as many backgrounds as possible.

Your support is greatly appreciated:-)

At St Peter's, our Christian values underpin the ethos and whole life of our school:

"In everything treat others the same way you want them to treat you" Matthew 7-12

♥ Thankfulness ♥ Friendship ♥ Justice ♥ Forgiveness ♥ Trust ♥ Hope ♥ Compassion ♥ Respect ♥

Mrs Howard's Books of the month:

Visit booktrust.org.uk for more in-



Pink Trucks

Author: Sam Clarke Illustrator: Corey Reid

Publisher: Five Quil Interest age: 4-6 Reading age: 6+

Sink is a massive fan of trucks, but he realises he has none that are pink. Rebelling against the normal "colour rules" he decides to build himself a brilliantly pink truck.



The Wrong Shoes

Author: Tom Percival
Publisher: Simon & Schuster
Interest age: 9-11
Reading age: 9+

Will and his dad don't have much, and when there's the chance to make easy money, Will must make a difficult decision. Moving and gritty, this is a fantastic read.



Betty Steady and the Toad Witch

Author: Nicky Smith-Dale Illustrator: Sarah Horne Publisher: Farshore Interest age: 6-8

Betty Steady is the fiercelyindependent guardian of the kingdom of Wobbly Rock. When she's captured by the Toad Witch, Betty's eccentric friends come to the rescue, and she's surprised to discover that teamwork can be fun. This magical adventure is fast-paced, funny and utterly bonkers.

WASPs News

Reading age: 7+

SUMMER FAIR 15TH JUNE

Teddy Bears and unwanted sealed gifts needed for our Summer Fair 15th June please.

We have so many exciting stalls booked on to our summer fair, please follow our Facebook page to keep up to date with all our events— wasps—St Peters Primary School.

Please consider joining WASPs

We really need more parents/carers to join wasps to ensure we can continue the legacy of the charity. If you are interested in joining our small friendly team please email waspspta@hotmail.com for further details. All volunteering works around your family.

Healthy Eating

Eating fruit keeps the Dr away

Maisy and Sophia are champions of eating fruit.

We love fruit because it has lots of fibre, is good for everyone's immune system and heart amongst other things. It tastes really nice.

Although fruit has lots of sugar it is all natural sugars.

We encourage all pupils to try and eat a healthy fruit snack at break and at home.

Remember sweets are bad for your teeth and should only be eaten as a treat. By Maisy Bevans & Sophia Turlington.



Music News Guitar lessons

We are so proud of our group of children who take guitar lessons. We have had such positive feed back from Mr Rowley re their enthusiasm, sense of humour and behavior during lessons. We look forward to when the showcase their skills next half term in an assembly.





St Peter's newshounds...

Thank you for your wonderful entries for our Spring Poetry Competition.

First place winners are:

Elsie in Year 6

Emilia in Year 4

Teide in Year 3

Isabelle in EYFS.

Second place prizes go to:

Alayah and Alfie in Year 3

Emilia in Year 6

We will give you your prizes in the first assembly back after half term.

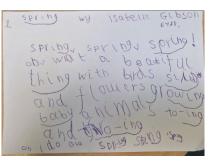
In June, we are holding a Summer Picture competition. You can create a picture using any materials that you want to, to represent Summer. There will be a prize for the winner and certificates for the runners up. Don't forget to put your name and class on the back. The deadline is Monday 24th June.

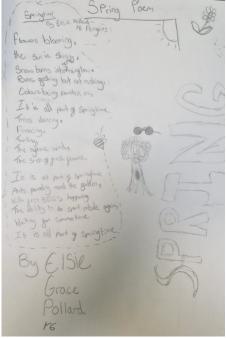






By Megan Catherall and Lydia Pennington





Learning in school and out...

Year 6

Year 6 have a busy final half term coming up.

They have had an amazing time their residential at Kingswood and approached all of the activities with a sense of fun and adventure.

After thinking hard over half term, during the week after half term, we will be having a mini-enterprise week with the children making gifts to sell at the Summer Fair (June 15th). They will be in small groups and given £5 for materials (and any other bits from home and school) and then make the products – the question will be: Who can raise the most money from the original £5? Please come along and support us.

We will also begin rehearsal for our end of year production "What a Knight!" (A Musicline Production) which we will be performing on June 28th in the afternoon and July 1st in the evening.

We also have our Leaver's Disco on July 4th.





We have a challenge for you!

The week after half term, we will be running a Mini-Enterprise week in Year 6.

groups to make gifts that you can sell at the Summer Fair on Saturday 15th June.

We will be giving each group £5.00 for materials. You can also use any resources that you have at home or that we have in school. How much money can you make?

Some things that children have made in the past:

- decorated candles e.g. decorating cheap, plain candles with glitter, beads or stickers Stress balls e.g. balloons filled with flour
- on them and wool for hair
- rubber band bouncy balls friendship bracelets bookmarks
- keyrings
- tea light jars e.g. glass paintin
- tie dve socks







parents, carers, grandparents, older brothers, sisters and cousins and come up with ideas of what you might make.

We look forward to hearing your ideas and staring to plan on Monday





Well done to all of Year 6 (and all the members of staff who have helped) who have worked brilliantly during SATs week!

Re Ambassadors







Our RE Ambassadors—Alyssa, Jacob, George, Belle, Elsie and Freya—have been busy giving out their value of the week stickers and have also been decorating rocks to create a values display in the hall.

We have met to discuss their opinions about how we can improve the school site and make links with the local com-

munity. The Blaby Branching Out scheme will be supporting us to plant trees to fill the gap at the top of our field, 'club' trees to make the bottom KS1 playground less shady and slippery and planting a fruit tree reading and reflection circle on the field along with non-thorny blackberry bushes along the top KS1 playground. We then plan to pick fruit and make jam, hopefully with some of our elderly neighbours in the community. If you have links with any elderly people who you think would like to take part or are an expert jam-maker, please get in touch.





School Council

A man called Hussain came in to talk to us about becoming wellbeing ambassadors. We have been talking about what we want to focus on this term and have decided we are going to focus on kindness. Next half term, we are going to be looking out for children in the school showing kindness and will be giving out stickers when we see it. If you see someone in your class being kind, come and tell one of the school council and we will be able to give them a sticker. By Alfie and Jasmine

Have you seen our new garden?







"Throughout the course of May, we have worked very hard to transform a small, weed covered potato patch into a beautiful, spectacular edible garden. So far, we have potted and planted; Beetroot, Chillies, Strawberries, Rosemary, Lavender, Thyme, Tomatoes, Mint, Chives and Sunflowers. We have also planted a 1 meter square for pollinating insects - especially bees! We will keep you updated on the progress of our planting in the next newsletter. Big thanks to Mr Stone for helping to clear the patch for us. Sue, Lydia, Scarlett and Miss Meadowcroft"

Animals visit St Peter's

EYFS and KS1 were all very excited by our visitors last week! We handled various creatures including a frog, tortoise, gecko, rat, hedgehog, bearded dragon and even a snake! All the children learnt facts about each animal such as where they live, what they eat and how to look after them. We also classified the animals and described what they were like to touch. All the children were very brave (although Mrs Herbert didn't hold the snake!) Back in class we drew our favourite creature and discussed what their habitats are like and where in the world they live.







HALF TERM CHALLENGE

Name the bear

Meet our new Attendance Bear...

What do you think he's called?



He is going to sit in the winning class each week.

We would like you to draw him and give him a name.

the winner will get a certificate with a photo and a prize, their name in the newsletter, help to dress the bear and make him a lanyard as well as take him to his new class each week.

Good luck!



Entries by Friday 7th June please.



Breakfast and After School Club

Shining Stars offers breakfast and afterschool club provision for children who attend St Peters School. Club is run by Miss Meadowcroft, assisted by Mrs Shenton and Mr Dowling. We have a dedicated classroom where we encourage children to be inquisitive to the world around them through themed sessions, arts and crafts, role play, outdoor play, board games, IT and child led free play sessions.

Sessions are delivered in the morning from 7.30am to 8.45am. All attendees are provided with breakfast and Infants are escorted to their classes ready for the start of the day. Afternoon session have two time slots available to support parents. Both start at 3.15pm with infants being collected from their classrooms and escorted to provision. The first evening session ends at 4.45pm, with the extended session available until 6.00pm. Snack food and drink is provided in these afterschool sessions and includes (but is not limited to): Hot dogs, Pasta, Pizza, Sandwiches, etc. Places are available for all children from Reception to year 6.

Bookings.

All bookings should be made in advance via the ParentPay app / online.

For parents who use shining star provision, please check to see if you qualify for tax-free childcare. As a childcare provider we are all 'signed up' so you could save £2 for every £10 in fees paid, if you register. As payment cannot be made via ParentPay, please advise the office if you register so we can amend our records.

https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare

for any enquiries please contact: shiningstars@stpeters.embracemat.org or telephone 07906 078654

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Monster Madness update...

In the last newsletter we told you about the Monster Madness competition that the Shining Stars children entered in association with Young Artists. We are very pleased to announce that of the many entries of the children's work that were submitted; 20 of the pieces of artwork were selected to be published in the forthcoming book. We are now waiting to hear if one of the pieces of artwork submitted by the Shining Stars children will be selected to grace the front cover... Watch this space! Well done to all of the children that took part we are very proud of you.



Stars of the Week.

★ Each week we recognise the successes of those who attend club. This term, the following children have received a certificate for their fantastic contribution to ★ club or for demonstrating school values:

Savannah (2) / Isabella (4) / Elias (2) / Kelsie (6) / Beth (3) / Poppy (1) / Oliver (3) / Olivia (1) / Remi (1)

★ Congratulations to you all.

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This month in club the children have planted various different seeds to plant in the garden. They have done a great job looking after and tending to them.

We have also learned the art of quilling. Quilling involves the use of strips of paper that are rolled, shaped, and glued together to create decorative designs.

The children have also been doing a LOT of bead craft!

