



St Peter's Newsletter

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Head Teacher

Dear Parents

This half term is flying by but there have been so many exciting and rewarding events that have happened so far. This newsletter celebrates the hard work and achievements of the children. We are looking forward to welcoming our new pupils next week who will join their class and meet their teacher for next year. We will be encouraging our current year 6 pupils to embrace all the opportunities that lie ahead in their next schools as they have inductions next week.

The Carnival is tomorrow! Thank you to everyone involved—it is always a great day .

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Summer Fair on Saturday 6th July—it's always such a brilliant event. Thank you to everyone who is currently involved in the planning.

Sarah Dunning
Head Teacher

St Peter's@TES Schools Awards – London

A group of 10 staff members attended the finalists' awards ceremony in London last Friday. It was an inspiring and

event which celebrated the good work of all schools around the world. We were finalists for the International sector. We didn't win but felt very privileged to have been shortlisted and invited to attend. The competition was tough and included: secondaries, independents, specialist settings and international schools. The evening included a speech from Damian Hinds, the Education Secretary, a lifetime award for the late Baroness Warnock and a tribute to the work of the NSPCC. Many of the schools attending were from schools in areas of deprivation who are finding creative ways to overcome challenges. It was fascinating to hear about the work that other schools are doing to promote learning in diverse areas such as sustainability, diversity and inclusion. We felt proud to be there representing St Peter's and to see the school's achievements recognised at such a high level.

Your child may have told you that earlier in the week, they had ice lollies and an extended lunch time to mark the occasion.

(Pictures overleaf)

Does anyone have the skills to create a short video clip?

We would like to have a short clip highlighting some of the curriculum strengths and opportunities at St Peter's. This could be put together from good photographs with a couple of talking heads at the end. We do not have the skills in school and as you can imagine, budgets are tight for extras like this.

If you think you could help (or know someone else), please could you contact Kate Parry Shield or Sarah Marshall.

Library opening hours

We would like our school library to be as accessible as possible to all children. Our Year 6 library monitors are on hand to assist the younger ones with choosing and changing books from 12-12.30 daily (except Fridays).

The library is also open after school every day, until 3.45pm. Year 5 & 6 may use it on their own, years 1-4 must be accompanied by an adult during this time.

Last loan dates

Books may **not** be borrowed over the long summer holiday – please take advantage of our local library instead. The last loan date for our school library is Monday 1st July and all books must be returned by Friday 12th July.



Last Tuesday afternoon, parents and carers were invited to come and listen to another performance of Farnham Festival piece “The Starship Silver Grey.” This time all the children in Year 2 sung and again our Year 6 girls, Molly and Barira, superbly narrated the story of the journey into space. It really was an “out of this world” experience! Thank you to all who came and supported the children.



Y6 Leavers Service @ Guildford Cathedral

Y6 pupils joined Y6 classes from other schools in the Diocese to celebrate and reflect on their years in primary school. They reflect on memories and think about how they have progressed and moved forward over the seven years in school. They think about the friends and relationships they have made – many that will last a lifetime. At the same time, they think about the future and the opportunities and excitement ahead. It is reassuring for pupils to see all the other schools and remind themselves that although they may be a little nervous, everybody is feeling the same.



Heart Start

We are so grateful to Jo Michaelides and the team from Heart Start who spent the day in school this week. The team led workshops for Y5/Y6, teaching them how to support a person who is having a heart attack.

As many of you will know, Jo has personal experience of using her knowledge and experience to save someone's life – which really shows children how important it is to know how to use a defibrillator. The children were engaged and really interested to learn how to help save someone's life.

Year 1 visit to Marwell Zoo

Year 1 enjoyed another great trip to Marwell Zoo. The rain stopped as we left school and the overcast skies meant there were lots of animals to see. Highlights for the children were the noisy flamingos, the giraffes feeding, the Snow leopard and tiger conveniently sleeping within view, the busy meercats, the beautiful butterflies and birds flying around us in the Tropical House, the five apes swinging around the ropes and the delightful otters playing. The children said it was fascinating, stunning, amazing, very, very interesting...the best day ever! A huge thank you to the parents who so kindly gave up their time to help us.



On science day Year 4 made "Grabbers"...to get rid of all the "space junk"...we chose a scoop type...it had to be made out of old materials...we tried lots of different ways of making grabbers...our teacher made a mini space junk area...we got to test our grabbers out...I enjoyed making designs and exploring and improving our creations...I loved being a scientist... Excerpts of reports from Alexa, Jack, Niamh, Megan and numerous others!



Eco-Schools Report: Green Flag Award

On Friday 7th June the Eco Ambassadors had a very important guest to show around the school; Mrs. Abi Newman. Abi came to St Peter's to assess us for our Eco – Schools Green Flag Award, the top award for Eco – Schools. Over the past two years our Eco ambassadors have been collecting evidence of the many ways in which St. Peter's is an Eco-School. We had three main areas to focus on; School Grounds, Global Citizens and Energy.

Thanks to the gardening club and the very hard work of Mrs. Webzell and her team, our school grounds always look lovely and everywhere we look we can find environmentally friendly projects going on. It was easy for the children to convince our assessor that we make the most of the space around our school. She was very impressed with the gardening area and also the Forest School activities which support our curriculum.

All children at St. Peter's enjoy a wide curriculum learning about many different areas of the world, many of us having contact with children from France, Japan and Ghana. Thanks to Mrs. Marshall and her International team and our recent International award it was easy to show Abi that the children all think of themselves as Global Citizens.

In order to increase all children's awareness of how much energy we are using as a school our Eco Ambassadors report each week in assembly how much gas and electricity we have used and how much electricity we have generated with our solar panels. We could explain to Abi the graphs we have produced to show how our energy usage varies over time. We also showed her the many posters and reminders the children have made for switch off fortnight.

At the end of our afternoon we felt sure the children had impressed our assessor, but had to wait for another 10 days before we received the news that we had been awarded the Green Flag.

Thanks to everyone who has been involved with the Eco Committee over the last two years; we now have to start thinking about which other areas we are going to focus on in order to retain our award into the future.

Mrs Bolton

On Monday 17th June a School Eco Award assessor came to visit our school to decide whether we had reached the standards of the Green Flag. The eco committee gave her a talk about all of the work we had done towards the award. For example we talked about our three main areas: energy, global citizenship and school grounds. We also talked about switch off fortnight, the litter pick and many other things.

In recognition of the school's hard work we found out shortly after the assessor's visit that we had achieved the Green Flag. We are very proud of our achievement.

Hannah Parnell



Around the classes

Bikeability

In Bikeability we all had a lot of fun. Throughout the week we learnt how to ride safely on the road. We were also taught whose right of way it was going past an intersection and the Highway Code. We rode around the roads near our school. We were given a badge to say we had participated and were given a sheet to say how we had done throughout the week.

Sam Skilton



Communicating with France over Skype

Over the last week, Y5 have participated in three Skype sessions with one of our link schools in France. This is an exciting experience where the children meet their pen pal face to face, having written to them twice over the year. It really brings the French learning alive by speaking to the pupils in Cannes. Even with only basic oral skills, it is about making connections and finding out that their pen pal shares a common interest; be that sport, computer games or even eating pizza!

Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children for both sports events. The weather was perfect and everything ran smoothly. We hope you agree that we manage to combine inclusive, fun events with the more competitive races. Everyone cheers for their house and understand that there are winners and loser – but the important part is to have a go! The afternoon event is all about teamwork, collaboration and leadership. Our older pupils manage the afternoon and enjoy supporting the younger children in mixed age group teams.

Stop Press – Charity Day – 12th July

This is the afternoon when children organise a fund raising event for charity. They become mini-entrepreneurs for the day. Please encourage your child to participate. They can run their own stall or team up with a friend(s).

British Heart Foundation

Thank you—A fantastic £241.30 was raised on Tuesday.

St Peter's Year 5 cooking lesson

On Wednesday 26th eleven Year 5 students were taken to our school's kitchen. We were able to cook French dishes. In school we have French pen pals, who we write to in their French, then they write back in English. So, the teachers decided to make French food. Our group made 2 dishes called ratatouille and sundried tomato & rosemary palmiers. Ratatouille is a vegetable dish and palmiers are a roll of puff pastry that has a sundried tomato paste with fresh rosemary inside. We all tried the food and were very proud of ourselves. This was a fun experience and we have enjoyed the opportunities to experience different dishes from around the world.



Elite Cross Country

On Tuesday 11th June a small group of KS2 children went to Ash Grange Primary School to race in an elite cross-country event. There was only one boy and one girls chosen from each year which meant they were all very good runners! Fourteen schools were invited. This was the first event of its type. The top 3 were awarded medals so well done Dexter for getting a medal. Report by Amy



Floorball

On Friday 7th June some year 6's competed in a floorball tournament at Farnham Leisure centre. The first match was against Rowledge. We lost 2 but on a happier note we won 4. Alex was on fire (says Josh) and was our top goal scorer with 18 in total. Report by Josh Sly and Alex York.

Quad Kids

On Thursday 6th June, 3 girls and 3 boys from year 6 competed in a Quad Kids athletics event with 3 other schools: Walsh, St Polycarps and South Farnham. In total there were 4 activities – a 600m run, 75m sprint, vortex howler throw and standing long jump. Everyone did really well meaning that St Peters won overall and Abi, Freya, Jemima, Peter and Josh all qualified for the county athletics team. I would like to say a big thank you to Molly, Amy and Liv for helping out and to all the teachers who organised each activity. Report by Jemima Henderson

Roller Hockey

St Peters entered 2 teams into a beginners Roller Hockey Tournament. Most of our players have been playing in the before school or after school club. The games were 10 minutes long, 5 minutes each half. For the older children there were goalies wearing pads, but not in the younger games. Team A was made up of year 5/6. We played 2 group matches. Team B was made up of year 3 and 4. We played 3 group matches. Our last game against Farnham B. Both St Peter's Teams were in the play offs and had to play against each other. The score was 0-0. All the players played amazingly well and it was brilliant fun. The skating was tricky and we fell over lots! Thank you to Mrs Potter and to Adam from Farnham Roller Hockey Club for inviting us to the tournament. Report by Liv Potter, Erin Lloyd, Jake Lloyd and Peter Heady.

Sports round-up



It's been a busy last week for sport at St Peters – too busy to write full match reports!! Firstly, we have enjoyed competing 2 teams at Waverley Abbey in a rounders competition. Both teams competed really well and had a great afternoon.



We have also sent our year 5 golfers to hone their skills at a golf festival – the boys were brilliant.

We have been getting into tennis this week too! Our year 5/6 sports leaders supported an event for younger children. Our leaders were thrown in at the deep end scoring the event and did brilliantly. Well done leaders. Our younger year 3 and 4 children took part and showed some fantastic tennis skills. I watched some amazing rallies! Well done players as well.



Year 5 have also, finally, taken part in a cricket tournament (it had previously been called off twice because of the rain!!) The boys did us really proud finishing as runners up.

Lastly this week one of our year 6 netball teams competed at a tournament at South Farnham playing brilliantly and showing great teamwork. Well done girls.



St Peter's Year 5 Bee Workshop

On Wednesday 15th May, Farnham Beekeepers came to visit year 5. Recently we have been learning about the life cycle of a Honey Bee, so it was a great opportunity. This workshop included trying fresh honey, looking from a bee's viewpoint (using special glasses) and also looking at a real bee hive. We learnt about all the different types of honey bees, including the Worker, Drone and Queen Bee. We had great fun and all learnt about honey bees and other pollinators.
By Scarlett Glover



Year 5's trip to Selbourne

Year 5 went on a trip to Selbourne, where we learnt about river life and caught little creatures. Carefully, we moved rocks under the water and put the nets by the rocks. Sometimes we caught nothing, sometimes we caught small fresh water creatures. Mainly we caught small water shrimps. However, two pupils caught a trout! Later we went up the hill via the zig zag path and the instructor told us all about Selbourne and how settlements form near rivers.

Robin Hood Day

On the 14th of June Year 5M had Robin Hood Day down in forest school. We spent the whole day completing activities independently and in teams. The activities we took part in included: ladder making; whittling sticks to create staffs and cooking a stew made out of vegetables. We really enjoyed these activities and there was a special surprise involving rope climbing. Our favourite part of this experience was doing the rope bridge and making staffs. We all had a great time and enjoyed ourselves very much. Vocabulary and ideas we collected on the day are now being used to help us in our writing and we are creating our own Robin Hood stories.
By Esme & Mia



Anti-idling

Early this month the London Sustainability Exchange came along to run a workshop with some year 5 pupils, local councilors and representatives from Surrey County Council. We learnt about how leaving your car engine running when you're not moving (idling) is very bad for the environment. After the workshop we all went outside to chat to parents and we gave out leaflets to encouraged drivers to switch off their engines.

