

ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

May 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've had an enjoyable summer term so far and are looking forward to half term to recharge the batteries. I've been particularly proud of how Y6 conducted themselves during the SATS exams as they were positive and calm. I'm also proud of Y4 for their excellent behaviour and participation during their residential.

May I thank every staff member for their hard work and commitment this half term (OFSTED) and always as you always give that little bit extra - sometimes seen but often unseen but with incredible impact. Thank you.

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Sarah Dunning
Head Teacher

Surrey Arts Primary School Music Festival



On Tuesday 7th May, sixteen Year 5 children took part in the Music Festival in the Princes Theatre, Aldershot. We performed with 5 other schools, some local to us. The children worked hard to learn the 13 songs and put in extra lunchtime rehearsals. It was such a special experience to sing with over 150 other children and perform with a live band. We were conducted by Lin Marsh, a prominent children's song composer and conductor. The choir were perfect ambassadors of our school.



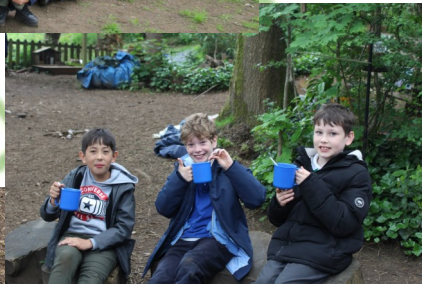
Y4 Juniper Hall



In May year 4 went on the Residential trip to Juniper Hall. We did lots of fun activities linked to our Science and Geography learning. We loved looking at invertebrates that live in the pond habitat under the microscope and sketching their features. Another favourite activity was making and setting up a trap for small mammals. We caught voles. It was great to see them being released back into the woodland. We have absolutely loved the whole experience. Thank you to all adults who looked after us.

Y5 Robin Hood day

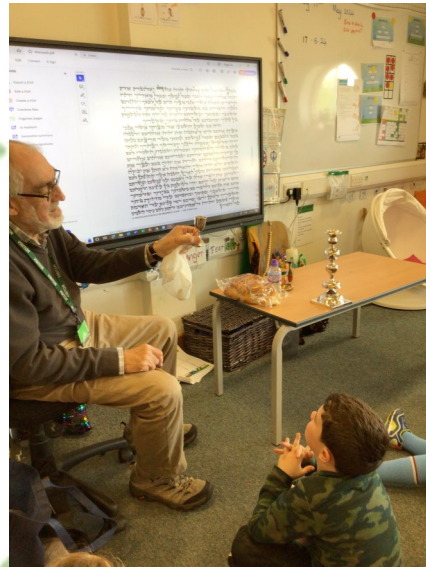
Y5 enjoyed a whole day in forest school, learning skills such as making stew, whittling, knots, ropes and so much more!



Religions and Worldviews

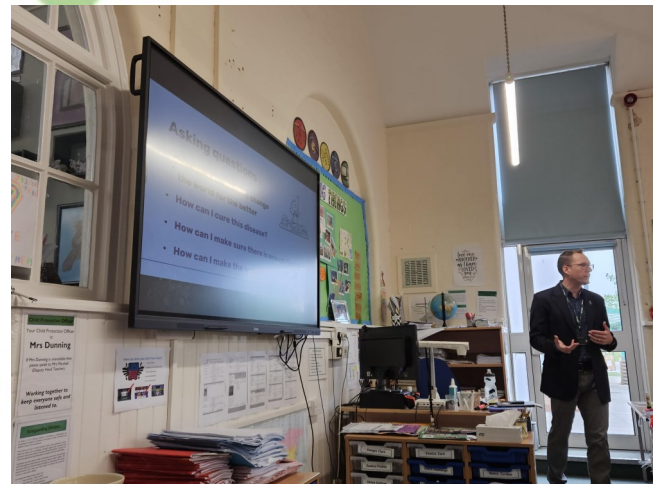
As you will be aware we teach several different religions and worldviews in school. However, owing to where we are geographically, it is not easy to find volunteers to come in and talk about their faith or worldview. Most places of worship from different religions are also too far for us to make a school trip financially viable. With this context, we were delighted to welcome two visitors to support our RE curriculum last week.

Judaism



The three year groups studying Judaism (Y1/Y3/Y5) had sessions from Mike Freedman who is involved with the schools outreach team at Wimbledon Synagogue. He was able to answer pupils' questions and talk about the aspects of Judaism that each class is looking at this term. Children were able to recognise that the Jewish religion (like all others) has a broad spectrum of followers and that not every aspect of Judaism that we have learnt about in class is observed in the same way.

Humanism



Our Y4 pupils had a visit from Alan Lindsell who came in to talk about why he chose to follow Humanist beliefs. He explained why he became a Humanist and the Humanist approach to life and death. Alan also answered some fascinating questions from the children.

Farnham and District Schools Cross Country



The second district cross country meet for this academic year took place last weekend. Farnham Park was ablaze with school colours from 13 schools. As the organisers, the St Peter's staff were out in full force, some starting their day at 7am to prepare the course. Then there is all the 'behind the scenes' work that takes place in the run up to the event. We are so grateful to have such a committed adult team. However the accolades need to go to all the children who participated last Saturday. Everyone put in their best and we had some fantastic placings and personal best results. We didn't bring a cup home this time, but this will just spur us on to make sure we get one of them back in October! Thank you also to all our families for bringing your children out and supporting them on a Saturday morning.

Meeting our French Penpals



Over this week, our Y5 and Y6 pupils have met their French penpals virtually. They have already written to them twice this year which means they know a little bit about them before they meet in person. It's always an exciting occasion and is especially rewarding to discover that you can ask a question in French and a native person has replied (showing they've understood what you said)! We've had the link with Lochabair College in Cannes for around six years now. It is occasions like this that open up young minds to be curious and also feed into our School International Award.

Dates for your diary

- 3rd June: INSET day
- 4th June: children back at school
- 5th June: Y6 Weydon assembly
- 10th – 14th June: Y6 Bikeability
- 12th June: Y5 trip to Gilbert White
- 12th June: 3E trip to Windsor Great Park Environmental Centre
- 13th June: 3R trip to Windsor Great Park Environmental Centre
- 14th June: PTFA quiz night
- 18th June: whole school science day
- 19th June: Y5-6 heart start
- 19th June: Junior Choir and Young Voices performance in Singing Assembly
- 20th June: Y6 Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral
- 21st June: Y2 singing spree
- 21st June: Y4 trip to Alice Holt
- 25th June: sports morning
- 26th June: St Peter's Day Service at St Peter's Church
- 29th June: Farnham Carnival

A message from Mrs Marshall

Thank you to everyone for your kind messages over the year. I've had quite a challenging few months but was able to work remotely most of the time. I've been back in school quite a bit recently and will no doubt see many familiar faces after half term.

Transport help request

If anyone might be able to help with lifts, please let Rosemary know via email hslw@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk. This would be for a Y5 child living in Bordon to and from school for the week beginning Monday 24th June and until Friday 29th June (lifts not needed home on Wed 26th and in to school on Thursday 27th), due to parental surgery and inability to drive following the surgery.