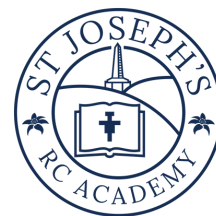


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BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK SMASHING THE STEREOTYPE

We have had a very enjoyable week with all classes participating in British Science week. Our Science ambassadors, Olivia and Patryk have been gathering information from each of the classes and have put together a short report for this week's newsletter:

The week started with an introduction of 'Time' and through the live assembly led by Sergei Urban from 'The Dad Lab', we learnt about instruments and ways to measure time, some of which we still use today. Some of the older children chose to ask and answer questions about time as well as completing information texts to show their understanding. Beech and Cedar classes have done lots of practical work this week, experimenting with how long time lasts, learning about the Seasons and measuring the swing of a pendulum learning how the length of time changes, depending on how large the pendulum is. We spoke with Dr Ellie on Monday and she helped us to understand that a scientist doesn't have to wear a white coat and goggles and can often wear jeans every day to work! We loved asking her questions and finding out about the research she does to help find cures for childhood illness.

Did you know that in 1752 people went to bed on 2nd September and woke up the following day on 14th September? This was to bring England's calendar into line with other European countries!

'No one is born a scientist but anyone of any age can begin to learn how to be one'



CEDAR CLASS TRIP TO EUREKA

Last Friday, Cedar Class caught a train to Halifax and spent the day in Eureka Science museum.

Cedar class had an amazing time at Eureka! The children delved in to interactive galleries, exploring the human body and its functions.

The children also took part in an engaging hands-on workshop all about senses.



ATTENDANCE

'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts'

Attendance at school is as much about pupil well-being as academic success. Being in school supports pupil's friendships, confidence and wider development. When pupils miss school, the impact of 'feeling behind' can be a barrier to their future success. Government data shows that 84% of Key Stage 2 pupils who had 100% attendance achieved the expected standard, compared to 40% of pupils who were persistently absent across the key stage. If pupils are not in school, we can not support them to learn.

Nursery - 95.5%
Reception - 98.3%
Year 1 - 100%
Year 2 - 95.5%
Year 3 - 95.4%
Year 4 - 95.3%
Year 5 - 98.2%
Year 6 - 99.1%

Whole school attendance week: 97.3%

We need these figures to be above 96% Help us reach our goal - every day counts!!

Whole school attendance this year: 95.1%

ELM CLASS RAIN GUAGE EXPERIMENT



EASTER RAFFLE

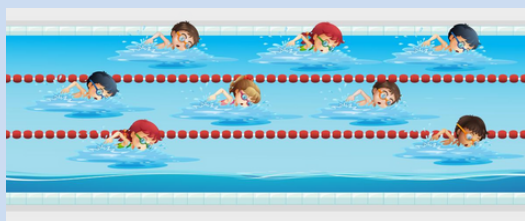


Tickets On Sale
from Minnie Vinnes
at Morning Break
20p a ticket
All proceeds go to
CAFOD



SWIMMING GALA

Last Friday was the Todmorden Schools Swimming Gala and we are so proud of the efforts of our Year 5 and 6 pupils who were selected to represent our school this year. All children did exceptionally well in their individual races with the Year 6 boys winning the last race of the day with their relay. Well done to Harry, Jack, Theo, Christopher, Niamh, Eadie, Leona, Myles and Emily.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Trips, Visits, Theme Days and More

Monday 18th March Y6 Fire Safety Talk

Tuesday 19th March Feast of St Joseph

Tuesday 19th March Elm Class Water Treatment Workshop

Wednesday 20th March Stations of the Cross for KS2

Wednesday 20th March Music for the Many interschools concert held at St Joseph's.

Thursday 21st March Non uniform day in exchange for Easter themed chocolate to support the fair please

Friday 22nd March Cedar Class Assembly

Friday 22nd March EYFS Dress as a hero day

Sunday 24th March Feast Day of St Oscar Romero

Monday 25th March Start of Holy Week

Monday 25th March Parents' Evenings across the week

Tuesday 26th March Whole School Mass for Holy Week 10am all welcome

Wednesday 27th March Spring Fair see flyer for more detail

Thursday 28th March Close for Easter

Monday 8th April Start of the Summer Term

Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th April Oak Class Anne Frank (voices for equality programme) Workshop

Tuesday 16th April Freddie Fit in school working with all classes

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

**STAR
OF THE
WEEK**

Beech: Aurelia S, For excellent work during science week looking at seasons

Cedar: The whole class, For their amazing behaviour on their class trip to Eureka

Elm: Sonny M, For persevering with his reading and writing

Oak: Sanaah K, Overall improvement towards her learning and fantastic effort in her Maths work

WOW!

Beech: The whole class, For their amazing class assembly

Cedar: Oriana K, For her effort and trying her best with her writing this week

Elm: Pippa S, For her beautiful Geography work

Oak: Rehaan I, For fantastic work and effort when learning about active and passive voice in English

BEECH CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday this week, we were treated to a very special assembly delivered by our Nursery and Reception Class, focussing on all the people who are there to help and protect us. The firefighters and the police officers who had been in recently got a very important mention but our mums were most definitely the centre of attention, following on so closely to Mother's Day, and were invited in for a Mother's Day breakfast following the assembly. The children loved their celebration together.



Wellbeing Matters

'Walk and Talk'

Together from 2:40pm

Meet outside the school gates

Friday 22nd March

Friday 26th April

Friday 24th May

Friday 28th June

Friday 12th July

Whether you want to share a concern or simply get out in the fresh air before collecting your child(ren) for the weekend, come and join us on our local 30mins walk, suitable for all.



Can you Help Todmorden in Bloom Celebrate their 25th Anniversary

By entering the Save the Insects and Bugs Competition by designing a picture of a Bug Hotel

The competition is open to all Todmorden primary school children.

There are two age ranges

4-6 & 7-11 year old

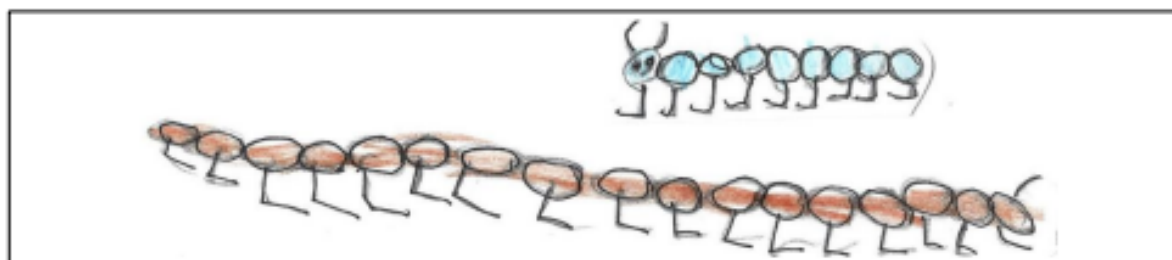
The overall winner will have their design made into a Bug Hotel for Patmos Garden.

Each schools winner will receive a garden voucher.

All entries to be handed into their school, by the 10th April 2024.

Judging will be done by the Todmorden Town Mayor, Tyler Hanley.

Please ensure we have your name, age and school on the back of your design. GOOD LUCK.





Todmorden Catholic Club
Sunday 17th March 2024
7pm – 10pm

Quiz, Raffle, Music and Food
(Vegetarian Option)

Tickets £5 available from
St Joseph's Church and St
Joseph's School.

