

ST. HELEN'S NEWS

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14th January 2022 <https://www.facebook.com/sthelenswestcliff/>

Our Mission Statement

Respect yourself
Respect everyone in our school community
Respect everyone in our local community
Respect everyone in our global community
But most of all, respect God our Father in Heaven

JANUARY/FEBRUARY EVENTS

Please note that all Hedgehogs & Squirrels reading dates in January have been postponed.

Nature area days

19th January– 3 Robins

26th January– 1 Jellyfish

2nd February– 4 Fountains

9th February– 1 Starfish

Monday 14th to Friday 18th Feb—Half term

Back to school Monday 21st February

Cleaner required We are seeking to appoint a Cleaner to join our friendly team. We need someone who is flexible and hardworking, who will take pride in their work. Please contact Mrs Sears for an application form or see our website. Thank you.



Senior Leaders Special Mentions

Stewart Donald RH & Elijah Tyler RS

Were really helpful with litter picking.

Thank you boys!



6R displayed their gymnastic abilities. They had to perform a jump, roll and travel as part of a sequence using the floor and apparatus.



Here is the link for this weeks Assembly video

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/feoiu348jf3fmgn89wewdfghjksdfghdfghjklush/>

COVID UPDATE

As the covid rate is rising very quickly in Southend, the Director of Public Health has asked us to remind families of 2 issues:

- The importance of the twice weekly testing (LFDs)
- The importance of adults wearing masks when dropping off and collecting children from school.

We have also been asked to re-introduce the sending out of letters to Parents and Carers for where there have been new cases in your child's class. These letters will be sent out by email.

If you receive 1 of these letter, you are being asked to test your child (aged 5+) with a LFD every day for 7 days. Your child will still be expected to be in school every day unless their test is positive.

Thank you for your continued support.

STARS OF THE WEEK

R Hedgehogs	Arlo Wiles Brody Vaughan Maya Igho
R Squirrels	Jasmine Vasconcelos Pinto
1 Jellyfish	Leo Parthiepan
1 Starfish	Emmanuel Aformale
2 Oysters	Amayra Yumnaat
2 Seahorses	Nashe Magadzire
3 Robins	Aaron Jimmy
3 Seagulls	Esther Oyefeso
4 Fountains	Joshwin Antony
4 Gideon	Oscar Dziaduch
5 Rosa Parks	Emmanuel Nyamayaro
5 Walter Tull	Evie O'Reilly
6 St. Anthony	Junior Yrar
6 St. Raphael	Zoe Mapi-Ot, Fox O'Hart, Tobenna Okoroafor, Rutuj Sanja, Diego Burzotta, Nicola Di Leone, Julianna Sumaray, Syzmon Mazur

POSITIVE PLAY SUPERSTARS

Erin Farrell
Tyler Musindo
Nikoll Ndoj
Erin Asante
Agata Pawlikowska
Rabya Tahir
Evie O'Reilly
Susan George

St. David 711
St. Patrick 768
St. Andrew 668
St. George 535

RE Topic

Early Years – CELEBRATING – People celebrate in Church
Year 1 – SPECIAL PEOPLE – People in the Parish family
Year 2 – BOOKS – The books used in Church
Year 3 – JOURNEYS – Christian family's journey with Jesus
Year 4 – COMMUNITY – Life in the local Christian community: ministries in the Parish
Year 5 – MISSION – Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)
Year 6 – SOURCES – The Bible, the special book for the Church

3 Robins became Emperor Penguins this week for their topic Antartica. They have learnt many facts and also how to huddle in a group to keep warm, waddle and toboggan like a penguin!

JANUARY SCIENCE CHALLENGE

Fill a large bowl/container/kitchen sink with water. One at a time, put the different things you have chosen to test into the water and watch to see which of them floats and which of them sinks.

Put an orange in the water. Does it float or sink? What happens when you peel the orange and put it back into the water? Does the orange float or sink? What about the peel?

WHAT DO YOU NOTICE? Things to talk about ...

What are your ideas about why some things float and others sink? Can you predict which things will float or sink? Why does an orange float with its skin on, but sink with its skin peeled off? Do other fruit or vegetables float or sink? What happens if you take off the skin?

You will need

☐ Large bowl or container ☐ Water ☐ Selection of things to test, e.g. small toy, pencil, coin, cork, elastic band, candle, empty plastic bottle ☐ A small orange ☐ Paper, lollipop sticks, card, foil, sponge, playdough or plasticine ☐ Lego pieces, coins or other small items

TRY THIS MAKE A BOAT

Fill a large container with water. Make boats or rafts out of different materials, e.g. lollipop sticks, playdough, paper, sponge or aluminium foil. Float the boats in the water. Choose coins or pieces of lego and add these one at a time to each boat until the boat sinks. Count how many coins or lego pieces it took to sink each boat.

WHAT DO YOU NOTICE? Things to talk about ...

Which material was best for making a boat? Why do you think this is? Which type of boat held the greatest number of coins/lego before it sank? Why does a ball of playdough or piece of foil sink, but will float when you make it into a boat? Why do big, heavy ships float?

Happy experimenting and once again send answers or photos to year6@st-helens.southend.sch.uk or give them to Mrs Miller.



We are seeking to appoint a Chaplaincy Apprentice, a new and exciting role with the opportunity to join the team of staff at St Thomas More High School. Our new Chaplaincy Apprentice will work with our staff to develop the school's community to provide spiritual and pastoral support to the students at the school, bearing witness to the mission statement and maintaining and enhancing the distinctive Catholic nature of the school. Please see the school's website for full details www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk or telephone Miss Parr, Headteacher's PA on 01702 344933.

We are looking for Cleaners to work Monday to Friday 3:45pm-6:45pm ideally or 6:00am-8:30am. If these hours would suit you and you would like to find out more, please see the school's website for full details and an application form or telephone the school on 01702 344933 and ask for Mrs Newman, HR Co-ordinator.

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