

ST. HELEN'S NEWS

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4th November 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



Senior Leaders Special Mentions

Jack Cooper

Amazing writing and making a Remembrance Day Poppy out of Lego.

Guianne Conception

Her very impressive preparation for her Grade 4 piano exam. Wow!

Dates for your diary

11th November– HARP sleepover at school (for children already confirmed)

14th November– 5RP & 5WT Cenotaph visit

23rd November -Flu Immunisation– Whole school

29th November– Year 3 Stone Age– Iron age

9th December– 4.00 Christmas Fair

13th December– 6.30– Years 5/6– Carols at St. Helen's Church

14th December– 2.30 Years 3/4 Outdoor carols

15th December– Christmas dinner

16th December– 2.00 Reception classes nativity

20th December– **LAST DAY AT SCHOOL**

Our nature area is always developing. Our prayer area has moved from the nature area to another area in the school grounds. This frees up more space which we are hoping to develop into a sensory garden for the children to explore.

Do you have anything lurking in your garden that you no longer use - wind chimes, bird boxes, stones, slabs, pots, any plants/herbs. We would be grateful for any donations - please contact Mrs Miller via the office.
Thank you.

If you have ever worried about what your child can access on their mobile phone, did you know that many mobile providers have filters that you can put in place? These help you to stop your child seeing inappropriate content and limit the age rating on apps that they download.



Follow this link <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/> to find out more about Parental Controls (scroll down beyond the text to the dropdown boxes for guides on how to add parental controls).

Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides | Internet Matters

Parental Controls Give your child a safe space to explore their curiosity online. Our step by step parental controls guides will help you to set up the right controls and privacy settings on the networks, gadgets, apps, and sites they use to give them a safer online experience.

www.internetmatters.org

Kind regards, *St Helen's Online Safety Team*

Our school Online Safety Team have been working hard to keep our children safe when they are online. We have found many resources that can also help you to keep your children safe when they navigate the online world at home, or when they are out and about.

Many of these resources can be found on our dedicated Online Safety page of our website, <https://st-helens.southend.sch.uk/Curriculum/useful-links> including a short video giving you a quick update to age-appropriate online safety.



Year 6 enjoyed their trip to the lifeboat station and beach. We learnt about the life of a lifeboat person and how committed they are to giving up their time and putting their lives in danger to rescue others. We were so lucky to be at the lifeboat station when the hovercraft returned from a training mission. We could all clearly see why it is nicknamed the hairdryer!

After visiting the lifeboats, year 6 moved onto the beach where we learnt about another different habitat. We also decided to create some beach art, making pictures and sculptures.



Science club enjoyed a warm afternoon by exploring the nature area. Some decided to build a natural shelter for a teddy bear whilst others went bug hunting. Some decided to climb whilst others tested bridge structures. All in all, we were very busy outside!



6A enjoyed their trip to the nature area where they undertook research about habitats. They studied the variety of habitats in the nature area including the pond where they found it teeming with wildlife! Identification of trees was the other activity so rather than just saying there are trees in the nature area, we looked at twigs and took leaf rubbings to ascertain what type of tree it was.

4G- School of music

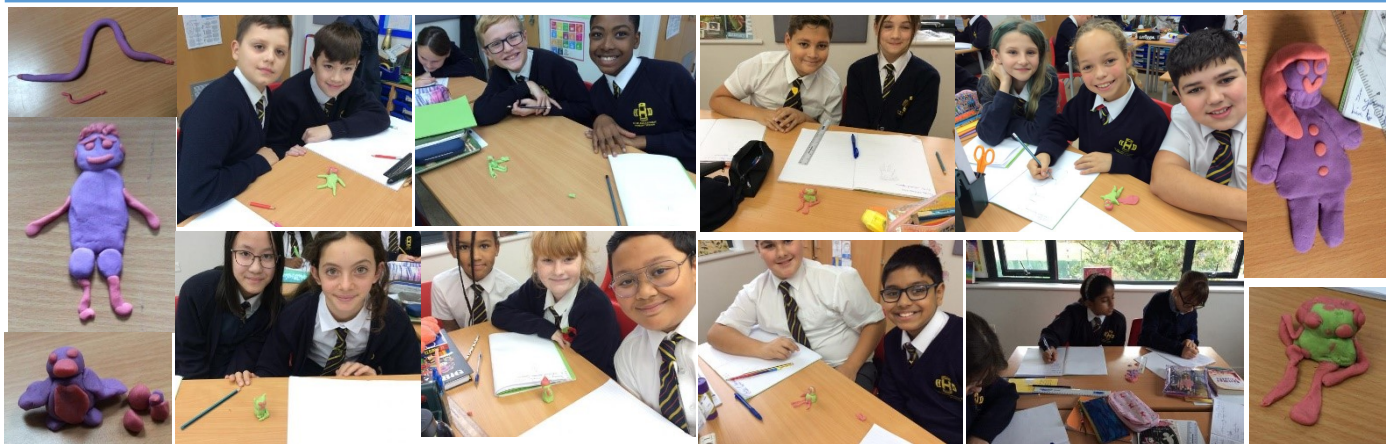
Year 4 had a Fantastic time with the School of Noise finding out lots of amazing facts about how sound works and playing some very interesting instruments.



Year 5 had an enjoyable morning in the nature area. Firstly, they moved pots, trays, baskets, bird boxes donated from Mrs Miller's neighbour. We are hoping to use these in our new sensory garden. Year 5 then discussed how material react to fire, they discussed reversible and irreversible changes and were excited to observe what happened to plastic, paper, tissues, biscuits, masrshmallows, foil and cardboard. After this, all the children enjoyed a smore - marshmallow encased in biscuits. Looking at materials again, Year 5, in groups, designed kites and as the wind became stronger tested them. They made improvements and assessed how they flew.



Year 6 were introduced this afternoon to the Theory of Evolution. They answered questions like - Have we always looked like this? How do we and animals evolve and change over time? They were given the same colour play dough and had to create a person using it. Every model produced looked very different, this led to a discussion about how we are all unique.



A new science club started today. They were set the challenge of building the highest structure they can with 15 strands of spaghetti and 4 marshmallows. The children found it quite frustrating as the spaghetti kept breaking and the marshmallows became like glue when handled too much! We discussed all these issues.



STARS OF THE WEEK

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| R Hedgehogs | David Bunica |
| | Connie Condron |
| R Squirrels | Kristell Martin |
| 1 Jellyfish | Amber Lara |
| 1 Starfish | Jack Cooper |
| 2 Oysters | Rosalie Crancher |
| | River Parkin-Webber |
| 2 Seahorses | Nikoll Ndoj |
| | Lily-Rose Nwokeji |
| 3 Robins | Elijah Bolukbasi |
| 3 Seagulls | Jaslin Sureskumar |
| 4 Fountains | Krish Parthiepan |
| 4 Gideon | Maya Wierzchon |
| 5 Rosa Parks | Bella Gomes Chaves |
| 5 Walter Tull | Farhan Akter |
| 6 St. Anthony | Elvira Spaho |
| 6 St. Raphael | Lourenco De Sousa |

POSITIVE PLAY SUPERSTARS

Joshua Orazulume
Lily-Rose Nwokeji
Catherine Rijo
Erin Low
Marta Oleksiuk
Lily Lewis
Maria Hyde
Jovita Sebastian
Alex Joy

St. David 447
St. Patrick 457
St. Andrew 512
St. George 512

RE Topics – Baptism/ Confirmation

Early Years – WELCOME Baptism; a welcome to God's family

Year 1 – BELONGING Baptism an invitation to belong to God's family

Year 2 – SIGNS & SYMBOLS Signs and symbols in Baptism

Year 3 – PROMISES Promises made at Baptism

Year 4 – CALLED Confirmation: a call to witness

Year 5 – LIFE CHOICES Marriage commitment and service

Year 6 – VOCATION & COMMITMENT
The vocation of priesthood and religious life




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About us

SEND the Right Message Charity (STRM) is a 'by parents and for parents' charity whose aim is to support families with children and young people who have special educational needs or disability (SEND) in Southend and surrounding areas.

We understand that our families have different needs and to ensure that we are fully adaptable we offer a range of support services.

Free induction **Our offer**

Free follow on sessions Bespoke course

Southend, Castle Point & Rochford Districts Age 8-16

Available for undiagnosed or diagnosed SEND Includes shoe hire

When?

Saturdays 4.30pm - 5.30pm

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This month's Ten Ten newsletter-

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



Year 6 spent some of this morning trying to recreate spider's webs. As part of our outdoor learning, we have been looking at the formation of spider's webs and how effective they are. This morning, we attempted our own with varying success. A group of intrepid girls won, managing to balance 27 balls on their web - their spider would be well fed!



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