

ST. HELEN'S NEWS

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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

Representatives Year 5

Representing the school so well at the Commonwealth Flag of Peace Ceremony with the Mayor and M.P's.
Well done!

Tabby, Elena, Amayra and Annabelle in 3S

Giving up their playtime to help a child in reception. Thank you!

ERSEA

An information packed and fun St Patrick's Day assembly.
Well done!

Elíana Machado

Your excellent explanation of surface tension during your science week activities.
Mrs Miller was very impressed!
Well done!

Choir ambassadors

Taking a lead with the choir practice this week.
Thank you!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20th March– Year 3– Library trip

20th March– Year 4– Romans Day

27th March– Year 2– Sealife Centre

31st March– Last day at school

Easter Holidays– Return 17th April

DON'T MISS OUT!

CLOSING DATE MONDAY 27TH MARCH

ST. HELEN'S PTFA

Be creative, be silly, but
most of all have fun!
Make your own Easter
hat.

Win yourself an Easter
egg!

CLOSING DATE
MONDAY
27 MARCH

EASTER HAT COMPETITION

Ensure your hats are labelled with your name and class so we know who you are!

Please hand your entries into Ms King, year 1 Jellyfish class by 27 March.

The judges will announce the winner from each class on Wednesday 29 March.

Next **Wednesday 22nd March**, the amazing pupils who are Liturgy Leaders and/or part of the School Council will help to sell soup and a roll at break time in the Rainbow room. The cost is 50p as usual.

All funds raised will go to CAFOD.

Thank you

ST PATRICK'S DAY ASSEMBLY

Thank you Mrs English and Year 6 for your
Lovely assembly.



4F had a busy morning in the nature area and using space on the field. Their focus was working together as a team and listening to each other. They started by hiding teddies and giving each other clues to find them. Next, was the blindfold challenges, working together to trust and look after each other. Lastly, they moved to the nature area where they worked together to play games, build dens, make food and generally have fun. On Wednesday, 4F demonstrated excellent teamwork to achieve common goals.
Keep it up.



Year 1-Science Week

As part of science week we have been carrying out lots of interesting experiments, all around growing. We planted our own beans, and started bean diaries. We are really excited to observe how the beans grow. We have put our bean plants by the window so they get some sun, and have also put some in our cloakroom to see if these flowers grow without sunlight!

Together, we learnt about the different parts of a plant and labelled them. Don't forget, there are some great activities you can play on Education City for this!

We have planted the tops of carrots in some soil, and have made predictions about whether they will grow. What do you think?

In Starfish class, we understand how important it is to look after ourselves so that we grow up to be nice and healthy. We learnt about dental hygiene and the importance of looking our teeth. We set up an experiment to observe how different drinks change the shells of eggs.

The eggs' shells represent the enamel on our teeth. We learnt that enamel helps to keep our teeth nice and strong. The children made predictions about what they thought was going to happen and which egg shell they thought would decay the most. We are going to observe the changes over a week and see which drink causes the most decay!



4G looked at the connections between all the animals in the world around us, by investigating food chains and webs of increasing complexity this week - we even got in a bit of a tangle working out what happens when changes in our environment cause increases or decreases of certain predators or prey in the food web!



We were honoured to be invited to take some of the children to Porters, the Mayor's house, to participate in the Commonwealth Flag of Peace ceremony. All children in **Year 5** helped towards this by creating the 56 flags of the Commonwealth countries so that we could wave and parade with them on the day. On Monday, we took a selection of Year 5 for the very windy event where we got to meet the Mayor as well as MPs James Duddridge and Anna Firth. After the flag was raised, we went inside the house for refreshments and a tour. Thank you to Gaz de Vere for the professional photos of us.



THIS WEEKS BOOK REVIEW



Class	Name	Title	Review
1J	Jacob	Daddy on the moon	It's about a kid going to the moon in a spaceship
	Heidi	Jack and the Beanstalk	It's very adventurous-Jack climbs the beanstalk but mum cuts it down.
2S	Fariha	Cinderella	It's about a princess that loses her diamond shoe when it hits mid-night
	Angel	The Gruffalo	When the Gruffalo was scared of the mouse
3R	Chloe	Isadora Moon	When she goes to a haunted castle and meets the ghost Oscar!
	Aakifa	Melleron's Magic	It's about Melleron who found a book of spells
4G	Anna	Sherlock Holmes	I like the mystery and crime
	Scarlett	Worst Witch	I like the broomstick and pictures
5RP	Alba	Dork Diary skating sensation	Because it is funny and has adventure
	Carl	Diary of a wimpy kid-Old School	Because it is funny and it's kind of exciting
6A	Emily	Do you know me?	It explains you can be unique and yourself
	Keren	Let's chase the stars together	It's a poetry book with different poems, weird things and things about the world

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to share our Ofsted report with you. As you know we had a team of inspectors visit us on February 8th and 9th and the report is a summary of their findings. The main headline is that:

ST. HELEN'S IS A GOOD SCHOOL

The report certainly identifies our strengths and they understood all the effort put in by staff and pupils to ensure **"a culture of mutual respect flows through the school"**.

As you know this is the core of our Mission Statement and so we are pleased that through talking to pupils, families and staff they could see this in practice.

Thank you to those of you who shared your views with the inspectors – this was much appreciated especially as there was a very short period of time to do so.

As a Catholic school, we will also be inspected under the Catholic School Inspection framework section 48 inspection (a new framework this year) and we are expecting that inspection also this year.

This is why we asked you to complete The Catholic life of our School questionnaire at the Learning Conferences – another thank you to many of you for completing this questionnaire also.

We hope that you enjoy reading our GOOD Ofsted report!

With kind regards,

Elizabeth Mouchel

Headteacher

Please check your emails as we have sent you full details of the OFSTED report or look on our Website.

STARS OF THE WEEK

R Hedgehogs	Jakob Lehane-Stone
	David Bunica
R Squirrels	Niamh Manley
1 Jellyfish	Beauden Ruddock
1 Starfish	Hannah Cijo
2 Oysters	Lara Xavier-Ventura
	Beatrice Burzotta
2 Seahorses	Fariha Rahman
	Errol Marienga
3 Robins	Remy Maskell
3 Seagulls	Elana Dajani
	Harper Carter-Green
4 Fountains	Starr -Sophia Souter
4 Gideon	Malachi Sibanda
5 Rosa Parks	Asher kokkadan
5 Walter Tull	Karen Collins
6 St. Anthony	Jack Sinclair
6 St. Raphael	Ava Pinnock
	Honor Oteng

POSITIVE PLAY SUPERSTARS

Jeffrey Asante
 Jack Heard
 Kekeli Glover
 Maisie Carter-Green
 Tiwa Fakua
 Krish Parthiepan
 Malachi Sibanda
 Bella Gomes Chaves
 Somto Eze
 Tayo Wayland

St. David 763
 St. Patrick 733
 St. Andrew 616
 St. George 732

RE Topic– Lent/Easter-Giving

Early Years– GROWING

Looking forward to Easter

Year 1– CHANGE

Lent a time for change

Year 2– OPPORTUNITIES

Lent; an opportunity to start anew in order to celebrate Jesus' new life

Year 3-GIVING ALL

Lent a time to remember Jesus' total giving

Year 4– SELF DISCIPLINE

Celebrating growth to new life

Year 5– SACRIFICE

Lent a time of aligning with the sacrifice already made by Jesus

Year 6– DEATH & NEW LIFE

Celebrating Jesus' death & resurrection

2 Seahorses- P.E- demonstrating Ability, Balance and control



The snack trolley is returning! - 18th April

Grapes 50p	Mini cheese/babybel & Breadsticks 60p
Apples 20p	2 triangles & Breadsticks 60p
Satsumas 20p	Philadelphia & Breadsticks 75p
Pears 20p	
Raisins 20p	
Fruity raisins 20p	
Soft apricot snacks 25p	
Mini malt loaf 35p	
Bread sticks 25p	
Mini cheese/Babybel 35p	
Philadelphia tub 50p	
Cheese triangles 2 for 35p	



Congratulations Honor Oteng
 on your

amazing achievement -

At just 10 years old she has the
 fastest recorded time in the 100m
 in

European history!



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