

# St Lawrence CE Primary



## NEWSLETTER



Friday 20th May 2022

*'Being the best we can be, because with God all things are possible'*

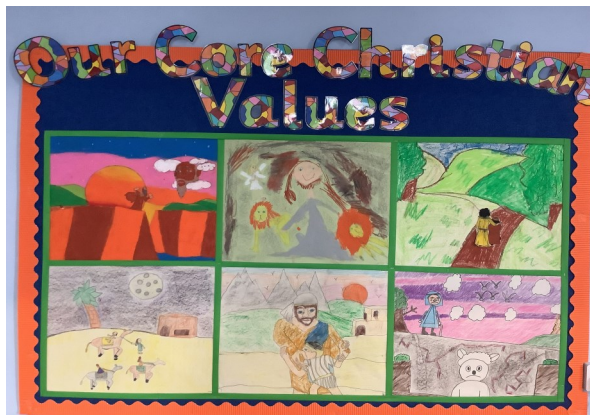
Dear Parents,

This week in classes children have been focusing on our six new core Christian Values and reading stories from the bible that teach them more about what that value means. Children have been creating large pieces of art, either individually or collaboratively, that will be displayed around school to embed the values of respect, courage, compassion, honesty, forgiveness and thankfulness. I have been so impressed with the standard of art work that has been produced and the children's understanding of the message depicted in the stories from the bible.

RESPECT

HONESTY

Thankfulness



Compassion

COURAGE

forgiveness

Last week I received a letter from the *'The Thank a Teacher Campaign'* run by the Teaching Awards Trust, established in 1998 by Lord David Puttnam CBE, to celebrate and recognise excellence in education to say that someone at St. Lawrence had been nominated by a colleague, parent or pupil. After a few failed attempts to login Mr Al-Asmar persevered and managed to retrieve the special mention. Please read below the message that was sent in recognition.

*'St. Lawrence is a small school but what it lacks in numbers it makes up for in heart and community and that is driven by every single member, be teachers, support staff, catering or cleaning. The school embodies community spirit and covid has just further shown what a power house this school is when looking after its students welfare. My child currently has a key worker place, I think after every lockdown phase there has been a further development and improvement in the way the school delivers their learning, be it on site or via remote learning. It has been lovely to see the zoom sessions that have taken place allowing those at home and those at school to interact with each other. I know my child has found that particularly helpful as a lot of her close friends are at home at the moment. I feel that they have communicated with children and parents in a timely and appropriate manner, there has still felt very much an element of fun within the lessons and extra elements such as World Mental Health Day and World Book Day which is soon to be upon us, all being discussed and the children encouraged to participate wherever they are based. Its hard to put into words but I think at a time when everyone is concerned and our children have so many uncertainties about what might be happening next, St Lawrence has provided a great source of stability, not only focusing on education but wellbeing too. As a parent, whilst the pandemic has led to many concerns, at no point have I been concerned regarding my child's welfare and development at St. Lawrence. They've done a great job!'*  
*'Anonymous*

As you can imagine, this message has truly meant the world to all the staff who work incredibly hard on a daily basis. The message is anonymous so we are unable to identify the person or persons who took the time to write this but we want to say a huge thank you for this wonderful message. The last two years have probably been the hardest for us all but our primary goal has been, and always will be, to place the children at the heart of all we do. Thank you for your kind words, all the staff were completely overwhelmed and appreciative.



# Archery



On Monday, we were visited by Great British Olympic Archer Patrick Huston. Patrick showed us the bow that he uses for International Competitions and passed around his Gold Medals for us to hold. After his assembly, in which he answered questions about his career and life lessons, older children in school were given archery coaching sessions by Patrick. He commented on how enthusiastic, polite and accurate the children were throughout the sessions. Patrick was asked during his assembly about not achieving goals or dreams and how he handles this adversity by some of our upper KS2 children. He explained that even if you don't achieve the goal or dream, you have achieved so much working towards it on the journey.

Patrick will be starting archery sessions with KS2 classes after half term and running an afterschool club for KS2 children – if your child is interested, please contact the school office.



## Sports Day

We would like to confirm that Sports Day is going to be held on Tuesday 21st June from 1.30-3pm weather permitting. An alternative date has been provisionally booked in to the diary which is Monday 11th July. Parents are most welcome to be enthusiastic spectators and we will welcome you on to the school field from 1.10pm onwards. Please ensure on that day that children are dressed in Sports kit wearing trainers and have a sunhat and bottle of water with them.

### Help with Pedestrian Training

We still need a few more volunteers for this event— if you are interested please see a member of staff in the school office.



Dates	Times
Monday 27th June	At 11:30 – 12:00, 1:10 – 1:40 and 1:45 – 2:15
Tuesday 28th June	At 11:30 – 12:00, 1:10 – 1:40 and 1:45 – 2:15
Thursday 30th June	At 11:30 – 12:00, 1:10 – 1:40 and 1:45 – 2:15
Friday 1st July	At 11:30 – 12:00, 1:10 – 1:40 and 1:45 – 2:15

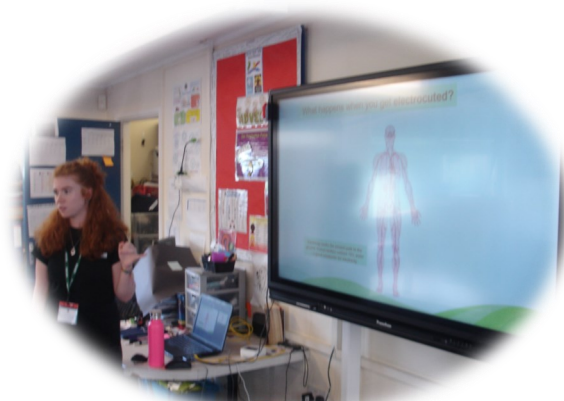




# Year 3 - 6 Workshop...



On Monday afternoon, Year 3 – 6 had an electricity workshop visit from Nikita at Western Power Distribution. The children learnt all about the dangers associated with electricity and learnt about what happens to the human body when it is electrocuted. Mrs Standish was very impressed with the knowledge and understanding demonstrated by the children throughout the afternoon.



## Year 5/6 mixed football....

A wonderful win for our mixed 5/6 football team!

### St Peters CE 0 – 1 St Lawrence CE

Wednesday afternoon saw our Year 5/6 Mixed Team play their first game in the **Summer Term League** that we are a part of. The children showed their potential as a side for the rest of the games by being very good at defence and creating some good chances. After taking the lead, the children played well and nearly scored a second on a few occasions. After half term, we will be playing the remaining fixtures and we look forward to the opportunities and enjoyment that these will bring.

Well done to everyone.

Thank you to the parents who supported the children.



# Celebrating Success this week!

## AWARDS THIS WEEK GO TO....

### St. Lawrence Values Award

Our St. Lawrence Values Award is an award nominated by the pupils and teachers to reflect the school's values represented in the 'St. Lawrence Way'.

This week Miss Fisher has nominated **Theo** - for his fantastic learning behaviour this week.

### HEAD TEACHER AWARD

**Ciaran** - For his outstanding art work linked to our core Christian values .

### Class One

**Niamh** - for always trying her hardest and being ready to learn.

### Class Two

**Noah** - for working really hard in all areas.

**Lily** - for her brilliant presentation of work.

### Class Three

**Sophie C** - a beautiful piece of art work for our new School Value of "Compassion".

**Reid** - a beautiful piece of art work for our new School Value of "Thankfulness".

**Olivia D** - for working well in class and showing kindness in helping others.

### Class Four

**Izzy** - fantastic responses to History.

**Lizzie** - always giving 100% to all lessons.

### House point winners

This week the winning house is **St Andrew's** with a staggering **88** points.

Well done to **Daisy** the House Captain and everyone who is a member of this house.



HOUSE NAME	POINTS THIS WEEK	POINTS IN TOTAL
St David	80	1908
St Patrick	67	2415
St Andrew	88	3217
St George	51	1895



# Achievements beyond the classroom

Well done to all our superstars!



Jacob was awarded the u11's  
Players' player award at Newport  
Rugby Club



Lizzie achieved a Distinction in her graded  
Musical Theatre exam.



Faith and Evie for being gymnastic  
enthusiasts and being recognised for  
working hard in lessons.

If you would like a special mention on the Newsletter email in your achievement or alternatively bring in your certificates.





# Competition time!



The School Safety Squad would like the children to design a logo for them.

Your entry needs to be bright, bold, colourful, include the name School Safety Squad along with a simple image which has a link to keeping children safe.

Try looking on the internet for ideas.

Please submit your entry by  
Thursday 26th May.

There will be a prize for the winner and the runner up.  
Good luck!





## St Lawrence Jubilee Flower Pot Competition

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the families of St Lawrence Primary School are invited to create a Royal display of Red, White and Blue Flowers in a planter, pot, wellie, tea pot, or any receptacle that could be used for planting. Why not add some little extras to your display to embrace the royal theme!

These displays should be brought into school on the morning of Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May and will be judged at our

Jubilee Tea Party  
on  
Thursday 26th May 2022

Don't forget to label with your name so we can announce the winner.

The planting displays will then be adorned around our school site for the rest of the Summer Term for us all to enjoy.



*Happy  
Planting!*

