

St Lawrence CE Primary

NEWSLETTER



Friday 24th June 2022

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

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful week it has been in school with lots going on and the glorious sunshine thrown in as an added bonus! Let's hope the weather holds for our school Summer Fayre planned by our fantastic PTFA from 3.05–6pm. We hope that you are able to join us as there will be lots to do and fun to be had.

Thank you so very much for joining us on Tuesday for Sports Day 2022. It was wonderful being able to have parents, grandparents and extended family members supporting the children and being able to be back on site. I am sure you will agree, that the event was a huge success with the children participated so brilliantly 'being the best they could possibly be', Many thanks for all the positive comments and emails, they were greatly received by staff. I think this photo pretty much sums up the feelings of the children on the day. Well done to our amazing pupils!



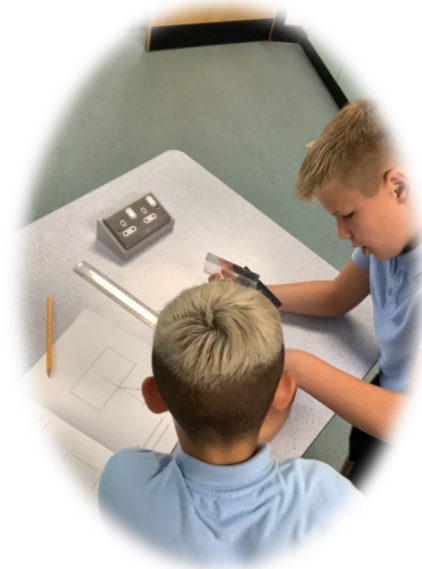
Today we were extremely fortunate to have had a visit from [Dinosaur, Wildlife and Education Centre –DWAEC](#) who brought in a number of animals for the children to look at and handle. The visit was highly entertaining but also supported the children's understanding of classification of animals and their habitats which fits in with our Science curriculum. Reception have been learning all about Africa so it was great to see a range of animals that inhabit Africa to support their understanding. A whole school presentation was followed by each class having a one hour session appropriate to their age range.

A special mention must go to the Bennett family (Albie and Esmae) for organising this for all the children at St. Lawrence.

Experiences like this enrich the curriculum offer and make the learning memorable. We had some very courageous children too!

More photos to follow .

Year 5 trip to Adams Grammar



On Wednesday afternoon, our Year 5 pupils were invited to Adams Grammar school where they explored the library and learnt all about the history of the school before heading to the Science labs where they carried out investigations on light. The children loved accessing the secondary science equipment, learning new scientific vocabulary and investigating new concepts. If any year 5 parents are interested in their child joining the school in Year 7, please see the below link before the 7th July:

[Joining us in Year 7 | Haberdashers' Adams \(adamsgs.uk\)](https://www.adamsgs.uk)



The Olympic Games

Nowadays, we are used to the Olympic Games taking place every four years with familiar events each time. This is because we are used to watching the modern Olympic Games, which began in 1896 in Athens, Greece. The ancient Olympic Games also took place in Greece, but during the period of Ancient Greece. The first of the ancient Olympic Games took place around 3,000 years ago, in 776 BCE.

Originally, the Olympics were held as a religious festival to honour Zeus. As the leader of the Greek pantheon of gods, he was the most important and most worshipped of them all. The Ancient Greeks believed that Zeus lived on top of Mount Olympus, the tallest mountain in Greece. They weren't held near the mountain, though. Instead, the games were held near Olympia, which was a religious city in the southwest of Greece.

At that time, the Greeks went to war a lot. The city-states were often battling against each other as well as against foreign armies. This meant that soldiers needed to be kept fit and strong. The first games were designed for soldiers to compete against each other to keep them in top physical condition. In the beginning, these games were foot races - normally ran over a track roughly 700 feet long. The track was wide enough to fit nearly 20 men side-by-side. Like most of the events that joined later, the men ran the races completely naked!

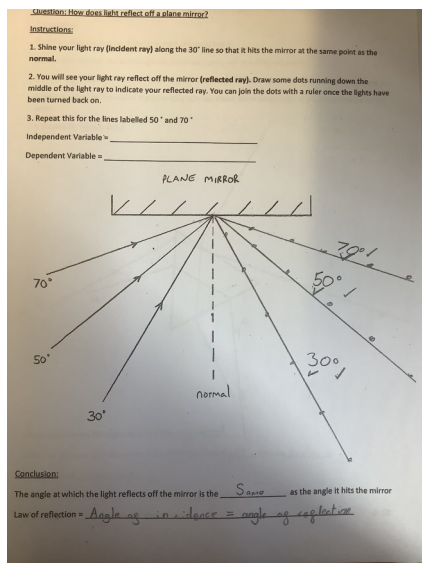
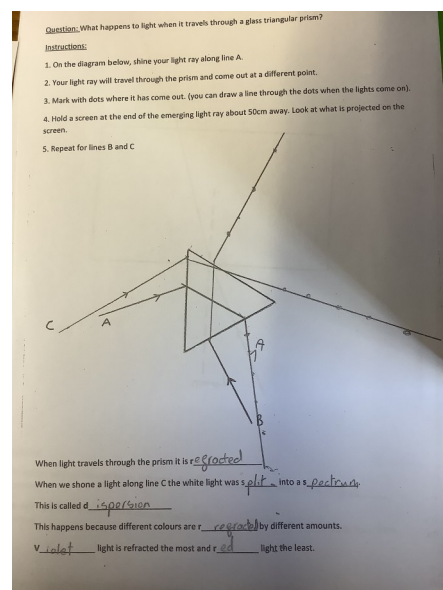
In the modern Olympics, athletes are awarded gold, silver and bronze medals, but ancient competitors were only celebrated if they won. They were given an olive wreath rather than a medal.

The games were extended over time, and lasted for five full days by 500 BCE. By then, the events included running, jumping, multiple throwing events and physical events like boxing, wrestling and pankration. All of the athletes were naked, and women weren't allowed to compete. In fact, women weren't allowed into the arenas at all. However, there was

a loophole that allowed women to win an event. In the chariot races, the owner of the chariot was crowned winner, not the riders. Kyniska, the daughter of the Spartan king, took advantage of this by owning a winning chariot. She won a wreath in 396 BCE and 392 BCE.

The Olympics weren't just about the events and Zeus, though. There were hundreds of food stalls and market traders. On the middle day of the festival, hundreds of cows were sacrificed to Zeus. Luckily, the spectators were allowed to eat the meat in a communal BBQ.

Some things never change, and the athletes sometimes tried to cheat. If a runner was caught making a false start, they were punished severely, often by being beaten with a whip or a stick.





Speak out and Stay Safe



Safety Squad

On Tuesday some NSPCC volunteers visited class 4 to educate us about the NSPCC 'speak out and stay safe' campaign. They informed us about the campaign using a PowerPoint telling us that we have the right to tell a trusted adult over the age of 18 about any type of abuse we may have seen happening to other people or may have affected us. They explained what abuse meant and the different types of abuse. Then they showed us an animated story of a boy called Guy which was based on a true story. Guy was not being looked after properly by his parents. After seeing a poster at his school about the NSPCC campaign with the telephone number for Childline (0800 1111), Guy contacted Childline and then the NSPCC helped his parents understand how to look after him correctly. The volunteers then went on to teach us which type of behaviour is acceptable and unacceptable.

Written by Graciella, Missy, Oliver F and Olly M – from the School Safety Squad

Here are some thoughts from our friends in class 4 about the workshop:



"It helped me understand the different people that we can talk to if we need to" (Izzy)

It helped us think about the different types of abuse that exist" (Charlie)

"The workshop taught us about behaviour which is right and wrong". (Jess)

080011111! This is the NSPCC number". (Daisy)

A note from Miss Fisher

Class 1, 2 and 3 have also taken part in an NSPCC Speak out and Stay Safe workshop with their class teachers. Please see a list of resources available to parents/carers which are available on the NSPCC website. The School Safety Squad will be delivering an assembly to follow up on the work already undertaken about the NSPCC campaign.

Miss Fisher has put links on the school website for you to access NSPCC Resources.



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Achievements beyond the classroom



Elsie learnt her drowning prevention training on Wednesday.
Well done Elsie!

You are both Superstars!



Amelia received a trophy for being part of Lawley Football club and being Player's Player

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 **Edwuradwoa** for always showing compassion to her friends when they are in need of help.

HEAD TEACHER AWARD

Hudson - for being a Superstar on Sports Day and showing such determination.

Class One

Esmee - for always approaching all areas of learning with positivity.

Class Two

Lucas - for listening well in all areas.

Oliver C - for applying maths strategies taught.

Class Three

Cora - for having an excellent week and showing resilience.

Oliver - for always working so hard. Good job!

Class Four

Angelica - Always giving 100%.

Ciaran -Enthusiasm shown towards his work.

House point winners

This week the winning house is **St Andrews** with a staggering **77** 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	72	2183
St Patrick	70	2671
St Andrew	77	3514
St George	61	2157



Dates for your diary

JUNE

- Friday 24th - Summer Fair (3—6pm).
- Monday 27th - Year 5/6 Pedestrian training.
- Tuesday 28th - Year 3/4 Pedestrian training.
- Thursday 30th - Reception class Pedestrian training.

JULY

- Friday 1st - Year 1/2 Pedestrian training.
- Monday 4th - Year 6 Transition day.
- Tuesday 5th - Year 6 Transition day.
- Wednesday 6th - Transition day in school for classes. New starters in school.
- Thursday 7th - Transition day in school for classes. New starters in school.
- Friday 8th - Class 2 trip to The Shropshire Discovery Centre.
- Monday 11th - Alternative date for Sports Day (If first date is cancelled).
- Wednesday 20th - Leavers Assembly on school field (10—11am).
- Thursday 21st - Last day of Term.

SEPTEMBER

- Monday 5th - School Closed PD Day
- Tuesday 6th - School Closed PD Day
- Wednesday 7th - Back to school.



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