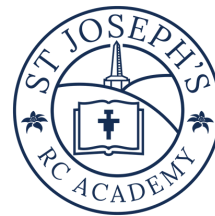


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READING CHALLENGE

On Monday, the Reading Subject Ambassadors launched a reading challenge for children in key stage one and two. The Ambassadors shared how reading can transport you to places you have never been, meet characters who become your friends and learn incredible things. They also talked about the benefits of learning and how it can help with our learning and understanding of the world.

The challenge will be to read and review books both in school and at home. The Ambassadors will work with staff to help keep a record of the books read and reviewed by individual children. We have four targets for children to try and achieve during their time at Saint Joseph's - ranging from 15 books read and reviewed up to 200.

The Ambassadors shared how we want to work together as a school to try and encourage each other to become reading champions and experience the joy of reading.



The books transported her into new worlds and introduced her to amazing people who lived exciting lives.



FOREST SCHOOL IS BACK!

Reminder: Please can all pupils in Beech Class, Cedar Class and Oak Class make sure they have their Forest schools clothing with them next Thursday. Thank you.

POOLS FOR SCHOOLS Y2 - Y6 PUPILS

Thank you for all the support we have received this week in preparing for our pools to schools sessions starting on Monday. In addition to the letter that was sent out providing all the details, we need to request that children do not wear even stud earrings in the swimming pool and therefore, if it is easier for them to come to school without them at all, please remove them at home.

Each evening, if your child is in Y3 to Y6 they will be asked to dry their kit and return it the following day. This is for two weeks. Y2 pupils will be allocated one week of swimming each, which has been confirmed in a separate letter today.



ATTENDANCE

'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts'

Attendance at school is as much about pupil well-being as academic success. Being in school supports pupil's friendships, confidence and wider development. When pupils miss school, the impact of 'feeling behind' can be a barrier to their future success. Government data shows that 84% of Key Stage 2 pupils who had 100% attendance achieved the expected standard, compared to 40% of pupils who were persistently absent across the key stage. If pupils are not in school, we can not support them to learn.



Nursery - 91.2%

Reception - 97.2%

Year 1 - 97.8%

Year 2 - 98.9%

Year 3 - 98.5%

Year 4 - 89.3%

Year 5 - 92.5%

Year 6 - 96.5%

Whole school attendance week: 95.3%

We need these figures to be above 96% Help us reach our goal - every day counts!!

Whole school attendance this year: 95.6%

DATES FOR THE DIARY...

Trips, Visits, Theme Days and More!

Monday 29th January - Friday 9th February Y2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Pool for Schools. Swimming lessons every day in school for 2 weeks

Monday 29th January 3:15-4:15pm Film Club with Mrs Green, R, Y1 & 2 for those children who have joined

Tuesday 30th January Reception Mini Olympics at Todmorden Leisure Centre

Monday 5th February Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 5th February Oak class trip to perform at Young Voices in Manchester AO Arena

Tuesday 6th February Be Internet Legends Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 7th February 20mins Reading Workshop with coffee and cake for parents of EYFS and KS1 08:50am

Thursday 8th February Spring Disco 4-5:30pm

Friday 9th February Elm Class Assembly tbc

Friday 9th February Close for half-term

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February February half-term

Monday 19th February Back to school

Thursday 22nd February Fire Crew Visit to see Beech Class 'People who help us'

Monday 26th February Flat Stan First Aid Training Workshops Y1 - Y6

Monday 26th February 3:15-4:15pm Film Club with Mrs Green, R, Y1 & 2 for those children who have joined

Tuesday 27th February Elm Class trip to Science and Industry Museum in Manchester

Wednesday 6th March Beech Class Visit to the Fire Station

Friday 8th March Beech Class Assembly

Friday 8th March Swimming Gala for Y3 - Y6

Friday 22nd March Cedar Class Assembly

Thursday 28th March Close for Easter

Y3 OLYMPICS!

Congratulations to all our amazing year 3 children who represented our school and took part in the Todmorden Year 3 Olympics this week. They worked incredibly hard as a small team and came third on the day. They were such a credit to the school and a wonderful example of manners, effort and determination were on display throughout the morning. Well done!



THIS WEEK'S AWARDS



Beech: Muaz J, For showing resilience

Cedar: Jessica D, Beautiful presentation in all her books

Elm: Easton C, For his efforts in the Year 3 Olympics

Oak: Leona D, For showing kindness to others

WOW!

Beech: Zeshaan I, Super story telling

Cedar: Aoife D, Super effort during Phonics sessions

Elm: Subahaan F, For his Science work

Oak: Whole class, To all of Oak class for their amazing effort in this mornings class assembly

OAK CLASS ASSMEBLY

This morning we were spoilt with the incredible work produced by our year 5 and 6 pupils for their class assembly. The focus today was 'William Shakespeare' and the school were treated to facts, about his life, his works, both through speech and song, excerpts of plays that were acted out and a reading from one of his 154 sonnets. The children were not at all phased by the language of this writing and brought scenes to life with energy and understanding. We are so proud of the ambition displayed by both the staff and pupils in their preparation and congratulate them for the wonderful assembly shared today. Well done!

