



Theme for next week : Respect

Head's Message

Dear Parents,

Time is passing quickly and, as we complete the fourth week of this new academic year, it is clear that the children have adapted to our new routines. This includes our precious Nursery children who have settled in well and are enjoying their school days. It is worth noting that some of our children have taken more time to settle than usual. I firmly believe that this is as a result of the extended period of lockdown. Working at home allowed for greater freedom around their learning. They could get up later and finish earlier and, because parents were busy working from home too, may not have spent the time on their work that they would have done at school. Discipline at home is different from the routine and discipline at school. At school, there is consistency and routine which is naturally provided by adherence to a timetable, as well as the structure provided by being in class and working alongside their classmates on the same activities. There are less opportunities to "play the system". Of course, this is a generalisation and I have no doubt that some households adhered to their own very strict routines and timetable during lockdown.

Since lockdown began, there has been an ongoing debate about remote versus class learning. The main difference between these two is that classroom teaching allows learners to interact with the teachers and other learners in a live environment. With remote learning, the learner is entirely dependent on electronic media to interact with the curriculum. However, remote learning has been a positive experience for some children. For some, the dynamic at school is complicated and can be challenging. They may find it difficult to form friendships or keep up with the pace in class and the expectations on them. Working at home eliminates some of that stress. They are less exhausted because the day is shorter, and they may have more time to themselves as there is no commute to school and they are not involved in after-school activities.

Research has shown that the best remote learning enables children to think deeply and critically about subject matter whilst working at their own pace, but in an online environment which provides interaction with the teacher and lesson content.

With the announcement on Tuesday from the Prime Minister, it is evident that we all need to take every precaution to ensure our own safety, as well as adhere to guidance that enables us to keep the School open. Many schools, including ours, have already had to put specific groups into isolation. We should all be prepared for this eventuality as the infection rate continues to increase. Once again, people have been encouraged to work from home where possible so, in most cases, having the children at home isolating should not be a problem. To help improve our chances of remaining open, we respectfully ask that parents wear masks when dropping off and picking children up from school. Teachers will be wearing them at the gate and when walking around the school. I know that this is not yet a mandatory requirement but we ask you to apply this precaution so that we can protect our school community.

Enjoy the weekend.

Sincerely,

Leonard Blom

Respect yourself and others will respect you.

-Confucius-



During an Art lesson this week with Year 5, the children had lots of fun preparing a board ready for the installation of their string art piece. They look like they are having a great time!



In preparation for Mini London Marathon week, pupils in Years 3 - 8 have been running out on the school field. Next week, they will all be covering 2.6 miles by either running, jogging or walking.



Year 2 had fun this week learning maths through play. Each child had to move their counter along a number track and match the representations of 3-digit numbers to the numerals. There was the added excitement of

who reached the finish line first!



We are thrilled to announce that the music department has welcomed back their team of 15 visiting Music Teachers! It is lovely to once again be surrounded by live music. The department has been awash with requests to start lessons,

and timetables have been filling up fast. Should you be interested in taking up lessons, please refer to our website to download the application and guidelines.



The children in 1MD enjoyed using the iPads to play Purple Mash. It was challenging to figure out how to use the

pop up keyboard. They all had lots of fun!



In Year 7 PE, pupils warmed -up with a variety of body movements to increase their heart rate, blood flow and muscle temperature before a short, timed run to improve their stamina.

This week, children in Year 2 made collages using natural materials. They were inspired after looking at the work of the outdoor artist, Andy Goldsworthy.



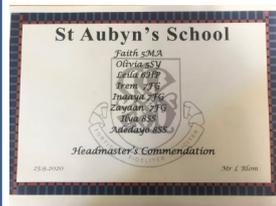
In the Library this week, Year 3 have been discussing how to choose a good fiction book, genres and the five finger rule before putting these new skills into practice.



St. Aubyn's has reached the top 20 of schools worldwide in Languagenut, thanks to the sustained efforts of a few boys in Year 8, and Olivia and Faith in Year 5. Kyle, Ilya, Jude, Tayo and Dayo are working through French verbs and vocabulary with determination whilst the girls have reached 11th and 12th place in the world-wide student rankings. Very well done!



In class this week, Year 6 listened to the music of Steve Reich and started to write their own rhythmical compositions. As you can see, one was entitled 'Fizzy Bop'!



Congratulations to these pupils who were awarded a Headmaster's Commendation this week.



Year 8 have been working practically this week, exploring the plans and elevations of 3D shapes.

Since being back at school, a few pupils have been unwell with symptoms that could be indicative of COVID-19 and their parents have been advised to get their child tested. Please could we ask that if your child has been asked to get a test that you let us know the results. Please let the School Nurses know at nurse@staubyns.com or by telephone to the School Office.

Brentwood School is holding a Virtual Open Morning on Saturday, 3 October from 10am – 11am. To register, please visit their website. **Felsted School** is holding a Virtual Open Morning on Saturday, 3 October. Please register your interest via the form on their website.