



Theme for next week : Responsibility

### Head's Message

Dear Parents,

Once again, the School has taken part in activities to support Anti-Bullying Week, the theme of which was United Against Bullying. Bullying is defined as "the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online." People are now far more aware that **bullying has a long lasting effect on those who experience and witness it**, both the victim and the bully. Both need support; the bully needs to understand why they are choosing to hurt others and the victim needs the right support to recover from the bullying. We are unique at St Aubyn's, as we have Heads of Department available to support the teachers with all issues regarding pastoral care. Issues between pupils are investigated and resolved quickly, limiting any anxiety or distress the children might experience. At the request of the teacher, children also have the opportunity to speak to a counsellor, to help them work through any worries they may have about school and to support their emotional wellbeing in the longer term.

This week, the Reception classes videoed the first section of their Christmas Play. I saw a photo of the elves in their Santa hats, busily preparing and making their Christmas decorations. I am sure we are all looking forward to seeing more of these Christmas montages which will certainly bring some much-needed joy to all of us. For many of us in teaching, it will be the first time that we are unable to experience a Christmas play or nativity live. For me, Christmas always begins once I have enjoyed the Pre Prep nativity. This is just another one of those adjustments that we have all had to make this year.

I am pleased to see that a number of children and staff continue to walk to school or arrive on their bikes. This is an excellent habit so keep it up, even in the inclement weather!

There are now only two more weeks to go until the second lockdown ends. It is likely that we will have to adhere to some sort of tier system so we still have some waiting to do before we find out quite how we will be celebrating Christmas this year. Let us hope for a few days free of lockdown restrictions that will enable us all to celebrate with our families.

Good luck to all the Year 6 pupils sitting the Redbridge 11+ this weekend.

Sincerely,

Leonard Blom

The price of greatness is responsibility.

*-Winston Churchill-*

This week, Isla, Saanvi, Tiana and Anvitha in 3NL shared their experience of how they celebrated Diwali. They



spoke with confidence and enthusiasm, giving their class the opportunity to ask them questions. The dresses that they wore were sent from India by relatives and friends.





In science this week, Year 2 have been learning how personal hygiene is important in keeping them healthy. Using glitter on everyday objects like scissors and glue sticks, the children could see how microbes spread to different surfaces. The final part of the experiment was to see which method of hand cleansing was most effective (it was soap and warm water!).



In history this week, pupils in Year 6 enjoyed learning about the different diseases in Victorian times, particularly some of the rather unpleasant symptoms!



Year 5 pupils arrived eagerly to their DT lesson with their homework in hand. They had been asked to produce a drawing of Antoni Gaudi with a trencadis mosaic border. The results were impressive!

Many congratulations to Teresa in Year 6 whose wonderful Christmas card design was selected for the St Aubyn's School 2020 Christmas Card. Well done, Teresa!



Congratulations to all the Year 4 pupils who have successfully completed the library Readmoji Reading Challenge so far this term! Miss Cook and Mrs Anthony have given out 12 certificates and some well-deserved house points during our class library sessions. Well done, everyone!



Year 3 design and technology pupils are working on the decorative design of their wooden photo frame. They are looking great!

Pupils in Years 4 and 5 had great fun in their PE lessons this week where they were able to combine sprinting with playing scrabble!



Year 6 boys took part in the Crossbar Challenge this week.

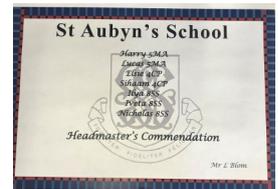


As part of the IAPS Virtual Sports Championships, the boys tried to score as many points as possible by hitting the goal crossbar from a 5 metre distance.



This week, 5SY enjoyed planning and conducting an experiment to test the strength of different types of paper which could be used to make a shopping bag.

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



Many congratulations to Sophia 3AG, Ali Tardu 3JA, Anvitha 3NL, Hayaan 4UM, Harrison 4CP and Isabel 4HS who have all been elected on



to the School Council in Middle School.

Year 4 have been learning about the problem of food waste in their geography lesson this week.



Their task was to write a television script for a David Attenborough documentary on the topic. It seems we have some budding writers, producers and directors in our midst!