



Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together

Friday 24th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

At St. Luke's we believe that Online Safety is a really important topic, listening to the concerns of many of our parents, we recognise that pupil well-being is also a significant factor. Earlier this term, the pupils in Bluebell class were given a set of statistics based around the number of hours spent daily on devices. They were all quite surprised. They were given the task of considering the impact this can have on their well-being. They were also asked to create a personal timetable, ensuring a healthy balance.

This week we invited Digital Wizards in to school to deliver online safety sessions for the children in Key Stage Two. We requested that this topic was developed further. During the sessions they focused on the importance of limiting screen time. They considered the negative impact it can have on the individual, such as tiredness, changes in mood and eye strain. Also, what they can do to avoid and overcome this, for example. do some exercise, play with friends.

Topics you might like to discuss with your child:

Year 3 – The importance of creating secure passwords

Year 4 – Not believing all you see online

Year 5 – Limiting screen time in greater depth

Year 6 – Digital footprints

It was very pleasing to see some of the children clearly recalling the work we had done in previous years.

Earlier in the week, we also welcomed Paul Delaney back to school to deliver his poetry workshops.

While working mainly with children in Key Stage One, he worked with children throughout the school. Some of the children will go on to perform at the poetry festival later in the year.

Our Mini Vinnies joined other Mini Vinnies at a gathering at St. Clements in Runcorn. This was a great opportunity to meet others and hear about how they carry out their role within their school communities. Thank you to Pauline Stitt, our Chair of Governors, for taking children to this event and to the children for being such positive role models.

Thank you to Friends of St. Luke's who organised the very successful Halloween Disco. We are always amazed at the creativity behind all the wonderful costumes. This year, we were delighted to invite all the pre-school aged children, for their own mini disco. It was lovely to meet them all, and they clearly enjoyed themselves. Thank you also to all our families and staff who supported this event. The children clearly enjoyed this event.

We have had a really successful half term, and look forward to the next half term. School will re-open on Tuesday 5th November. We will have Parents Evenings on Tuesday 5th November, Wednesday 6th November, Thursday 7th November. Please ensure you have made an appointment with your child's class teacher to discuss pupil progress. Wishing everyone an enjoyable half term.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh

Attendance

Overall Attendance this week **94.2%**.

Across the school, **2 hours and 1 minute** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

98% attendance means **4** school days missed
95% attendance means **10** school days missed
90% attendance means **19** school days missed
80% attendance means **38** school days missed
5 minutes late each day means **3** school days missed

Lower than 90% Attendance	90-95% Attendance	96-100% Attendance
Class 1	Class 3 Class 4 Class 6	Reception Class 2 Class 5

Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Please be aware that unauthorised absences that exceed 5 school days during term time will receive a fixed penalty notice (FPN).

Little Church

Come and join us at Little Church during 11am mass on Saturday 9th November 2024

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Twitter Page

@stlukesfrodsham



Facebook Page

St. Luke's Catholic Primary School Frodsham

Pupil Premium

We thought we would share the information/links again about Pupil Premium and Free School Meals.

<https://www.stlukesfrodsham.org.uk/page/pupil-premium-and-recovery-premium/34967>

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

St Luke's Lion Cubs

We loved seeing our St. Luke's Lion Cubs again this week and we especially enjoyed our Tots Halloween Disco! Look out for details about a Tots Christmas Party on Friday 13th December.



Come and Play
St Luke's Lion Cubs

Everyone Welcome!
Babies and Tot's Group



Every Wednesday 9.15am—11.15am during Term Time
(see school website for dates)

St Luke's Catholic Primary School,
The Willows, Frodsham, WA6 7QP

For more information contact St Luke's main office
admin@stlukes.cheshire.sch.uk 01244 259999






All Lions and Cubs welcome
£2 voluntary contribution



Dates for your diary

Friday 25th October—School closes for half term

Tuesday 7th November—School re-opens

5th, 6th and 7th November—Parents evenings

Parking

Please can we remind parents/carers that during drop off and pick up can we kindly ask that cars are parked on Fluin Lane or at the Community Centre.

Short story competition

Last week we submitted our short story competition entries at the Curious Cat Bookshop. Good luck everyone!



Lost jumpers

We have a large pile of jumpers and PE jumpers that have been left in the year 5 class room, if your child is missing anything then please let us know. We have checked but there aren't any names in them.

Halloween Disco



Marigold Class

On Monday we were very lucky to work with Paul Delaney, a Poet who helped us create an "I don't like..." poem. We performed it in class and some of them might even be published in a book!

English—Year 1 and 2 have worked so hard this week to write our own version of Troll Swap. Our class story was called Shark Swap and featured a star fish who was loud, loopy and messy, and a shark who was nice, polite and tidy! Reception have been retelling the story of Troll Swap and have been writing simple words about the story.

Maths—Reception have been recognising numbers and playing pairs games to match the number to the image. Year 1 have been writing number sentences to match part whole models. Year 2 have been exploring using our knowledge of ones number sentences to create tens number sentences eg $2+7=9$ so $20+70=90$.

Science—We have been learning about evergreen and deciduous trees and we explored the school grounds to see if we could identify different trees. Did we find more evergreen trees or deciduous trees?

Art—We have been designing our final art pieces and have enjoyed creating the final piece. Keep an eye out for our Marigold Art Gallery Exhibition on X and Facebook!

The Inspiration Sportsperson homework presentations have been excellent! Well done to all the children who completed this and presented to the class.

We had a great time at the Halloween Disco this week. The costumes were amazing!



Tulip Class

In Tulip class, we cannot believe how quickly Autumn 1 has flown by! It seems like just yesterday we stepped foot into our new classroom, and we have now completed our first half term as Year 3 and 4. We have settled in well, making lots of new friends and learning lots in our new topics.

In English, we have completed our 'Hot Tasks' this week, writing letters from Tom to his Grandad to update him with all of the events he missed whilst he was away! Year 3 have been focusing on prepositions and paragraphs, whilst year 4 have focused on fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases. We have worked really hard to present our work well and perfect our handwriting.

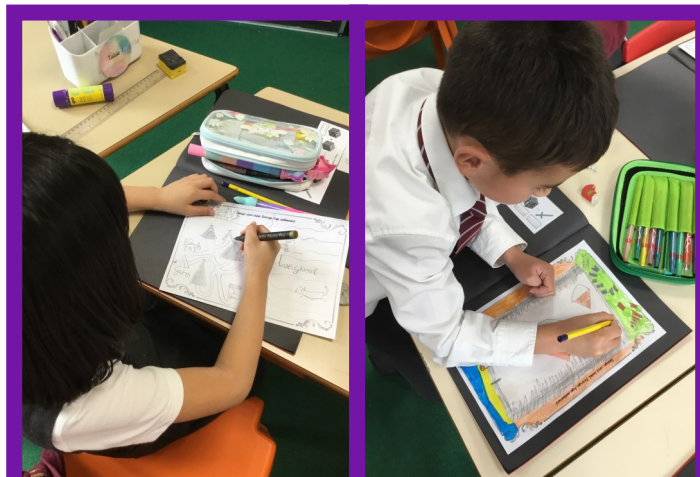
In Maths, we continued with our addition and subtraction topics. Year 3 have been subtracting 10s across 100, learning how to 'exchange' hundreds to help us. Year 4 have been using the formal written method to complete subtractions with more than one exchange.

In History, we continued to learn about the Bronze Age and discussed how society had advanced since the Stone Age. We enjoyed discovering what a Stone Age settlement would have looked like, and got creative by designing our own!

We concluded our Science topic: Rocks, with a final lesson learning about three types of soil and whether it was made from organic matter. We were fascinated by how clay soil looks vastly different to peat.

Earlier this week, we were lucky to take part in Online Safety sessions which highlighted the importance of safe passwords, which information we shouldn't share online, AI, and the creation of fake news. Year 3 also enjoyed a Poetry Workshop with Paul.

We are excited to see what's in store after half term!



Bluebell Class

We can't believe it is the end of the first half term - time flies when you're having fun! We have had another great week in Bluebell Class. As we have now reached the end of our English unit, this week's focus was to write our own traditional tale for our end of unit 'hot task'. Using all that we have learnt and developed over this half term, we enjoyed planning and writing the different sections over the week and feel very proud of what we have created.

This week's maths lessons have required lots of perseverance and resilience; Year 5 focused on mastering and applying the formal method of addition (working with big numbers) whilst Year 6 tackled long division. At first, many people felt a little apprehensive about the methods but, after lots of practise and a range of fluency questions, many now feel more confident in working through the steps to get to the answer. It has been great to see the confidence grow throughout the week.

Alongside English and maths, we have enjoyed developing our sketching skills in art, focusing on developing light and shade in our drawings and Year 6 explored how to incorporate proportion into their artwork.

After the wet weather led to us postponing our library visit last week, we were thrilled to see blue skies and sunshine this Wednesday afternoon as this meant we were able go ahead with our rearrange library trip. We loved visiting the library, hearing a story and choosing a book to take home with us. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and excitement of the children as they found books by different authors there are familiar with after enjoying their books in school.

Our first half term has been a busy one but, in a short space of time, it is wonderful to already see progress being made and everyone working hard to achieve their best. Wishing everyone a restful and relaxing half term break.



Award winners

Well done to this week's award winners...

Please note we can only invite parents/carers of headteacher and subject award winners

Headteacher Awards



Subject Awards



Pride Award

