

St Paul's Newsletter – Summer 24.05.24

'One body, every person, growing together.'



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

It has been such a busy half term and the children are certainly ready for a break from school. We rounded off the week with an assembly from 5D this morning; it was an excellent and very impressive celebration of their learning about the universe and the solar system. I missed their first performance but I was very kindly invited to an 'encore' this afternoon and loved every minute!



After joining us nine years ago as an NQT and honing her craft at St Paul's, Miss McDonogh, Y3 teacher, has decided that she is going 'back to school' in September to complete a Master's Degree. She will leave us in July and whilst we are going to miss her, we wish her well with her studies!

Thank you so much to the parents and staff who donated for today's non uniform day. A significant number of children left their donations at home this morning but worry not, these can be sent in after half term. The School Council are determined to reach £1000 and there is still £120 to go! They are over the moon, especially as our wonderful PTA Committee have ALSO pledged to pay £5000 towards the total cost of this resource, taking us closer to the £10,500 price tag. If you work for a company that supports community projects, please do pass on our name as we would gratefully accept any corporate donations.



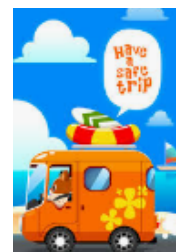
Good luck to Reyansh, 4B, who is leaving St Paul's to join Oaklands Juniors, the school closest to home. We hope he quickly settles in and makes new friends.



A big St Paul's welcome to Ava (6B) who joined us on Monday. Ava has only been in the UK for one month and the other children are doing a brilliant job of helping her find her feet and settle into St Paul's.

Whether you are off on holiday or spending time with family and friends, enjoy the bank holiday and not having to do the 'school run' next week. For those of you travelling, have a safe journey. We will see you all on Tuesday 4th June.

Mrs Taylor



Sports News

What a busy week we have had for sporting activities.

On Monday the Y5/6 Girls competed in their County Cup semi-final against Dedworth Middle School. The game was really tough but the girls showed their mettle they were resilient and worked hard right to the end of the match. Despite losing the match they should all be very proud of their achievements this season as they have really come together as a team, they have worked hard in training and put into practice everything they have learnt. Well done to Aeryn who stepped up to go in goal and was the Player of the Match for her outstanding effort.



Tuesday saw our Y3/4 tennis team hitting the courts in the School Games tennis competition. There were lots of excellent matches with some tense rallies throughout. The team were fantastic and it was a pleasure to see them all having fun representing St. Paul's. They were great ambassadors for the school.

Congratulations to all our Activity Leaders who organised, managed and ran the School Games Multi-skills festival for Wokingham District Infant Schools. The children were all fantastic ambassadors for St. Paul's receiving so many compliments from the staff, parents and children.



Congratulations Marc!



Marc (5K) has qualified for the Dirt Store ACU British Motocross Championship which is by invitation only. He raced at Wakes Colne where he was 3rd overall from the 3 races. He was previously 4th round 1, 1st round 2.

This is a fantastic achievement especially considering Marc has achieved this without having any training!

He is officially one of the fastest 40 riders in the country on 65cc bikes.

PTA Vacancy – Treasurer

The PTA are looking for a new treasurer to join their committee as soon as possible. Ideally, they need someone who is good with numbers and used to handling cash. This is a vital role in the small, friendly and supportive team. For an informal chat, please contact the PTA directly: PTA@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

Swimming

Pupils should come to school dressed in uniform, including school shoes, and bring their kit (costume or trunks, towel and swimming hat) to change into at the pool. We ask that swimming trunks are close fitting and not long, baggy Bermuda style shorts and that girls wear a one piece suit. Swimming hats can be purchased from school.

Mondays			Tuesdays			Wednesdays			Fridays		
5D	3D	3H	5K	3B	4P	5M	6B	4B	6T	4R	6S

Class Assemblies

Just a reminder about upcoming class assemblies, the majority of which will take place on Friday morning. These events last approximately 15 minutes and start promptly at 9.00 am. Parents of the class performing are welcome to join us for these occasions and should **enter the school via the Oxford Road entrance.**

14/06	21/06	28/06	05/07	17/07
3H	4B	5K	3D	4R

Forest School

We've certainly experienced a lot of different weather in the woods this week!

We started off in the sunshine on Monday when 3H came for their session. During our reflection they spoke about their gratitude for family and friends, their homes and nature.

The continued good weather saw our Tuesday group exploring the pond area, seeing dragonflies, newts, pond skaters and hog louse. Collaboration and communication, along with a lot of patience was used by all the children during this activity.



Wednesday, well didn't it rain! This did not stop our resilient children who learned how to whittle and use the knives safely. They finished off their session by holding a democratic vote to choose who would be "up" in hide and seek.

Our Thursday group were back in the sunshine and started their afternoon by Forest Bathing around our pond area. During the rest of their session, they increased their skills using the knives to whittle wood, they tended to our allotment and enjoyed some tree climbing.



Our reflection this week has been focused on Noticing. The children shared the changes they had seen in the woodland since their last session, with stinging nettles growing, the bluebells being over, the various wildlife in our pond and the appearance of our friendly robin, affectionately called Fobbin.

17/06	24/06	01/07	08/07	09/07	5/07	16/07
6B	3D	6S	5D	4R	6T	3B

Absence Reporting

If your child is not able to attend school due to illness, please email absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk by 8.15am on each day of the absence. Please ensure you give your child's name, class and symptoms: stating that your child is 'unwell' is not sufficient information for our records.

Next Week at School

Monday 3 rd June	INSET Day
Friday 7 th June	Silent Disco
Diary Dates	
Friday 14 th June	3H Class Assembly
Thursday 20 th June	PTA - Bag to School and Frozen Thursday
Thursday 20 th June	Sports Day 9.00am – 1.00pm NEW DATE
Friday 21 st June	4B Class Assembly
Friday 28 th June	5K Class Assembly
Friday 5 th July	3D Class Assembly
Saturday 6 th July	PTA – Summer Fair
Friday 12 th July	PTA – Frozen Friday
Wednesday 17 th July	4R Assembly
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
Friday 19 th July 9.30am	Leavers Service at St Paul's Church – Year 6 parents welcome to attend



Junior Adventures Group

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Holiday Clubs

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WOKINGHAM CARERS PARTNERSHIP

INFORMATION EVENT FOR PARENT/FAMILY CARERS!

**When-Monday 10th June 2024
from 10.00am-2.00pm**

**Where-Loddon Valley Leisure Centre
Rushey way, Lower Earley, RG6 4GD**

MANY LOCAL CHARITIES AND ORGANISATIONS FROM THE WOKINGHAM BOROUGH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO OFFER SUPPORT AND ADVICE



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Bracknell Athletics Club

YOUNG ATHLETE SESSIONS

- Delivering the England Athletics 365 Programme
- For children in school years 4-6
- Termly sessions on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays
- Learn to run, throw and jump!
- Be part of a team and make new friends
- Community group that offers opportunities for all abilities in a fun, friendly environment

For more information please join the waiting list on our website

www.bracknellac.com




Half term fun for families!

Do you want to be a dog's best friend?



Join us for a free, fun family workshop to learn all about staying safe around dogs and keeping our four-pawed friends happy and healthy!

Where: Wokingham Library
When: Wednesday 29 May 2 - 3pm

This workshop is for children aged 7 -11 years with an accompanying adult.

Free workshop
Booking is essential



Please visit Wokingham Library - events page to book your place.



GET ARTY!

WOKINGHAM LIBRARY
FRIDAY 31 MAY
10:30 - 11:30AM

Come and join us for a fun morning of arts & crafts.

This event is open to children aged 4 to 10.

£2 CHARGE
LIMITED SPACES,
BOOKING ESSENTIAL!

