



St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear St Paul's Families,



Another fantastic week with lots of examples of great work and very smiley children, happy to be back at school and learning! We marked St Patrick's Day on Wednesday with a special assembly and today, we had great fun celebrating Red Nose day. The school was awash with red and we spent the day singing and dancing our way through lessons, rounding off the fun with a live joke telling event. This was the first time we have linked up all twelve classrooms live and our joke tellers did a brilliant job of having everyone in stitches. Well done to all of our participants and to the rest of the pupils for being such an appreciative audience.



So far, we have raised over £400 for Comic Relief and our just giving page is still open, should you not yet have had the chance to donate.

Thank you for your continued support in following the procedures we have in place for mitigating the risk of transmission of Covid-19. Like you, we want nothing more than for school to remain open for all pupils and to ensure that this is able to happen, it is vitally important that we continue to follow the guidelines. If there is a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19 in your household, you must all stay at home for the full self-isolation period and children should NOT be sent to school.

Pupils should not be sent to school or college if they:

- Have symptoms or live in a household with someone who has symptoms;
- Have tested positive themselves, even if they do not have symptoms;
- Live in a household with someone who has tested positive, even if that person does not have symptoms;
- Are a close contact of someone who has Covid-19;
- Are required to self-isolate for travel-related reasons.

To calculate self-isolation, the last day of contact with the infected person is day 0 and you must count 10 full days from the following day. This is very important for stopping community transmission. Should your child feel unwell, please do not dose them up with Calpol and send them into school to see how they go, keep them at home and monitor how they are and if in any doubt, arrange for a Covid test.

Healthy Snacks and Packed Lunch

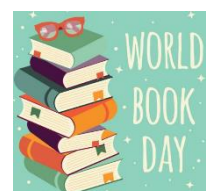


As a Healthy School, we encourage the children to bring in well balanced packed lunches and a healthy snack for morning break – fruit vegetable sticks, dried fruit and cereal bars are all suitable items. Crisps, chocolate, biscuits and other sugary snacks are not allowed as a breaktime snack.

World Book Day Writing Challenge

As part of our World Book celebrations each class completed a writing challenge, set by an author. Teachers were asked to choose the best piece of writing from their class, and then one winner was chosen from each year group.

We have seen some fantastic work and it has been very hard to decide, but the winners for each year group are as follows:





Year 3 – Ella, 3L

Year 4 – Charlotte, 4M

Year 5 – Rohit, 5S

Year 6 – Sophia, 6B

Wokingham Borough Library Virtual Events

To find out what's going on during April, follow this link:

<https://wokinghamboroughlibraries.wordpress.com/2021/03/16/childrens-virtual-activities-april-2021/>

Tuesday April 6 - Virtual Storytime at 11am. We will be sharing some silly stories and fun tales. Suitable for families with children aged 7 and under.

Thursday April 8 - Fun with Phonics Workshop! with Explore Learning for 4 to 6 year olds at 11am to 12noon. During today's workshop you will try to recognise and say a pair of words that rhyme! You will then be able to segment a word and learn to spell it with ease!

Saturday April 10 - Teen Writing Author visit with Simon James Green from 10.30am to 12noon.

Thursday April 15 - Become a Maths Wizard Workshop! with Explore Learning for 7 to 9 year olds at 11am to 12noon. During today's workshop you will demonstrate counting in 3s, 4s, 6s and 8s. Being able to solve pictorial multiplication problems and be on your way to becoming a grand wizard!

Friday April 16 at 11am - Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Messages from nature. Join artist Chris Holley in a poetry inspired art session and then create your own bird! For children aged 7 to 10 years old.

Tuesday April 27 - Virtual Storytime at 11am. We will be sharing some Pet themed stories. Suitable for families with children aged 7 and under.

To sign up just email libraries@wokingham.gov.uk with the session you would like to attend, your name and library card number and you will be sent details of how to join the day before.

Young People and Families Outreach, WBC

Paediatric First Aid Course

Wokingham Adult Education are running a Paediatric First Aid Introductory course on 24th and 25th March 2021. run by Wokingham Adult Education (see flyer below).

To apply visit <https://sites.google.com/view/wokingham-acl> to download an application form and for details on eligibility.

Easter Holiday Clubs

To book places please follow the links below. All information is available on our website.



<https://www.stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk/website/clubs/69270>



https://www.stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk/website/after_school_club/29855

Pen Licence

When the children show consistently fluent, cursive handwriting in terms of letter formation, size and joining and spacing, in all of their work, they will be awarded a Pen Licence.

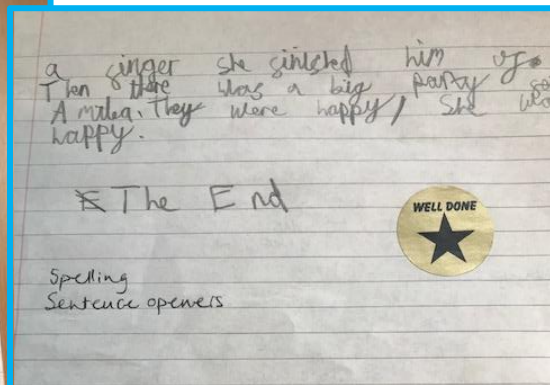
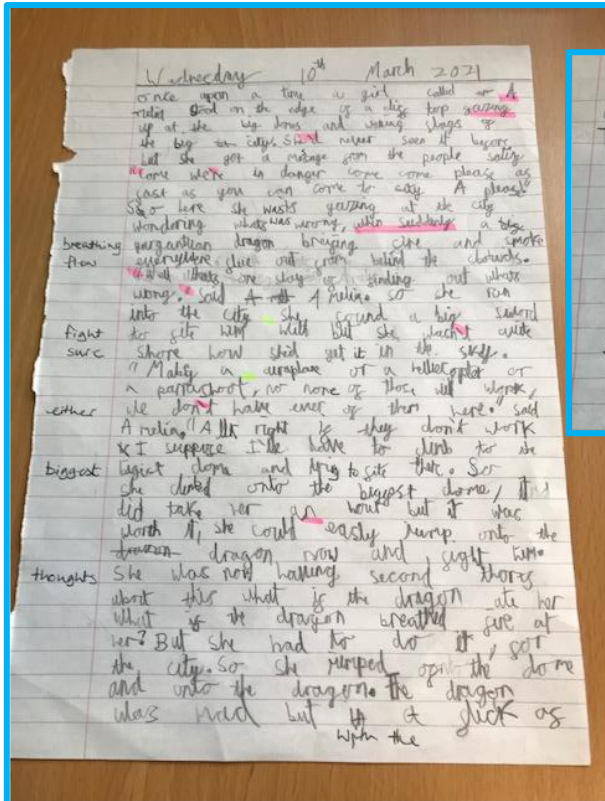


Congratulations to Molly, 5P for achieving a Pen Licence this week.

Wonderful Work!

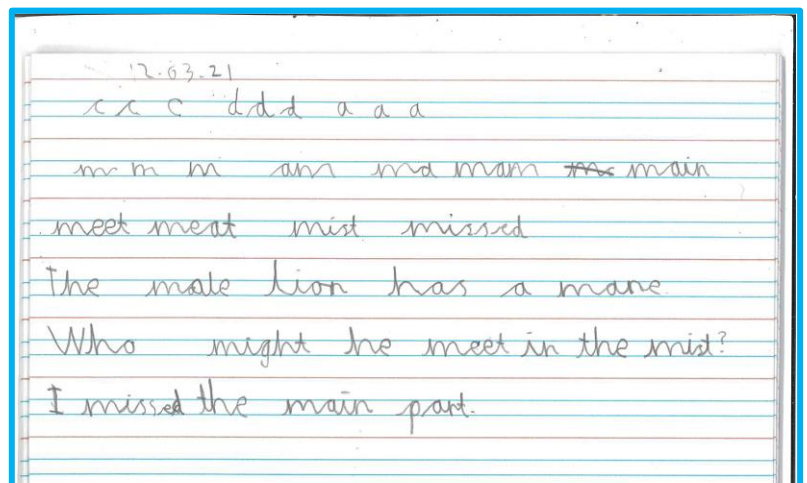
Here are just a few examples chosen by class teachers.

Year 3



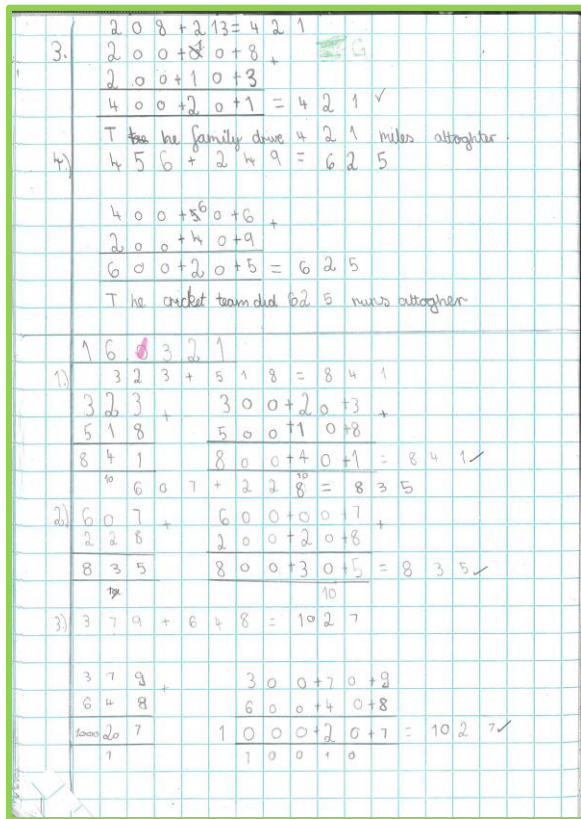
Zoe, 3B

Orhan, 3D



Tommy, 3L

Year 4



Sofia, 4C

Year 6



Year 6 preparing citrus fruit seeds – they peeled off the outer shell and placed them in a bag with a damp paper towel in a dark place, to try and get them to sprout roots.



6B enjoying games of chess in their wellbeing time.



Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the children in this week's Roll of Honour - well done, everyone!



Year 3

3B

- Aurelia - your infectious enthusiasm, hard work and good friendship – what a fantastic start to our full return.
- Zoe - producing some wonderful pieces of written work that engage and entertain – well done!

3D

- Louie - always demonstrating excellent behaviour and a kind and caring attitude.
- Rufus - creating a clear plan for writing instructions about making natural dyes.

3L

- Samarth – really thinking about the presentation of his work and how it looks on the page.
- Noyun – focusing on his handwriting.
- Lola – always sharing her great ideas in whole class discussions.

Year 4

4C

- ◆ 4C - quickly settling back into their school routine and focusing on their work.

4M

- ◆ Dolcie - beautifully crafted sentences in English.
- ◆ Olivia – being a fantastic Talk Partner.

4L

- ◆ Narteh - fabulous reading aloud.
- ◆ Sophie - her enthusiasm for writing.
- ◆ 4L - 100% attendance for the whole week (8th-12th March).

Year 5

5S

- ❖ Tilly - Working hard in her Maths and being a very supportive talk partner.
- ❖ Darsh - An amazing piece of writing in his English this week.
- ❖ Geethika - her perseverance and commitment to improving her descriptive writing.
- ❖ 5S - 100% attendance for the whole week (8th-12th March).

5K

- ❖ Albert - being on fire this week and producing some amazing descriptive writing.
- ❖ Charlie - displaying a mature attitude towards his learning.
- ❖ Aarush - showing greater confidence and actively participating in class discussion with his great ideas.

5P

- ❖ Daisy - the fantastic effort she has put into her presentation and her impressive writing.
- ❖ Amelie - putting fantastic effort into her work across all subjects and being an excellent Talk Partner.

Year 6

6N

- Alex - a powerful piece of narrative writing which has a profound effect on the reader.
- Kaylen - his focus, drive and accomplishment in Maths this week.

6G

- Joshua - being a kind and considerate talk partner.
- Marco - showing resilience and independence in his Maths learning.



Parents' Consultations will take place after Easter and will be on Teams. More details will be sent out shortly regarding the dates and how to book an appointment, via ParentMail.

The weather promises to be kinder to us this weekend and, hopefully, we will see some Spring sunshine!

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Taylor
Headteacher



Diary Dates 2020	
Thursday 1st April 2021	End of Term
Monday 19th April 2021	Start of Term
Term Dates for 2021 can be found on the website here	

PE/Games Day Timetable – Spring Term 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4C	4L	3B	All Classes	3L
4M	5S	5K		3D
6N		5P		6G
				6B

Rapid testing: What you need to know

One in three people **who have coronavirus have no symptoms** and will spread it without realising.

Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the virus spreading and protect your loved ones. As lockdown restrictions gradually ease, we all need to play our part to help protect each other.

Who is eligible for testing?

Secondary school pupils and primary and secondary school staff will have access to regular rapid lateral flow testing as schools reopen.

In addition, **households and childcare/support bubbles of school staff and all pupils should get tested too.** We've put together a handy chart to summarise this for you:

Who?	Eligible?	How to get tested
Primary school staff	Yes	Twice-weekly tests using a home test kit provided by the school
Primary school pupils	No	N/A
Households, childcare and support bubbles of primary-age pupils and of primary staff	Yes	Twice-weekly tests through one of the following: - Your employer (if they offer testing) - At one of our local rapid test centres - By ordering a home test kit online for delivery to your home or for collection at a PCR test site
Secondary school staff	Yes	Twice-weekly tests using a home test kit provided by the school
Secondary school pupils	Yes	Twice-weekly tests using a home test kit provided by the school (following three tests at their school)
Households, childcare and support bubbles of secondary-age pupils and of secondary staff	Yes	Twice-weekly tests through one of the following: - Your employer (if they offer testing) - At one of our local rapid test centres - By ordering a home test kit online for delivery to your home or for collection at a PCR test site



More information is available on the Gov.uk website:

www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff

Accessing your tests

As explained above, schools will provide home test kits to secondary school children and secondary school staff; primary schools will provide home tests to primary school staff. If families of these pupils and staff would like to take up the offer of regular rapid testing, they can access tests in the following ways:



At one of our local rapid test centres – it only takes a few minutes to get tested and we will process the test for you – find out more by visiting: www.wokingham.gov.uk/community-testing



By ordering a home test kit online, for delivery (if you cannot get to a test site), or to collect from a community PCR test site: www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

Please note, the nearest PCR test sites to collect home test kits from are located at Prospect Park, The University of Reading and Bracknell Leisure Centre. The full list of sites is available here: find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk

We are looking to offer this service from our rapid test centres in Wokingham Borough later this month. You can also access tests through your employer if they offer testing to employees.

Other important information



The test should be done twice-weekly – it involves taking a sample from your tonsils (or where they would have been) and from your nose, using a swab



Rapid tests are for people with no Covid-19 symptoms – if you have symptoms, book a test through the national site (www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)



If your rapid test result comes back as positive, you should request a confirmatory PCR test through the national website (www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)



You should inform the school of every lateral flow test result if it is positive – and if you test positive from your confirmatory PCR test

By getting regular rapid tests, you will help us find more Covid-19 cases and break chains of transmission. Thank you for playing your part in protecting our communities.



More information is available on the Gov.uk website:

www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff

Paediatric First Aid Introduction



Course Topics

Learn basic first aid skills that can help with a range of accidents such as choking, burns and scalds, poisons and febrile convulsions.

Gain confidence in dealing with common childhood issues such as bumped heads, nosebleeds and objects stuck in the nose or ears!

Course Features

- Interactive, small group, sessions led by an experienced first aid tutor
- Space to share tips and experiences with other parents
- Free remote learning via zoom
- 2 hour unaccredited course

Booking

Download and submit an application form at:

<https://sites.google.com/view/wokingham-acl/course-applications>

or call us on 0778 531 4603 or email adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk



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