



Ss Alban and Stephen Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter



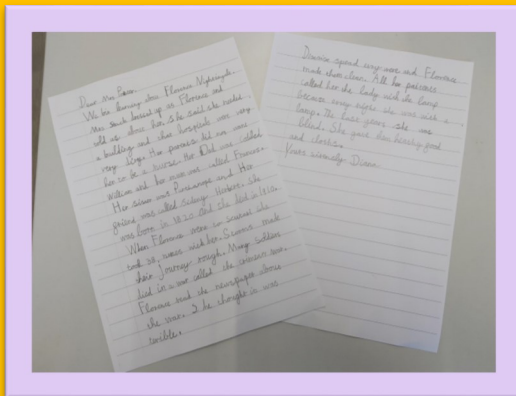
Fantastic Year 2!



A busy week in Year 2!

“We have been studying the life of Florence Nightingale. Florence visited our classroom and she told us about the hospitals in Scutari. She said that the hospitals were very filthy. She was born in 1820 and died in 1910. Her sister was called Parthenope and her parents were called William and Frances. Her family didn’t want her to work. Florence and 83 nurses in the Crimean War looked after thousands of soldiers. Florence set up a training school for nurses. She knew that the diseases spread in dirty hospitals and she worked to make them clean. All of her patients called her ‘The Lady with the Lamp’ because every night she walked around the hospital with a lamp. She gave the soldiers healthy food and clothes. In the last 10 years of her life, Florence went blind. She was always so gentle and kind.”

Written by : Isabelle and Diana.



‘We’re Going on a Bug Hunt!’

“The whole class went outside and we went on a mini-beast hunt. We found worms, slugs, ants, beetles, ladybirds, and snails. We used magnifying glasses to look for them,. It was great fun looking for mini-beasts . We recorded what we saw on our clipboards.”



Helping Hands

This week, the children in Reception worked with Mrs Rees in their PSHE lessons and talked about hands and that hands are not for hitting. They came up with some lovely ideas of the good ways we can use our hands. "Hands are for: helping people when they fall, playing in the garden, putting on my clothes, playing musical instruments, eating breakfast, helping my daddy make cakes, stroking my pet and dancing with my friends."

The children also worked at being calm by closing their eyes, focusing on their breathing and listening to the sound of the chime bar.



Black History Month

Every year, the children at Ss Alban and Stephen participate in the Black History Month initiative. October is Black History Month in the UK and it's been celebrated nationwide every year for nearly 40 years. This month was originally founded to recognise the contributions that people of African and Caribbean backgrounds have made to this country over many generations. Now, Black History Month has expanded to include the history of not just Afro-Caribbean black people but all black people in general.

In the wake of Black Lives Matter, the children have been doing work around this already through Current Affairs and English. This year, we would like the focus to be on Art Appreciation, studying specific black artists.

In Years 1 to 6, each year group has been given a specific artist who they will be studying in class. Your child will learn about the types of art they produce, studying the various skills used such as light, shade and brush strokes. They will look at subjects used and why and what was the inspiration before completing their own piece in the style of that artist.

Over the next three weeks, children are requested to complete a homework project based on the artist they will be learning about. We would like them to research their given artist, create a fact file, a poster, a presentation, information leaflet or power point. Completed homework projects should be given to the class teacher by Friday 6th November.

Unfortunately, this year we are unable to permit any parent/carer volunteers as we usually do due to the current situation. However, if anyone feels like they could do something virtually then please do feel free to contact us via the school office.

Because of the fantastic work which was produced last year, areas within the school looked extremely vibrant with some fascinating work to learn from. We have no doubt that the standard will be just as high if not higher this year!

Year 1 Winston Branch

Year 2 Hurvin Anderson

Year 3 Yinka Shonibare

Year 4 Jacob Lawrence

Year 5 Lynette Yiadom-Boakye

Year 6 Uzu Egonu



Places available

Breakfast Club

- ◆ The club is open to children from 3 - 11 years.
- ◆ Operates from 7:45am.
- ◆ A range of healthy breakfast included.
- ◆ A range of fun activities available to interest the children.
- ◆ A calm and relaxed start to the day.
- ◆ £4 per session.



After School Club (Owls and Badgers)

- ◆ The club is open to children from 3-11 years.
- ◆ Operates from the end of the school day until 6pm daily.
- ◆ Children may attend the club on a part-time or full-time basis.
- ◆ A range of exciting indoor and outdoor activities available to interest the children.
- ◆ A healthy snack and drink included.
- ◆ £6 until 4.30pm and £12 until 6pm.



YEAR 6 SECONDARY APPLICATIONS

Don't forget!!

The deadline for secondary school applications is:

Saturday 31st October 2020 .

You must apply online through Herts County for a secondary school place. Please be aware, if you are applying to Catholic Schools, you will need to complete the school's supplementary form as well.

Parent Consultations

Please be reminded, school will be closed on Wednesday 21st October all day to hold parent consultations. This will enable us to meet face to face with parents safely to discuss your child's progress. In order to book an appointment, please call the office.

Please note that we will allow up to 2 parents to attend the appointment.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

God bless.

Mrs Moore, Mrs Porter, and all the staff of SSAS.