



Ss Alban and Stephen Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

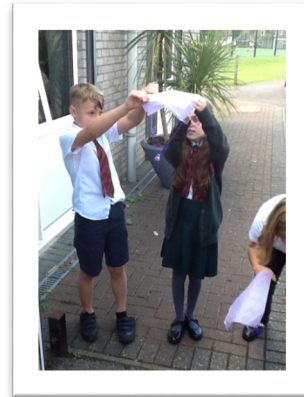


Fantastic Year 5!

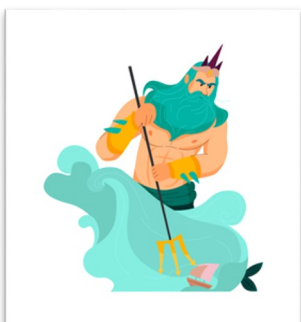


Year 5

This week in Science we have done amazing work on forces and air resistance. Here are some pictures of us investigating forces. It was both fun and educational!



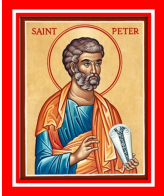
“In English, we have created our own Greek myths. We could style it in our own way or base it on an existing myth. We enjoyed doing this and creating our very own gods as it was an independent writing task. Our favourite gods are Aphrodite (goddess of love) and Artemis (goddess of the hunt). Our favourite myths so far are Pandora’s Box and Perseus. In Art, we drew our own Greek vases.” By : Emily and Elisa



“On Monday, we researched different Greek gods and wrote key facts about them. I really enjoyed it because we got to write about lots of interesting gods. My favourite god is Poseidon. Poseidon was the god of the sea. He had a chariot which was pulled by horses and he lived in a beautiful palace under the sea not on Mount Olympus. The gods we wrote about were: Zeus, Poseidon, Hercules, Hades, Ares, Dionysus and Hermes.”
By: Patrick

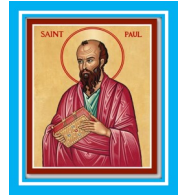
House Saints

This year, we introduced new house saints for our brand new primary. The children will all be organised into house teams across the school and they have already learnt why the saints are important to us.



St Peter was the foundation of the Church and our first Pope. The name Peter means 'Rock'. Jesus said to him "You are **Peter**, and on this **rock I will build my church**. He is a reminder to us of the importance of the Church and beliefs in our lives. He is often pictured holding the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven.

St Paul is a reminder of how the power of God can transform our lives. He changed his ways from persecuting Christians to then becoming a dedicated follower of God. He went on many missionaries spreading the word of God and wrote many letters to people telling them how God wanted them to live. He is often pictured holding a sword because he was martyred for his beliefs and also pieces of paper as he wrote so many letters.



St Teresa is a more modern day saint. St Teresa spent from the age of 18 when she became a missionary nun, helping the poor and sick in India. She founded the 'Missionaries of Charity' and dedicated her life to helping those less fortunate than herself. She looked after orphans and people with leprosy. She reminds us of how Jesus helped the poor and the sick and how we can help through charitable deeds.

St Bernadette is a reminder of the importance of Mary our Mother and the role she played in Jesus' life. She also reminds us of the importance of prayer through the Rosary. Mary our Mother appeared to St Bernadette several times in Lourdes in France. She said to St Bernadette, "I am the Immaculate Conception". She also taught Bernadette how to pray the Rosary. St Bernadette is often pictured praying with Rosary beads at the grotto in Lourdes.



Congratulations to our newly elected House Captains for 2020-2021!!



"This year, we have the privilege of becoming the new house captains. In this role, we have to collect house points, give out prizes and generally be good role models to all of the children. We are proud of ourselves and the other house captains for being able to take on this role during such hard times for everyone across the world. We will do a great job of carrying out this role throughout Year 6 and are excited about starting this new year!"

Message from Fr Michael

First Communion Masses: Traditionally the parents of the previous year's First Communion Children have helped organise a celebration for the current year's First Communion children. That is not possible this year. However, if your child made their First Holy Communion last year (2019) and you would like to support this year's First Communion families, please would you consider stewarding at one of the following First Communion Masses: Saturday 24 October 11.30am, Saturday 31 October 11.30 am or Saturday 31 October 2.30pm. Please contact the parish office on stalbans@rcdow.org.uk .



Many thanks,
Fr Michael

Uniform reminder



Please could we remind parents that as per our guidance on uniform, children should use book bags in the lower site and the branded school bag on the upper site and no other style of bag. The bags are available at Stevensons. <https://www.stevensons.co.uk/>

Homework

Following some discussions with parents, we have made the decision to review the days that we will hand out homework. As of next week, we will therefore give out homework across the school on **Wednesday 7th October** and will collect in the homework on **Monday 12th October**. Children will then have their spelling test every **Tuesday**.

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. Further details will follow.



'Hello Yellow'

On Friday 9th October 2020, we will hold a 'Hello Yellow Day'. This is to raise awareness of children's mental health. We would like to raise some funds for 'Young Minds' and so the children can bring in £1 on that day as well as wear anything yellow. We will organise some well-being activities through the day. Please see the attached letter.

Walk to School Week



Walk to School Week 2020 is fast approaching Monday 5th October 2020- Friday 9th October 2020.

All children from Nursery to Year 6 will be encouraged to walk/cycle/scoot to school each day next week. If it is not possible, due to distance, to walk the whole way please try to get off the bus or train at an earlier stop and walk from there.

Sports News

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS go to Jakub who has made it through to this year's District Football Squad. Jakub, a keen goalkeeper, impressed the District Coaches and secured his place in the team.

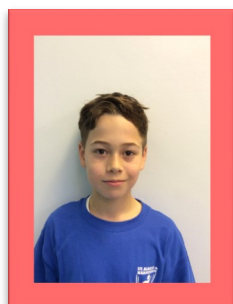
CONGRATULATIONS also to Johnny-James who has been chosen for the St Albans Primary School U10 Development Squad.

We wish both boys the very best for the season ahead



CONGRATULATIONS

This week, pupils in Year 6 had the opportunity to put themselves forward to become our Bronze Ambassadors and Health Leaders. The children were asked to make a speech and were then voted by their class. We were treated to some fantastic speeches and the following children were successful. Following a morning of virtual training with other schools, the children have many ideas to promote fitness and health in our school.....Watch this space!



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.



Have a lovely weekend everyone.

God bless.

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