

Issue 8



St. Alban and St. Stephen Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Isle of Wight Trip



Friday 22nd October 2021

The Sunday Gospel

Blind Bartimaeus is healed

“Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'Rabbi, let me see again.'
Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And at once his sight returned and he followed him along the road.”

Dear Lord,

Let us have as strong a faith in you as Bartimaeus did. May you help us and guide us in times of trouble or fear. May our faith grow stronger as we grow closer to you. May you hold us in the palm of Your hands and protect us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to say well done to children and staff for a successful first half term. The children have been working really hard and I know that the teachers are very pleased with the progress being made.

Over our first half term it's amazing to see what the children have achieved already. Year groups have started learning their new topics and with classes really settling into the new academic year. A special well done to our Year 6 pupils on a fabulous residential trip to the Isle of Wight. Many of the staff commented on how polite and well behaved our pupils were. Our first residential trip in 2 years!

As you are aware, we are still seeing a number of positive cases in school. Can I please ask parents to continue to be mindful that whilst we have events planned for after half term, we will continue to assess each event on an individual basis in terms of safety. Dates are subject to change, but we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible.

I think everyone deserves a well-earned rest! Have a fantastic half term break!

Stay safe.

Mrs Moore

Isle of Wight Trip

Last week, we went to the Isle of Wight, a fun and exciting island just off the southern coast of England. It took us roughly 3 hours to travel by coach to the ferry in Portsmouth. Then we had a 45 minute journey on the ship where we ate a packed lunch and enjoyed the stunning sea views. When we arrived on the island we had a short coach trip to the Kingswood Centre and then were shown around the site by the staff.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE STAFF!

By Daisy

I n the room we made our beds
S parks flew up at the campfire
L ong walk to the monument while it was dark
E ntering the gift shop
O n the way to dinner I had a nice, long chat
F ire lighting with a piece of fluff
W hile it was day we were blindfolded and did the
nightline
I n archery I got the arrow on the board
3G Swing, craziest thing I have ever done!
H ome is near, no need to fear.
T hank you for such an amazing trip.

By Arianna



The first part of the Isle of Wight was the 3G swing. I was longing to go on it since the first day! I went to the top and you could see the amazing view of the sea up there, it was so relaxing! Then, when it dropped, I felt a flinch in my body. When I swung down it felt like I was going to crash but fortunately I was safe. IT WAS SUPER EXCITING!

By Abigail



My First and Favourite Activity

On Monday, I achieved one of my life dreams by hitting a bulls-eye in archery.

It was the first time I had used real, sharp arrows, so I could tell the staff trusted us. I was extremely proud of my score and by the end of that round it was 19 (three arrows per round)!

Kings of the forest

Intelligent and incredible

Noble and brave

Gathering a community

Super strong

Week on the Isle of Wight

Optimistic and outstanding

Determined and dynamic

By John



We had lots of fun on our trip to the Isle of Wight. We did the following: 3G swing, a campfire, disco night, a night walk to a monument, rock pooling on the coastline near the activity centre, bushcraft, nightline and fire lighting. In our accommodation, girls had the top floor and boys had the bottom. In the rooms we shared bunk beds with our friends and had competitions to be the tidiest room. The winners were rooms 101 and 105 for the girls, and 003 and 005 for the boys. We were very sad to leave the centre, but hope future year groups have fun on the Isle of Wight like we did!

By Evie, Emily & Eryn

At Kingswood it was fun. There were many exciting activities set up for us when we arrived there. We did climbing and some of use made it to the top of Jacob's Ladder. We needed to climb up and we could wait for someone to pull you. We also did the 3G swing; your classmates pulled you up whilst you sat in a swing, then you pulled a lever and dropped down. I was really scared because it's like falling down from high when they drop you. We went to the beach on Tuesday morning for a walk and build sandcastles there. On Wednesday, we went to the same beach for a picnic lunch which was nice.

The rooms were big and could fit 6 or more people. The dining hall was big and we saw other students eating.

We also did night activities. The first night we did a night walk up a mountain. The second night we had a campfire where we sang and ate toasted marshmallows and biscuits. The third night we did mini Olympics - it was fun and we did a lot of running races. The fourth night we did the disco everyone danced, even the teachers did!

I really liked Kingswood and if I have a chance to go there again I would.

By Oliver









Parent/Teacher Consultations

We are holding our Parent Teacher Consultation appointments on Wednesday 24th November from 1.00 – 19.00 in person, in a socially distanced manner. We feel that it is important that we offer parents and carers this opportunity to meet face to face with their child's class teacher.

The school booking system for these appointments will go live at 7pm on **Wednesday 10th November 2021**. These arrangements may be subject to change depending on the level of virus transmission and Government policy.

Wishing you all a safe and restful half term break.

God bless.

Mrs Moore, and all the staff of SSAS.