



St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Primary School & Nursery Weekly Newsletter



Friday 11th February 2022

Our Gospel Assembly

In our Gospel Assembly this week, we heard how Jesus called the first disciples. Perhaps you find it surprising that Jesus would choose such ordinary people to be his special friends. Simon Peter, James and John were just fishermen who had lived normal lives and had sometimes done wrong things. However, Jesus still called them and gave them a special job to do: they were to help him to bring God's good news to everyone.



Pray

Lord Jesus,

Like the first disciples, you have called me to follow you.
Help me to follow your ways and share the Good News of God's love
even when it is difficult. Show me how to be faithful to you in my
words and actions.

Amen

Go Forth

What important job is God calling you to do? Who could you share
the Good News of God's love with this week at home or at school?



Dear Parents and Carers,

And so, we come to the end of another week. I cannot believe we are now at the half term break!

We have had our Children's Mental Health week including our Dress to Express Day on Friday 11th February. It was lovely to see how the children chose to express themselves through their clothes. Throughout the week, we gave the children opportunities to think about how they like to express themselves through creativity such as art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, and activities that make them feel good.

A big well done to our Year 6 Play Leaders, Sports Ambassadors, Year 4 Ukulele Club and pupils from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who led the assembly. We were very impressed with their knowledge, articulation and performance skills. We are all proud of them indeed! Also, it was wonderful to welcome parents and governors back.

Our Year 6 and Year 5 football teams have been busy this term competing against different schools. We are so proud of how they represent the school! Thank you to all the parents for supporting them and attending the games.

So, please continue to look at the school calendar and remind yourselves of upcoming dates for the many exciting events we have as we make our way towards Easter.

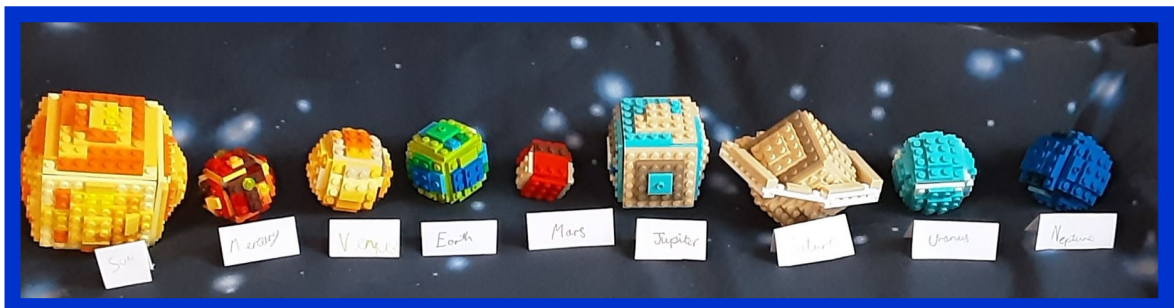
Mrs Moore

Head teacher

As part of our Geography topic of Spain, we learnt about traditional Spanish food and even had a go at cooking a Spanish Omelette in our DT lessons. The children have used a variety of cooking techniques - peeling, chopping, slicing, whisking, They even identified ways to make the omelette healthier (by adding more vegetables, using less oil and serving it with a side salad). Yum- delicious!



This half-term, Year 5 have also been learning about our solar system. The children were challenged to create a small model of the solar system using whatever resources they could find. The final results ranged from Lego arrangements to digital Minecraft creations as well as some excellent 3D models. The children also enjoyed having the opportunity to research a specific planet and present their findings to their classmates. This allowed us to gather more information about the huge distances between planets, the various materials they are made of and how long they each take to travel around the Sun.

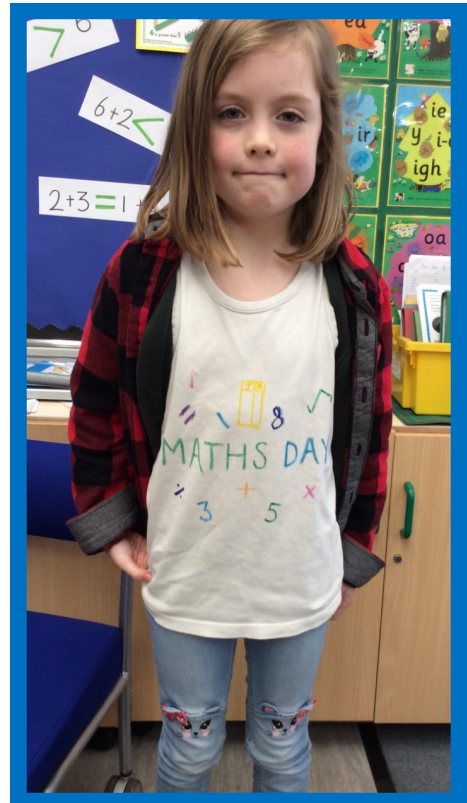


Maths Week Update

One of our main aims for teaching Maths at St Alban and St Stephen Catholic Primary School is that children have fun and develop a real enthusiasm for the subject. Last week during our school Maths Week the children all thoroughly enjoyed a wide range of Maths Activities right from our youngest children in Nursery, up to our oldest children in Year 6. The children had fun making and playing different board games, making pictures and patterns with shapes and even used maths to keep score in some of our PE lessons. We thought about famous mathematicians and about all the different jobs that people do that use maths skills. Maths really is everywhere!



Key Stage 2 children have been battling fiercely in our Time Tables Rock Star inter-class tournaments. A huge 'well done' to everyone who has competed and congratulations to Class 6N – you really are times tables superstars!



Last Friday, the children came to school wearing clothes with numbers, patterns and stripes for the NSPCC Number Day. We raised lots of money for this really worthwhile charity. Thank you to all our families for their generous donations.

4TH FEBRUARY - 10TH FEBRUARY	07:00 - 20:00	6N	2081	6S	2019
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4TH FEBRUARY - 10TH FEBRUARY	07:00 - 20:00	3T	105	3A	93
4TH FEBRUARY - 10TH FEBRUARY	07:00 - 20:00	4M	662	4C	439



So far we have raised £376.00!

Thank you so much!

Weekly E-Safety Update

Here at St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Primary School & Nursery we educate our pupils on e-Safety issues, teaching them the appropriate behaviours and critical thinking skills to enable them to remain safe and legal when using the internet and related technologies.

Each week, we will provide parents and carers with e-safety news and tips to enable you to support your child to stay safe online.

Keeping your under-5 safe online

It's never too early to start taking action to keep your child safe online. As soon as your child starts talking about or exploring the online world, you should start conversations with them about their online activity and put support in

place. Visit [Keeping your under 5 safe online \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](http://thinkuknow.co.uk)

- Explore together
- Talk to your child about their online experiences
- Supervise your under 5 while they're online
- Parental controls
- SafeSearch
- Set boundaries
- Lead by example

Happy St Gobnait's Day!



Friday 11th February is a very special day for Mr David Miveld, our Foundation Governor, as it is St Gobnait's Day. St Gobnait is an Irish Saint and is also the patron saint of bees and beekeepers. Mr Miveld keeps bees and came into school last year to talk to the children about bees and their amazing ways. His favourite fact about bees is that to make a 1 lb jar of honey, bees will visit just over 3 million flowers. In Mr Miveld's first year as a beekeeper, he got 47 lbs of honey. Unbelievably, this means that the bees from his hive visited 141 million flowers!



So, if you see Mr Miveld around school, ask him about his bees and wish him a very happy St Gobnait's Day!



Parent Consultations

Please be aware that school will be closed from 1pm on Thursday 24th March 2022 to hold parent / teacher consultations. This will enable us to meet face to face with parents to discuss your child's progress. Further details will follow.

Have a lovely half term, everyone. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 22nd February. God bless.

Mrs Moore and all the staff of SSAS.