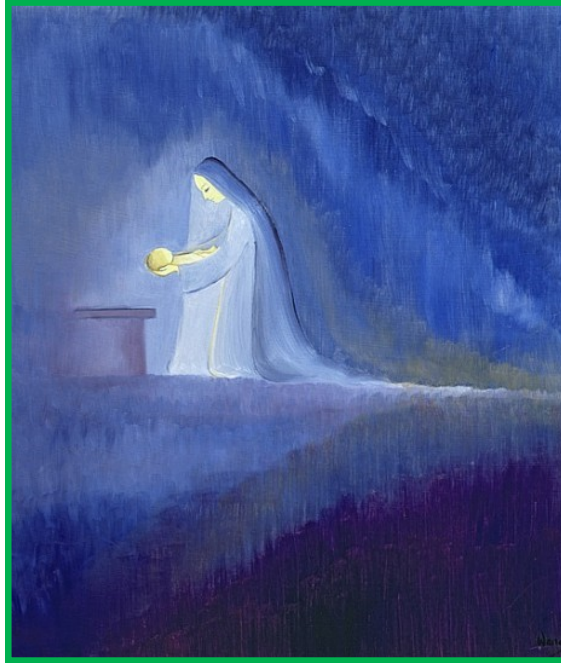




St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Primary School & Nursery Weekly Newsletter



Friday 13th May 2022



In our class assemblies, we are remembering
Mary in her special month.

We have been saying her special prayer:

**Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.**

**Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.**

Amen.

Well done, Year 6—you are superstars!

We are so proud of our wonderful Year 6 pupils! This week, along with Year 6 classes all over the country, they have been taking their SATs tests in reading, maths and grammar, spelling and punctuation. All of the pupils, without exception, have tried their best and have demonstrated exemplary determination and effort.

As a special treat at the end of a challenging week, the Year 6 pupils relived their youth and went to spend the afternoon playing with the children in Foundation Stage. Elisa commented, 'The joys of being young again!' A Reception child excitedly said, 'Today I have made a new best friend.' -

Well done, Year 6- you really have done a fantastic job this week!



It's not just breakfast...it's SSAS SATs breakfast!

Year 6 got an early breakfast at school due to SATS Week. We got to sign up for a special Breakfast Club, set up by Mrs Moore, Miss Noonan and Mrs Smith, for nice food, and a bit of play outside on the Astro. The available food was: bacon, sausages (also vegetarian ones), toast, honey, jam, pancakes and crumpets and more. We had great fun having a chat with our friends, having food at school (breakfast) and having a great time.

Reported by Emmet



What is Breakfast Club?

Breakfast Club for SATS is when some year 6s come into school at 8 o'clock to have breakfast at school and a little chat with their friends before going into the classroom to start their SATS.

What do people think of Breakfast Club?

John- 'I think it's nice.' Michael-'It makes me not feel hungry.'

Arianna- 'Lots of food.' Isabella- 'Very nice with lots of options.'

Arabella-'The food was yummy and there were lots of options every day.'

We enjoyed it so much that we would love to have Breakfast Club again in the last week of year 6!

Reported by Chanel



Thank you to Mrs Ertan and our fabulous kitchen staff!

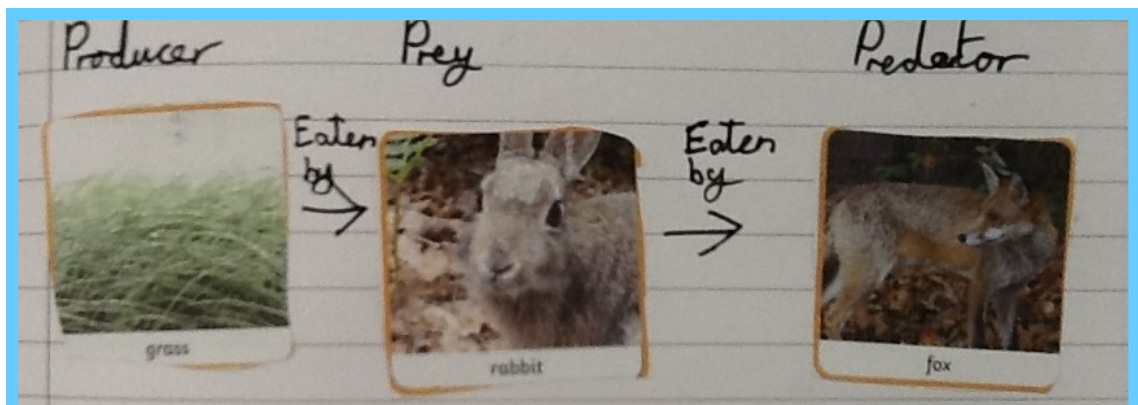
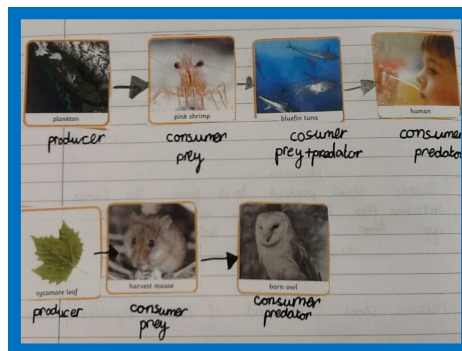
Year 4 Super Science Work

In Science, Year 4 have been learning about 'Animals including Humans'.

The children used a variety of everyday objects, such as a kitchen roll tube, a plastic bag and tights, to represent the human digestive system. We then passed bananas and cream crackers through the model to see what happens at each stage. As you can see from the photos, we really enjoyed this practical investigation.



We have also learned about food chains including producers, consumers, predators and prey. We used this information to create our own labelled food chains in our books.



Sensational Sporting Achievements



Congratulations to Agi!
She was awarded 'Players Player of the Year', an award voted for by the rest of her rugby team, the Verulamians Under 7s. What a wonderful achievement, Agi- we are very proud of you!

Congratulations to the Year 6 boys football team who made it through to the St Albans Annual 6-a-side tournament last Saturday. The boys played the best schools in the district. Only losing their last game stopped them from progressing into the final. The Year 6 squad have been fantastic to coach this year with their enthusiasm, commitment and teamwork. This great picture shows the boys' team talk before one of the games at the finals. Well done, boys-you should be very proud!



Year 5 also took part in the Annual 6-a-side tournament. Having got through the qualifying rounds, the team turned up to Colney Heath School on Saturday. With the top 16 schools competing for the trophy, SSAS had some tough games and made it through to the 3rd and 4th player offs. Playing against a strong Wheatfields side, the boys battled hard covering every inch of the pitch with some fantastic shots and saves from both teams. Wheatfields finally won the game.
Well done to the Year 5s who took part.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

St Alban and St Stephen's Catholic Primary School and Nursery want to enrich the computing curriculum in our school!

Technological devices from the past and present will not only facilitate the children's imagination, but will give them a richer understanding of our changing world. If you have any of the following items gathering dust in your house, please consider donating them to our school!

			
Laptops	Telephones	Keyboards	Typewriters
			
Headphones	Watches	Alarm Clocks	CD Players
			
Torches	Record Player	Microphone	Camera
			
Household Equipment		Weighing Scales	Lamps
			
Toys with levers, gears, pulls, buttons and handles.			Wind-up Toys



Please note that these donations do not need to be in working order!
We will be collecting donations on both sites from May 16th – May 26th.



Dates for your Diary

This term is going to be very busy and exciting. We are looking forward to welcoming parents into school for some of the celebrations and events below.

19.05.22 SSAS Green Day—see separate letter

26.05.22 at 9.15 (Upper Hall) Year 4 family curriculum assembly. Year 4 parents and carers are welcome to attend.

10.06.22 at 9.15 (Upper Hall) Year 5 family curriculum assembly. Year 5 parents and carers are welcome to attend.

16.06.22 pm (SSAS Church) KS1 and KS2 SSAS Celebration Mass for the School Amalgamation

20.06.22 TBC (Lower Site) EYFS and Key Stage 1 Sports Day

24.06.22 TBC (Upper Site) Key Stage 2 Sports Day

01.07.22 at 9.15 (Lower Hall) Year 1 family curriculum assembly. Year 1 parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Other school events:

Please ask your child what they have been learning during these special events!

16.05 – 26.05.22 SSAAS Sustainability fortnight– bunting art project

23.05.22 Young Voices Concert (KS2)

Jubilee Celebration Day Thursday 26th May

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, all children can come to school either dressed up as royalty, or wearing red, white and blue. We will be learning more about the Jubilee and taking part in lots of fun, royalty-themed activities.



School will then be closed for the extra Jubilee Bank Holiday on Friday 27th May.