



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



Thursday 26th May 2022

Prayer in the Month of May

This month, we have been thinking about Mary, the mother of our Lord during her special month of May. In our Religious Education lessons, we have also been learning about the gift of the Holy Spirit given to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. Have a look at some of the beautiful displays and prayer focus tables around the school.



Go Forth:

Pray our special prayer for the month with your family.

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.

Congratulations, Your Majesty!

The Platinum Jubilee is a momentous occasion, as it marks the longest reign of any British monarch. Queen Elizabeth II came to the throne in 1952. Imagine all of the changes that she has seen since then! St Alban and St Stephen School celebrated the Jubilee today by dressing up in red, white and blue clothes and taking part in lots of exciting Jubilee themed activities. At the end of Year 4's fabulous curriculum assembly, we also gave the Queen three cheers and sang the national anthem together.



Young Voices at the O2



On Monday, a long-awaited trip finally took place as Year 5 and 6 children travelled to the O2 in London to take part in Young Voices. We have spent weeks working hard learning all the dance moves and the lyrics, so we were ready and raring to go.

Arriving at the O2 was so exciting and to see the children's faces as they entered the arena was wonderful. The children threw themselves into the rehearsal and even got a special mention from the Conductor for our fantastic dance moves! Not bad considering there were approximately 8,000 children there! As the lights went down, the concert started with an epic O Fortuna followed by The Muppet medley, The Lion King Medley, The Beatles Medley, Mambo Italiano and the Pop Medley!

We had also learnt a few songs that were written for the concert - Power in Me and Sing with your Heart. And our children certainly did. They were amazing - they sang their hearts out from the very first note to the very last! There were also a few highlights including world class beatboxers, Urban Strides dance crew and MC Grammar, whose rendition of The Gruffalo had to be seen to be believed!

Not only did the SSAS Young Voices choir sing brilliantly, but their behaviour was also exemplary and we couldn't be more proud of them. Even though it was a really long day and a very late night, it was completely worth it and I know it will be an experience that the children and teachers who came will never forget.

Mrs Flatt, Music Specialist

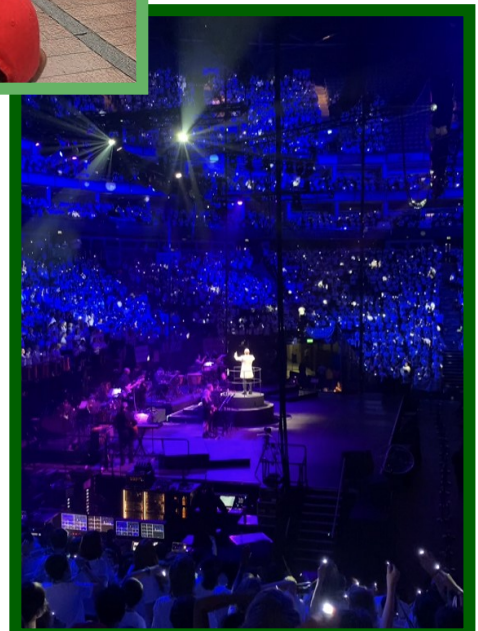


I'd recommend it because it was loud and exciting!



It was the best experience

It was fantastic because everyone got to sing together!



Learning about the Sikh Way of Life with Mr Singh

As part of our Religious Education, we have been learning about the Sikh faith. Classes from Reception to Year 6 took part in assemblies and workshops led by Mr Singh, from the Sikh Education Service. It was really interesting and inspirational to learn about how Sikhs believe that we are all special and that we should always be thankful, tell the truth and share. Key Stage 2 enjoyed learning more about Mr Singh's life and how his Sikh faith has affected the way that he chooses to live. Thank you to Mr Singh, who conveyed a powerful message of respect and tolerance for others and the belief that everyone is equal.



Super Sporting News



Our Year 4's have been enjoying a number of Summer Sporting festivals. The festival season started with a Mini Tennis competition for the children who play regularly as well as a festival format event with skill-based activity stations. In the competition, the team came a very respectable 3rd place and the skill-based activities kept everyone on their toes. A fun time was had by all.

In the same week another set of Year 4s, this time our rugby enthusiast took part in the Tag Rugby festival at Old Verulamians. Teams from all over St Albans were taught how to play the game and then enjoyed a little tournament with the help of players from the Saracens Sports Foundation.



On Tuesday the girls in Year 6 put on their cricket whites and took part in the annual Cricket festival at Clarence Park. This year using the New Dynamos Cricket format the girls each had a go at bowling, fielding, wicket keeping and batting. Playing schools from St Albans and Harpenden, the whole enjoyable day included stumpings, catches, runouts, rain showers and sunshine. What a great way to spend a Tuesday! Well done to the girls who took part!

School Superstars



Congratulations to Frankie, Harry and Charlie who brought their medals and trophy into school to show their classmates. Their team, St Albans City Central won the Under 10 Ken Headington Larch Cup on 14th May 2022. The final was held at the FA Herts HQ in Letchworth. Many talented teams took part, including St Albans City Romans, who also played brilliantly. However, in an extra time thriller, St Albans City Central beat St Albans City Romans 3-2. Well done to everyone who took part in the match- we are very proud of you all!

As well of a school of sporting heroes, we are also a school full of talented authors! This beautiful poem was written by Susie in Year 4. Well done, Susie!

Stars

Stars like angels afar
Oh how I wish I was a star
Stars with power
Stars with flight
Stars with nothing but beautiful light
They're so exquisite
they're like the dreams of all times
Glistening glowing while I'm stuck in the pines
A star is creatures hatching from egg
It's flame of life burning ahead
Stars in the prom of the night
My beauty cannot fight
While our hearts fill with awe
Our eyes take us on a constellation tour.

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.

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 1.45 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

A Message from the NSPCC

Thank you to everyone at St Alban and St Stephen Catholic Primary School for taking part in the NSPCC's Number Day back in the Spring term.

We're absolutely delighted to tell you that you've raised a whopping £343,525 for the NSPCC. In your school alone, you raised an incredible £459! This money could pay to keep Childline running for 11 days! Because of people like you, we can keep fighting for every childhood. And we'll use this money to support children and young people, and prevent abuse and neglect.

Did you know that during the last St Albans Family Fun Run, we were the school in the whole of St Albans which had the most participants? Make sure that we retain our winning status by signing your family up now before spaces run out!

40 YEARS ST ALBANS HALF MARATHON

SUNDAY 12TH JUNE 2022

PRIMARY SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Get the whole family involved and win your school a cash prize by running in the Family Fun Run at the St Albans Half Marathon!

Children under 8 must be accompanied by a full paying adult

Make sure to enter the name of your school on the booking page when you sign up!

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