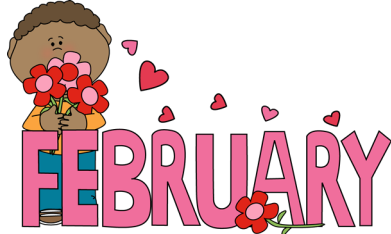


St. Anne (Stanley) C of E
Primary School

Newsletter

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“Kung Hei Fat Choi” to all of our Chinese families and friends. We hope you all enjoyed the New Year celebrations.

Many of our classes throughout the school have enjoyed hearing about the Chinese New Year and learning from some of the children and teachers in school about how the Chinese New Year is celebrated. A very big thank you to everyone that has sent in pictures or artefacts for us to look at and also to those teachers and pupils who stood up to speak in their classes and in assemblies too – it has been very much appreciated!



A R T GALLERY

Years 6 and 4 have been out and about this month on trips to local art galleries too.

Our Year 6 Children visited the Walker Art Gallery and attended an informative workshop on art connected with Ancient Greece. Students were given the opportunity to dive into the details of paintings, unlocking the story behind them before having an opportunity to create their own endings.



Museum of Liverpool

Year 1 children had a brilliant time on their visit to the Museum of Liverpool this month. They took part in a special workshop looking at the artist Ben Johnson and learnt all about his cityscape painting. Children also had the opportunity to create their own collage of Liverpool landmarks before wandering around the museum and enjoying all of the other exhibits too!



Year 4 children also had an exciting visit to The Lady Lever Art Gallery in Port Sunlight as part of their Art Topic. Children enjoyed following a trail around the Gallery and walking around Port Sunlight village. They even had a go at telling the time on a Sundial! After they left the Gallery, the children also got to visit Port Sunlight River Park. They walked to the summit and could see the skyline of Liverpool!



CLASS ASSEMBLIES



The Weavers



Our Year 5 children performed an amazing family assembly at St. Anne's Church. The two classes joined together to talk about 'Understanding'. Their assembly was thought-provoking and informative and the children showcased an array of talents from signing to conversing in many different languages! A huge well done to everyone in Year 5 ☺



Following suit and not to be outdone, our Year 4 pupils performed their family assembly a week later. Both Year 4 classes talked passionately about words, pointing out that words can be nice and kind but also cruel and unkind. The assembly outlined an important message - we need to choose our words carefully because words can change the way people feel. Congratulations Year 4 - a very important message indeed ☺



Our Year 5 children had a special visitor come into school to teach them about willow weaving. The morning was described by staff and pupils as 'brilliant' and everyone had an amazing time learning how to weave. The children were complete beginners at the start of the session, but successfully wove their own crosses out of willow by the end - simply amazing Year 5! The weaving was very tough on everyone's hands but staff and pupils picked up the necessary skills quickly and worked collaboratively making it a really enjoyable experience!



Our school celebrated Safer Internet Day on the 8th February. Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. The theme this year was 'All fun and games' and was aimed at encouraging pupils to explore respect and relationships online. Altru Drama came into our school once again to help reinforce this message to our Key Stage 2 children. Pupils watched a thought-provoking performance called 'Tangled Web', a play that has been designed to help primary school children explore and identify risks associated with using the internet. Through watching the characters' stories, pupils learnt about the dangers of online use and were encouraged to consider ways that they can make their own internet use safer.

Number Day 2022

Pupils from Nursery to Year 6 had a lot of fun raising money for the NSPCC on Number Day. Our maths-inspired fundraising day saw pupils from across our school raising money by taking part in maths activities, games and quizzes. Staff and pupils were also encouraged to make a donation and wear an item of clothing with a number or pattern on it. All money raised went to the NSPCC charity to help children and young people across the country - a big thank you for all of your donations, we raised an impressive £252.80 ☺





The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week was Growing Together.

Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'.

As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health. If you get a moment, check out these free resources for families on the Children's Mental Health Week website;

www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/

Over the course of Children's Mental Health Week, pupils across our school got to try out and take part in lots of different activities, workshops and lessons. Whilst some of the workshops were thought-provoking, others were centered around the idea that a healthy body leads to a healthy mind.



Yellow House is a unique youth organisation set up in the mid 1980s. Founded by George McKane in Liverpool, Yellow House is named after Vincent van Gogh's House in Arles where his door was always open. Yellow House have been committed to the social emotional wellbeing and development of young people.

A team from Yellow House spent the day in our school, running a number of social and emotional workshops with our Key Stage 2 pupils, working on team building exercises and trust.

A big 'thank you' to Samantha Clare (one of our Year 3 parents) who came in to work with our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils. Samantha invited children to try out Zumba (a fitness program that combines Latin and international music with dance moves). The classes were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone - thank you so much Samantha for giving up your time and helping us keep our minds and bodies healthy (your class was so much fun!) 😊



Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 got to try out an Aerobics class during our Children's Mental Health Week. Year 4 mum, Kerry Greep gave up her Friday morning and invited our pupils to join her in her animal-themed workout! We had so much fun learning to move like an array of different animals - her workout really got our hearts pumping! Thank you so much for your time and help in making our Children's Mental Health Week such a success!



Our Final workshop during Children's Mental Health week was on Friday with Donna Palmer. She taught Years 2, 3 and 4 about Rainbow Smiles. They learnt that it is good to be different. Pupils had a great time and enjoyed the story and playing the Boom Whackers! They learnt how to remember the colours of the Rainbow ROY G BIV!

