

St. Anne (Stanley) C of E
Primary School

Newsletter

April 2024



We hope that you all enjoyed a restful and relaxing Easter break with your families - it's hard to believe that we are in the summer term already (the academic year seems to have flown by so fast!) April has been a busy month at St. Anne's with an action-packed curriculum for all of our children across the different key stages.



We are currently in the process of assigning nursery places for September 2024. We still have a limited number of spaces available (both full and part time). If you would like to put your child's name down (or know of any friends or family members that would be interested in a place) please call into the school office for an application form. If you would like to take a look around, this can also be arranged - we welcome visitors anytime 😊 We also offer an early hours breakfast club from 7.45am and an after school club too which is open until 5.45pm. Our school phone number is (0151) 228 1506, please get in touch if you have any questions or if you would like to arrange a visit 😊



The beginning of April saw our Muslim families celebrating Eid al-Fitr, (Festival of Breaking the Fast). As many of the children in our school learnt, Eid is a religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of the month-long dawn-to-sunset fasting of Ramadan. Many of the children across the school spoke to their classmates about how they and their families celebrated this special festival and Mrs Jaffer, one of our Year 6 Teaching Assistants, also spoke to several classes about this special time of year too. I'm sure you'll join us in wishing all of our Muslim families and friends a very happy and peaceful Eid, 'Eid Mubarak'.





Our school are very excited to be embarking on a new programme this term called “My Happy Mind”. The programme is commissioned by the NHS and will support children's mental health and wellbeing across the school. The programme is not only engaging and educational but it is also geared towards helping children to understand their own emotions and how to express their own feelings. It will teach preventative measures that support mental health, resilience and self-esteem at age appropriate levels for each year group across our school. All the concepts that are taught are based on science and research and grounded in neuroscience and positive psychology. Children enjoyed an exciting launch assembly last week and have started their first lessons this week! We're all super excited to see how the programme unfolds!



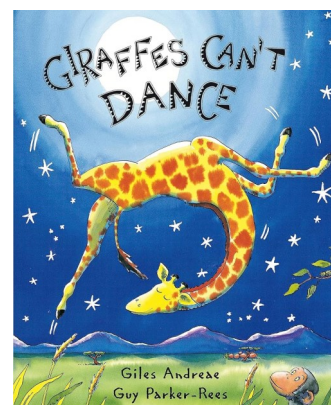
Our two Reception classes have welcomed some tiny new additions into their class in the form of ten hairy caterpillars (five each!) The children have enjoyed watching how the caterpillars have grown and they are patiently waiting for them to form their chrysalis over the coming weeks - what an exciting time for our Early Years pupils!



Since returning to school after the Easter break, many of our children have noticed that the old, empty fish tank at the back of the school by the infant toilets has had a tidy up and a refurbishment! Finally this week, six new Shubunkin cold water fish moved in and made St. Anne (Stanley) their new, happy home! We can't wait to help to take care of them and watch them grow...!



Our Year 1 pupils invited their families and friends to St. Anne's Church at the end of the month for their annual 'Family Service'. The children retold the story of Gerald the Giraffe from the renowned children's book, 'Giraffes Can't Dance'. They spoke about this term's school value of 'confidence' too and treated their family to some fabulous singing - an amazing service by our very confident and talented Year 1 pupils! A big well done to everyone involved ☺





Our Year 6 Teaching Assistant, Mrs Jaffer has been working very hard to complete her Level 2 Interpreter's course. The course will now enable Mrs Jaffer to work in the community as an Arabic/English interpreter (a role that is becoming increasingly important in our diverse community). Huge congratulations to Mrs Jaffer - we're all so very proud of your wonderful achievement.



We are very excited to announce that our school, St Anne (Stanley) C of E has achieved the 'Inclusive School Award' with Centre of Excellence status! To gain the award, our school had to demonstrate that every young person matters and that as a school, we help each individual be the very best they can be! An inclusive school also gives all pupils regardless of their age, gender, ethnicity, achievements or background the equal opportunities to succeed - we're so very proud! If you would like to view the report from our inspection, please take a look using the following link (or alternatively, scan the QR code):



<https://iqmaward.com/news/st-anne-stanley-achieves-centre-of-excellence/>



Year 3 performed with confidence and passion at church for their family service. The focus was all about the importance of mental health and how we should all look after our own and each others mental health. The children sang and danced with confidence - even getting their family involved! Well done year 3!



Year 3 visited the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall for 'The Olympic Gold: The Orchestral Olympics' concert. The concert explored the themes of sport and health, looking at the history of the Olympic Games and their surprising connection to Liverpool. The children really enjoyed the experience of watching a live orchestra perform.



Nursery and Reception classes have been enjoying their new 'Lending Library'! A huge 'thank you' for your kind donation of books to enable Early Years staff to get his up and running. The Early Years 'Lending Library' has seen parents and their children helping themselves to a book, either before school or at the end of the day. Parents and children then take the book home, read and return it for another one - the library has been a great success so far ☺

