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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

28th June 2024

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you can see from this amazingly jam packed newsletter - the children have been so busy again - doing so much learning and having so much fun!

Please read the section about joining us on Wednesday for 'Ready Brek' - hopefully we will see you there!

Have a great weekend,
Mrs Burgess x

Some dates
for your
diary!



28th June - Sports Day

2nd July - Year 2 - Fab Finish

3rd July - Year 1 - Fab Finish

8-10th July - SEND Reviews

9th July - Scooter Skills - Year 2

16th July - 2pm - Year 6 Performance

17th July - 9.30am - Year 6
Performance

19th July - Flamborough trip for Y2

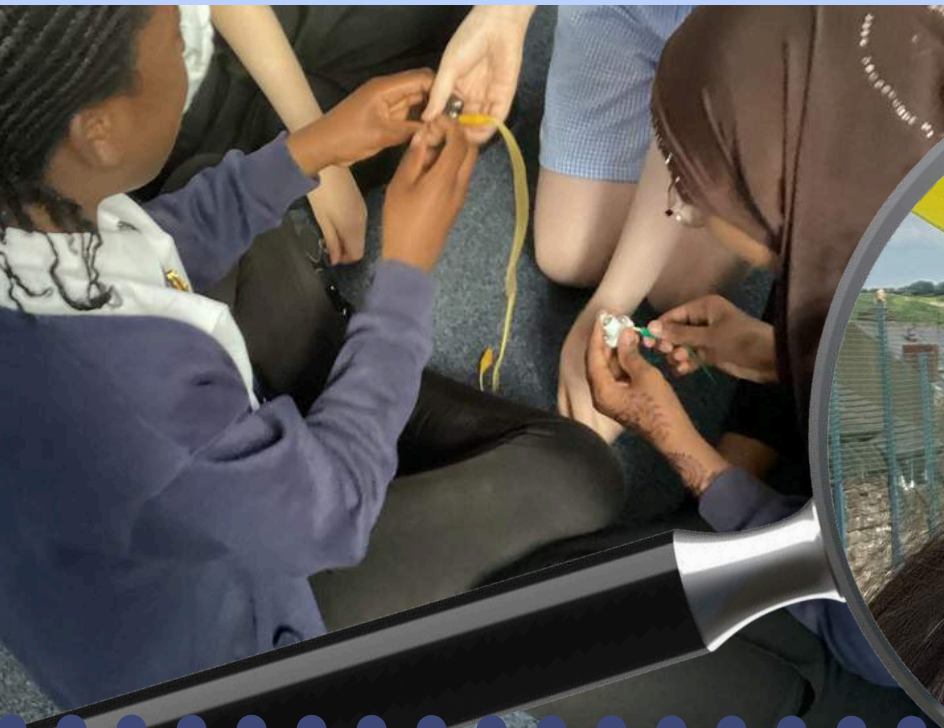
22nd July - 9.15am - Y6 Leavers'
Church Service

23rd July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly

Experimenting with Electricity

Y6 have been investigating electricity this week. We used balloons to understand static charge and worked with circuits to try and get lights and buzzers to work when changing the variables.

Year 6



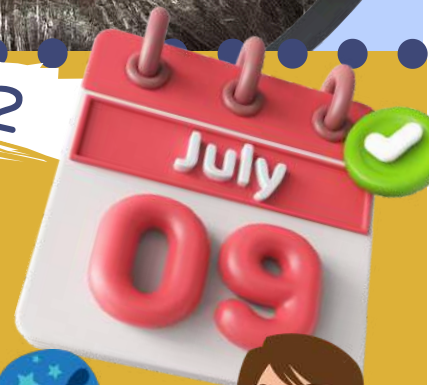
Scooter Skills

Playground Scooter Skills - Tuesday 9th July

On Tuesday 9th July, we will be holding Scooter Skills Sessions for Y2. We have some scooters available in school, but children are also invited to bring their own scooter if they have one. Children will need to wear a helmet for this activity and can either bring their own or borrow one from school. The sessions will be delivered in the school playground by our Modeshift Stars Officer, Rosie Frazer.

The aim of these sessions is to improve children's confidence and stability when riding their scooter, with the aim of them being able to scoot to school safely. The children will be learning how to use their scooter safely and take part in learning about passing pedestrians and crossing roads safely through a course set out.

Year 2



Look out for the letter and consent form. Look forward to seeing you there!



The Arches Partnership Games

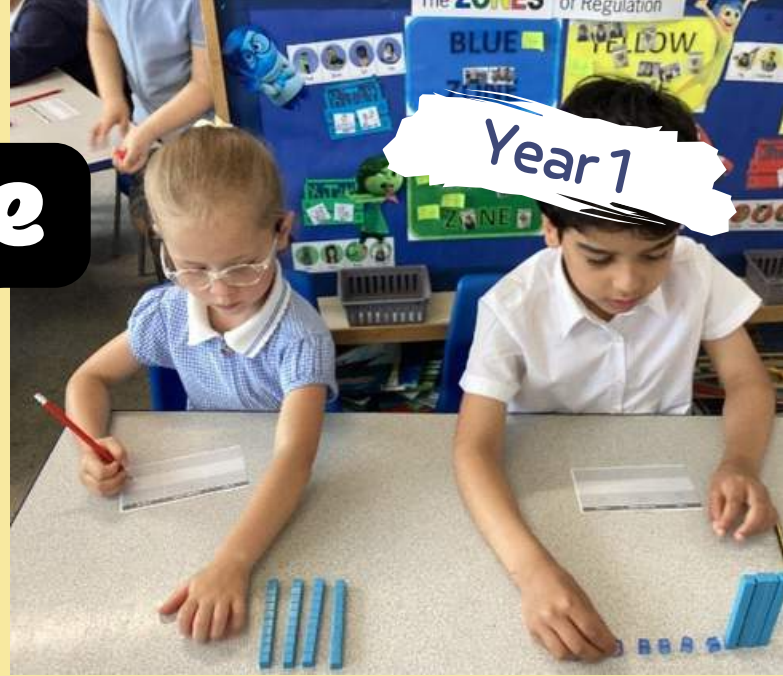
Last week, Y6 took part in the Arches Partnership games.

We all had a fantastic day and the children were incredible in all the sports they were taking part in: some did team-building and gymnastics; some did cricket and swimming; some took part in a tag rugby tournament; and others tried out basketball and trial sports.

You can see more photos on our Class Dojo page.



This week we have been...



In Y1, we have been learning all about numbers to 100. We have been finding one more and one less.

In DT, we have been learning to chop a range of vegetables.

We made pitta pockets. They were delicious!



Plant Investigations

Year 5



In Y5, we have been reviewing what we learnt last half-term about the reproduction of plants. We dissected some lilies, roses and chrysanthemums. We found that the anther and the stigma looked particularly different in the each species of flower."





DfE-funded Holiday Activities with Food (HAF) Programme is back!

There are lots of fun free activities for children and young people who receive benefits-related / income-based free school meals, from Reception to Y11, to access during the summer school holidays as part of the Sheffield Healthy Holidays programme.

Due to the updated DfE HAF guidance this summer, there is one change to the programme:

Every HAF-eligible child will be issued by letter a unique HAF code.

Parents and carers will need their child's unique code to book onto holiday activities either online or directly by phone / text / email with an activity provider.

If you've not already received it, look out for the letter. Parents / carers can book activities from 3pm on Thursday 5 July.

Information on HAF Codes, how to book online, or how to book directly with a holiday activity provider is available online.

<https://sheffieldhealthyholidays.org/>



PFA

PARENT FRIEND ASSOCIATION

We are hoping to set up a PFA for St. Mary's so we can arrange community events in school for the children and raise vital additional money for school.

Join -US-

If you are interested in joining the initial set up group - please contact the office; we would really appreciate this.



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Book FREE Holiday Clubs from the 5th July!



Canon Hall Farm Trip

EYFS went to Canon Hall farm this week, we saw lots of animals and learnt lots of facts. The children went on a tractor ride around the field and even got to feed the cows.

The children were a credit to our school, their behaviour was outstanding and we had lots of comments about how wonderful our children were.

Well Done EYFS!



FREE Olympic Try Diving Taster Sessions at Ponds Forge

24th June - 18th July

Sheffield Diving Club is proud to announce that two Sheffield Divers have qualified to represent Great Britain at the Games -Yasmin Harper and Jordan Houlden! Yasmin competes on the first day of the Olympic diving events on Saturday 27th July in the Women's 3 Metre Synchronised Final.

Sheffield Diving is the only 10 Metre Platform Diving Club in South Yorkshire, so in the run up to the Olympics, we would like to offer pupils across the City the chance to experience the unique Olympic Sport of Diving by offering children one 40 minute FREE Diving Taster Lesson in June or July.

The free sessions take place at Ponds Forge International Sports Centre and are available at various days times until 18th July.

TO TAKE PART IN THE DIVING SESSION ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ABLE TO SWIM 25 METRES AND SWIM COMPETENTLY IN DEEP WATER WITHOUT GOGGLES. We expect children to have completed the Swim England Stage 3 award or equivalent in their swimming ability.

Attending pupils will receive a Swim England Diving Pin Badge and a Participation Certificate.

If you're interested, contact learntodive@cityofsheffielddiving.co.uk

OLYMPIC TRY DIVING TASTER SESSION

JOIN A FREE DIVING TASTER SESSION AT PONDS FORGE SHEFFIELD!

AVAILABLE FROM 24TH JUNE-18TH JULY!

MONDAYS 16:20-17:00PM
TUESDAYS 18:00-18:40PM
WEDNESDAYS 18:00-18:40PM
THURSDAYS 16:20-17:00PM

OPEN TO ANYONE AGED 6-16 YEARS OLD & ABLE TO SWIM COMPETENTLY IN DEEP WATER & WITHOUT GOGGLES

TO BOOK OR FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL US [LEARN TODIVE@CITYOFSHEFFIELDDIVING.CO.UK](mailto:learntodive@cityofsheffielddiving.co.uk)

SHEFFIELD DIVING



Three little thoughts...

Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it!



Share a friendly smile with someone you see today!



Say something positive to a friend!

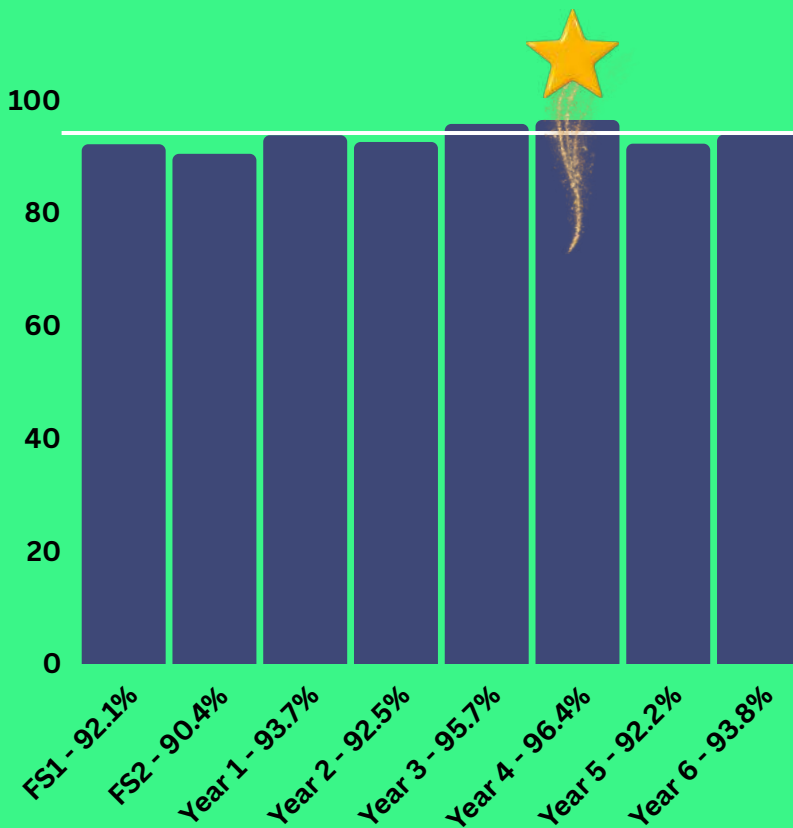
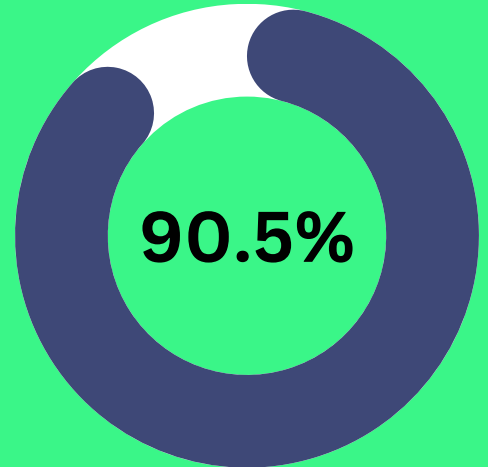


ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Our whole school attendance for this week is 90.5% .
Please help us get this number back up.

Our target is 96% and our year to date attendance figure is 94% for the year with the national average being 94.2%



PLEASE DON'T BE LATE

Please make sure your child gets here on time so they don't miss valuable learning time.

Try and set off a little earlier to get here at 8.40am.

WELL DONE YEAR 4

At 96.4% you are leading the school for attendance and win an extra 10 minutes play next week.



Programming on Scratch

Year 3



Year 3 have been using the chromebooks to explore events, actions and programming on Scratch. I have been extremely impressed by their listening and computer skills. Well done!

Just Keep Coding!

This week, children from the after-school Code Club took part in a workshop at the Apple Store in Meadowhall.

Using an industry standard coding language, the children used the application Swift Playgrounds to create an app called 'All About Me'. Code Club will continue to meet after school on Wednesdays until 17th July 2024.

What an amazing opportunity!





Every
WEDNESDAY

The Ready-Brek Club!

Ready-brek sessions happen in the hall - every Wednesday. This is a chance to read with your child - enjoy a cereal bar - and share some special reading time with your child.

Research states that reading with your child has life-long benefits from reading itself, making connections with you and bonding with you! The benefits from shared reading are endless!

Feel free to bring any siblings along too! See you Wednesday in the school hall from 8.30 - 8.50 a.m.

