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ST HELENS PRIMARY

Friday 24th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached half term after another good week. Discoverers have been to Newport to conclude their art project with Independent Arts. In class, Clara has enjoyed her instruction writing whilst Cai-Wyn continues to enjoy science.

In Pioneers, year 5 are enjoying the sailing. A lack of wind made it difficult this week but it is a change to capsizing which has been a 'favourite' in previous weeks. Alba has enjoyed PE. Throwing the vortex and shotput have been practised with many children impressing themselves with their techniques and skills.

In Adventurers Alena has enjoyed working with number lines, William learning about bugs and Luke writing our troublesome creatures.

Smoothies were a particular favourite in Explorers. Arabella loved the strawberry and apple combination whilst Ronnie enjoyed some popcorn on Miss P's final day. Miss Powell is now travelling west for another venture in a new school. Obviously St Helens will be impossible to beat. We all thank Miss P for her hard work during the last year.

On another topic Isabella has enjoyed learning about snails! That may come in useful during the half term when the garden will be popular with her and many other children I'm sure.



After half term we welcome back Mrs Allman from her extended holiday. I'm sure she is 'excited' to meet her new class and get back to school.

Sadly we have had a lot of illness this week with many children, especially our younger friends, missing all the fun due to a range of illnesses including colds, coughs, chest infections and other illnesses.

I hope the half term helps to eradicate the germs and everyone returns fit and healthy

Well done Blue House who won the house point trophy this week.

Have a great weekend. I hope everyone has a full and active half term – with a measure of relaxation thrown in for good measure.

Finally thank you to the whole school community for all your hard work and support.

Teachers, teaching assistants, Governors, parents, community and of course the children continue to make St Helens Primary School great place to work.

Mr Wake



A few photographs highlighting our developing environmental area. Thanks to Mr Andre and Mrs Ferrier.

Art, English geography, maths, art, music, reading, PSHE and Science lessons will benefit from this inspiring area.



Attendance week from: 13/05/2024 to 17/05/2024

Class	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Minutes Lost Through Lateness	Unauthorised Absences	Authorised Absences
Explorers	93.3%	0	0	2	14
Adventurers	100%	0	0	0	0
Discoverers	94.2%	0	0	0	14
Pioneers	91.5%	0	0	14	8

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was 94.8% which is **below** the national expectation of 96%

If your child is too unwell to attend school please contact us to let us know. You can phone on 872442 or email us on admin@sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk If you let us know by phone please can you put the reason for your child's absence in writing when they return to school otherwise the absence will be marked as unauthorised. We are required to ask you for this in order to follow the Local Authority attendance procedures, and if we don't receive a letter or email we have to follow it up.



THIS WEEKS AWARDS



<u>Class</u>	<u>Worker of the Week</u>	<u>Star of The Week</u>
Explorers	Arabella	Ronnie
Adventurers	Hollie	Arlo
Adventurers	Mia	Luke
Discoverers	Zach	Travis
Discoverers	Barnaby	Cai
Pioneers	Blossom	Alfie
Pioneers	Jessica	Rowan



We would like to wish a very 'Happy Birthday' to the following children who celebrate their special day this week:

Georgie age 9

School Dinner Menu (£2.75) per day or free to Reception, Year 1 & 2 pupils)

On **TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS only**, the children will be able to order baguettes - fillings cheese, tuna or ham.

D-DAY
6TH JUNE

80 YEARS
1944-2024

NO BAGUETTES OR JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY

PICNIC

SANDWICHES
Ham
Coronation Chicken
Tuna and Cucumber
Cream Cheese and Cucumber

SIDES
Mini Quorn Sausage Roll
Potato Wedges and Crudités

DESSERT
Scones and Jam

*Menus may be subject to change

WEEK 1

WC: 15/04/04/05, 03/06, 24/06, 15/07, 09/09, 30/09

SPRING/SUMMER 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
NOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Half a Jacket Potato	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	BBQ Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	BBQ Quorn Filled Served with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetarian Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Cheesy Ploeghman's Pink Plate	Chilli No Cheese with Crispy Tortilla Served with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
DESSERT	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayonnaise	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with panne pasta					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DESSERT	Crispy Crackle Bar with Fruit	Raspberry Jelly	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice	Vanilla Ice Cream	Original Rappack

PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE
Horn, Cheese or Tuna baguette available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit

Vegetarian
 Oily Fish
 Wholegrain
 Fruity!
 Nutritionist's Choice

Our menu is subject to change. Please be aware that all modified and/or allergen requirements will be safely covered for.

WEEK 2

WC: 22/04, 13/05, 10/06, 01/07, 22/07, 16/09, 03/10

SPRING/SUMMER 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
NOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Beef Bobgnaze Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gavy	Butter Chicken Curry Served with Wholegrain Rice	Southern Fried Chicken Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	Vegetarian Bobgnaze Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Veggie Burrito	Quorn Roast Served with Roast Potatoes and Gavy	Macaroni Cheese	Veggie Fingers Served with Chips
DESSERT	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayonnaise	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with panne pasta					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DESSERT	Chocolate Cookies	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice	Orange Jelly	Chocolate Shortbread with Fruit	Orange Drizzle

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Chartwells School		WEEK 3				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SPRING/SUMMER 2024	NOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Beans	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cottage Pie Served with Gravy	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	JACKET POTATO	Tomato and Herb Lentil Pasta 🌱🌱	Vegetarian Sausage Served with Mashed Potato and Beans	Cheese and Onion Pastry Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatless Balls in Tomato Sauce Served with Rainbowrice	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
	DESSERT	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayo/sauce	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Tomato Pesto Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with parma pasta 🌱🌱						
All main meals are served with two vegetables						
		Chocolate Brownies with Fruit	Strawberry Jolly	Banana Cake	Lemon Sicilian Cookies	Chocolate Ice Cream
		PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE Horn, Cheese or Tuna baguette available daily with veg sticks or fresh fruit or dessert of the day	AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit		🌱 Vegetarian 🐟 Oily Fish 🌾 Wholegrain 🍌 Fruity! 🍷 Nutritionist's Choice	

If your child would like the vegetarian option on a particular day, please can they let their teacher know so we can order enough portions from The Bay kitchen.

Dates for Your Diary

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| Monday 3 rd June | - School reopens at 8.45am for Summer term 2 |
| Tuesday 4 th June | - Explorers Class Photo (rescheduled from 20 th May) |
| Wednesday 5 th June | - KS1 Beach School |
| Wednesday 5 th June | - Reception '24 Parents Meeting 6.00-7.00pm |
| Tuesday 11 th June | - KS1 Beach School |
| Monday 17 th June | - RNLI Day |
| Monday 17 th to Wednesday 19 th June | - Year 5/6 Residential trip |
| Wednesday 19 th June | - KS1 Beach School |
| Thursday 20 th June | - Sight for Wight Hat & Sunglasses Day |
| Tuesday 9 th July | - Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Day |
| Friday 12 th July | - FOSH Summer Fayre |
| Tuesday 23 rd July | - Sports Day 9.30am-12.00pm |
| Wednesday 24 th July | - Back-up sports day (in case of rain) 9.30am-12.00pm |
| Friday 26 th July | - Leavers Assembly 11.00am-12.00pm |
| Friday 26 th July | - Whole school picnic & leavers races 12.00-3.00pm |
| Friday 26 th July | - School closes at 3.00pm for Summer holidays |

This Week's Class Updates

Explorers

We have had a lovely time in Explorers!

The children have been learning everything about snails this week. We enjoyed looking at the story 'The snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson.

This morning we have been experimenting with Oobleck. The children have been asking lots of scientific questions and have been applying their maths skills by measuring the water and weighing the cornflour. We then had a great discussion about what solids and liquids are.

This week we have said goodbye to Ms P! The children have all enjoyed working with her at the beginning of the week and will miss her. They enjoyed making smoothies with her Wednesday afternoon and watching Bugs Life.

We hope everyone has a happy and safe half term!



Adventurers

Another busy week has flown by!

Year 2 have worked hard placing numbers on a numberline this week, followed by some adding and subtracting of 10. Year 1 have focused on their number bonds to 10 and 20 and used these to solve problems!

In English we worked on our spellings; specifically the suffixes 'ing', 'ed' and 'er'.

We were excited to get onto the apparatus in PE on Wednesday as it was raining so had to work inside. We have some great climbers in Adventurers!

We finished off our music topic today. We have worked hard to try and remember all the key words, so today we played them on a glockenspiel! See if your child can remember what any of the words mean.

dynamics

tempo

timbre

pitch

texture

pulse

structure

rhythm

In science we looked at a photo of our field in the winter and then 'predicted' what would be different now it's almost summer. We then spent time sketching part of the field.



We hope you all have a great half term and look forward to seeing you Monday 3rd June.

Discoverers



In English we have been writing a back story for our dragons. We have drawn pictures for our write that we have. On Tuesday we went on a trip to independent arts and we went to the minister to look around and in the afternoon we sailed our Viking long ships that we made in art.

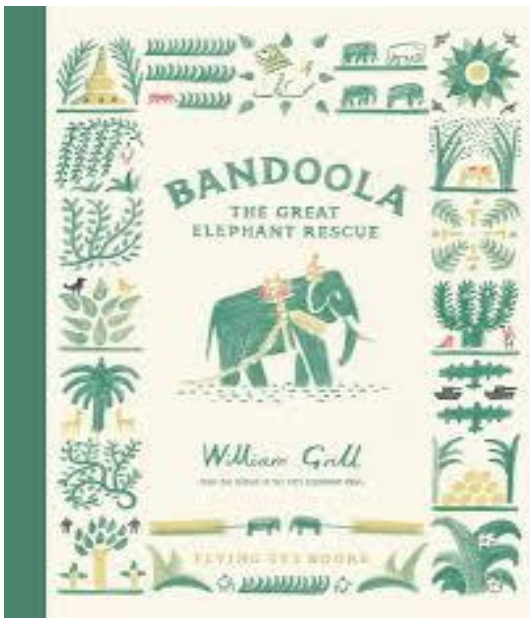
In science we've been learning about natural changes and human changes to the environment then writing and drawing about the impacts.

In R.E we went on the computers to make a fact file about different Viking gods and goddesses as well as learning about them.

By Abbie and Lottie



Pioneers

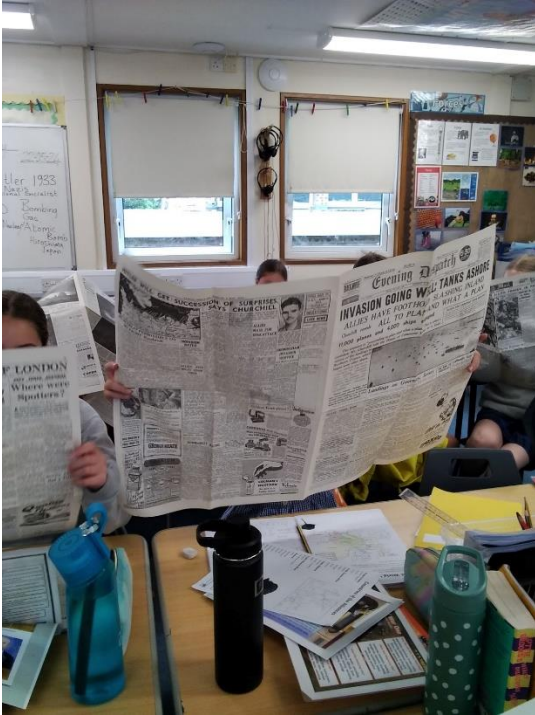


This week in class we were beginning a new book, post SATS. This book is set in Myanmar (previously Burma) during the Second World War.

Our focus this week was not the story (more about that next half term) but a closer look at elephants. We all researched elephant facts and created non chronological reports about them.

Please read Hannah's and Alexis' reports below.

In history we began learning about the causes of the Second World War and looked at Dunkirk and the D-Day Landings. This will link with the commemorative activities on 6th June.



The children had fun reading facsimile broadsheet newspapers from wartime

Fascinating “Sir Stomp-alot” Facts!



In this report, I am going to tell you lots of interesting facts about elephants, from where they live, to why they are endangered. If this report caught your eye, please read on.

Where do elephants live?

Elephants generally live in Asia and Africa. African elephants normally live in Botswana, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Kenya, Namibia, Zambia, and South Africa. Asian Trunkie Mc Trunk Faces mainly live in Sumatra, India, Southeast Asia and Borneo.



Diet: What do elephants eat?

Elephants are herbivores so they eat fruit, grass, and other plants like tree bark (their favourite food!)

How wise are elephants?

Elephants are extremely smart animals because, out of all land animals, they have the biggest brains!

Anatomy:

An elephant's trunk is simply an extension of the nose and the tusks on a dumbo are teeth. You can tell the two different species apart by looking at their ears. African elephants have ears sort of in the shape of Africa and Asian elephants have ears shaped a bit like India.

Why are elephants endangered?

Many African hulks have died due to habitat loss and poaching. Today, less than 50,000 Asian jumbos are left in the wild and 415,000 African tuskers are left.

Elephant families.

Elephants are herd animals and are lead by women. These Trunkinators mourn the death of family members.

A lot of elephant species are extinct like woolly mammoths but there are a few things we can do to prevent the extinction of the remaining species. We can stop killing them for ivory (thankfully, it is illegal to hunt elephants for their ivory tusks.) We can stop habitat loss.

Famous elephants:

The most famous elephant is Jumbo. Other famous elephants are Dumbo, Elma, Bandoola and Babar.

Intelligent Information

They are the largest land animal.
Their trunks have mad skills.
Their tusks are actually teeth.
They have skin that is 2.5cm thick.
Elephants are constantly eating.
They communicate through vibrations.



Baby African Elephants

Fun fact!

Marula fruits are an elephant's favourite fruit!

Outstanding Elephants

Where do Elephants live?



Did you know that there are two different types of elephant species? They are the African species and the Asian species. Commonly, the African elephants live in the African Sahara's, African rainforests and Asian elephants.

Diet: What do Elephants eat ?



Generally most elephants eat 149 to 169kg of vegetation daily. Nearly 80% of an elephant's day is spent on eating. Elephants can consume fruit, small plants, tree bark, sticks, grasses, leaves, shrubs, roots and even bushes!

How wise are Elephants ?

Have you ever wondered how their social intelligence is so amazing? They hold the ability to recognise and remember other elephants. They are very intelligent, as they often stay in groups. An elephants average IQ is 1.13 to 2.36. Isn't that pretty amazing for an elephant?

Elephant anatomy

*Would it surprise you to hear that elephants are mainly known for their distinctive features? Depending on what type of elephant: the Asian's ears are shaped like the country of India and with the African species they are a lot bigger (and shaped like the African continent.) Elephants use their trunks to pick up food and water before placing it into their mouths. They use their tusks as defence, lifting objects and digging. Would it surprise you to hear that elephant's tusks are actually their teeth? Elephant skin is very tough but very **sensitive**. African elephants live for 60-70 years and the Asian elephants live for exactly 48 years.*



Endangered Animals

Unfortunately, they are very endangered, there are only 40,000 to 50,000 left in the wild and you might think it's a lot but really it's very little. It is crucial to find them and take care of them as they play such a vital role in the ecosystem.

Elephant Families: Birth and Death

Like a baby cow you would call it a calf, you would also call a baby elephant a calf too. Adult males are called bulls and females are called cows. Did you know in elephant families females are in charge? Most herds are made up of a range in size from 3 - 25 but sometimes go together in larger groups. When an elephant dies its family strokes the bones with their trunks. It sounds strange and weird but it's true.

Textile Bank

Don't forget that we have a textile bank where you can donate unwanted **clothes, belts, paired shoes, bags, hats, (in a tied bag)**. The donated items will be collected and weighed fortnightly and the school will receive 20p per kilo towards our funds. **Donated items (bagged please) should be left near to the front entrance of the school. Please let the office know you have left items!** **Please do not donate duvets, pillows, cushions, household textiles, soiled rags, curtains, blankets as the recycling company will deduct the cost of disposing of these items from our overall total raised.**

Remember to look at the school website for the latest school updates and information at www.sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk



Sunday 9th June

Raffle prizes include:
£100 cash First Prize
Blackgang Chine family ticket
IW Steam Railway family travel ticket
National Poo Museum ticket
Dinosaur Isle family ticket
Tacktt-Isle kayak voucher worth £100
Bembridge Flower shop voucher
Busy Bee voucher
Ganders Restaurant voucher
The View café voucher
The Vine Inn voucher
Ryde Superbowl voucher
Nail Fabulous voucher
Fire pit & BBQ tools
Maria Ward art print
Phil Collinson Art print

And many more!

Please come along & support your Village Fayre!

Wight Orienteers next Event will be on Sunday 16th June at Cheverton Farm, Shorwell. There will be courses for all abilities and helpful volunteers to get you started. Arrive between 10 and 12. Cost for juniors will be just £1. Adults £5. Family friendly event .



See our website and facebook page for more details: Wight Orienteers



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EVERY WEDNESDAY

MAY 22ND TO JUNE 26TH, 2024
5:30 PM TO 6:30 PM
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