

St Peter's & St Gildas' Weekly Newsletter

2nd February 2024

Message from Ms Pantelli

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to my first newsletter of the New Year!

It's been lovely to catch up with so many of you over the last couple of weeks to discuss our plans for the term ahead.

This week, we have been celebrating National Storytelling Week. The children have had the opportunity to engage in various storytelling activities, fostering their imagination and love for literature. We encourage you to engage in storytelling at home as well, as it is a wonderful way to bond with your child and develop their communication skills.

Our Student Council met on Tuesday and the meeting was focused and productive, as always. Our student representatives continue to impress us with their dedication to making positive changes within our school community. We value their input and appreciate their commitment to making a difference. We thank Mrs Alger, who co-ordinates and chairs the meetings.

On Monday, we had the pleasure of welcoming visitors to our reception class. They were thoroughly impressed with the children's enthusiasm and engagement in their learning. It is always heart-warming to receive such positive feedback, as it reaffirms our belief in the exceptional community we have here at St. Peter's and St. Gildas'.

This week, the word of the week is **HEALING**

Dear Lord Jesus,

Help us to heal and bring comfort with kind words and good deeds, sharing your warmth and care every day.

Amen

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in your child's education.
We look forward to another successful term together.



Next week we will be celebrating **Children's Mental Health Week** from 5th – 11th February 2024 with the theme of My Voice matters.

Farewell and Good Luck

Finally, I need make the school community aware that Ms McLaughlin will be leaving St Gildas' to pursue other career opportunities as of Friday 9th February. We will say thank you to Ms McLaughlin as a school in the final whole school assembly of this half term. Parents and Carers are invited to come and say good bye. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms McLaughlin for her caring, creative and professional teaching over the past 18 months. Mr O'Shannessy

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SAVE the DATE
Safer Internet Day
2024 | Tuesday
6 February
www.saferinternetday.org

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Safer Internet Day 2024 will take place on the 6th of February 2024, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees thousands of organisations get involved to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year focuses on a specific online issue or theme that speaks to the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Created in consultation with young people across the UK, this year Safer Internet Day will be focusing on change online, this includes covering:

- * -Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- * -Using the internet to make change for the better
- * -The changes young people want to see online
- * -The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline
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We will be marking this day with the children at school and will have lots of fun activities to celebrate the day. The link below has some top tips that have been written for parents and carers, to share and talk about with children, at home. Please feel free to explore these resources.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

CAKE SALE & OWN CLOTHES DAY

Friday 09th February

Come to school wearing your finest red clothes to celebrate St Valentine's Day and Chinese New Year!

A cake sale will be held in St Gildas' playground after the assembly



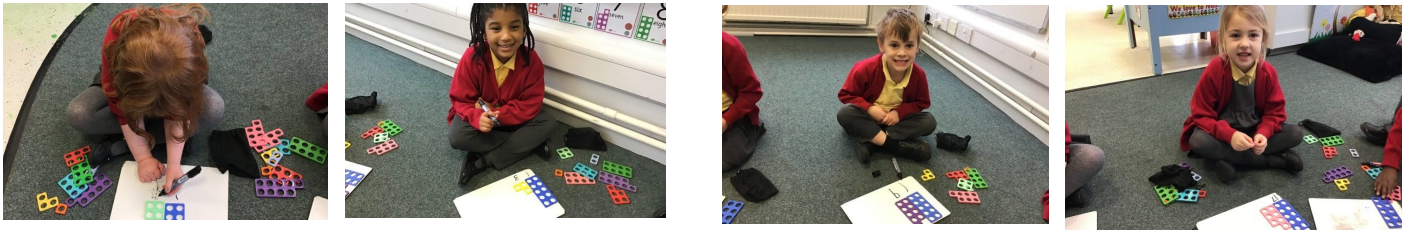
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The Friends' Friday Fundraiser

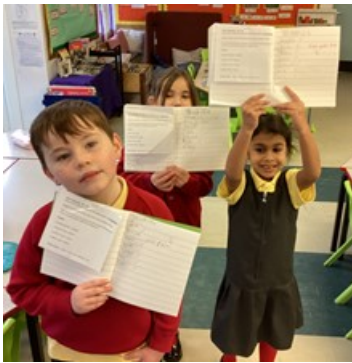
Reminder that next Friday is non-uniform day and there will also be a cake sale after assembly in St Gildas' playground. Please leave your cakes donations in the office.

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Reception class have been making teen numbers with Numicon.



Children in Year 1 have been working hard in their spellings.

Here are this week's 'Super Spellers'



Year 2 used practical resources to support them when they were learning to do division by sharing.



This week Year 2 have been enjoying storytelling and listening to stories. We had great fun listening to lots of stories and creating our own.

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Year 4 have been working hard, getting their hands dirty using counters in Maths to help them work out factor pairs. They were also making phones in Science to show that vibrations can travel through solids, carrying sounds from one end of the string to the other.



In Year 5 this week we were putting ourselves into the shoes of Dr. Leila, a character from our current class book *Oranges in No Man's Land* by Elizabeth Laird. The children did an excellent job answering questions from the class on Dr. Leila's thoughts and feelings about Ayesha, her situation and the Lebanon civil war they were living within.



In 6M we have been organising our classroom the way we like it! We want to make our learning environment as exciting and dynamic as possible. Are you confused about finding the right book for you? Ask us! We are happy to help and can show you where everything is!

"On Thursday (the 19th of January) our class 6M decorated the book shelf. We did it by rearranging the books into colour so it would be more eye-catching so people will be encouraged to read. It looks amazing. We didn't do the books in genre because colour was more exciting." **Noah**

"This week we decided to organise the library in colour coded order to encourage people to read and to go and pick out either a fiction or non-fiction book. We have also chosen to organise it because we want our class to stand out." **Aoife**

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Mon 5th Feb: St Peter's Parent/Teacher Consultations

Tues 6th Feb: St Gildas' Parent/Teacher Consultations

Wed 7th Feb: Victorian School day Workshop - Year 1

Fri 9th Feb: The Friends' Friday Fundraiser- Non-uniform day. Red theme.

Fri 9th Feb: Themed Lunch - Chinese New Year

Fri 9th Feb: Break up Half Term

Mon 19th Feb: Beginning of Spring Term 2



Gold Awards

EYFS - Violet & Cassie-Rose

Year 1 - Bobby & Elizabeth

Year 2 - Alex S. & Alannah

Year 3 - Jasmine & Maya

Year 4 - Abigail & Rafi

Year 5 - Iacopo & Maya

Year 6M - Florence & Kiearn

Year 6O - Laura & Luca

School Attendance

**Whole School Attendance -
93.3%**

**Congratulations to Year 6O
for achieving first place
with their attendance with 100%**

**Well done to Year 5 who came
second with 99.3%**



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

This week's Birthdays

Dominic (Y3)

Wishing our birthday children a very Happy Birthday!

