

St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 17 – 2nd February 2024



Careers Fair for Years 5 & 6

We will be holding a Careers Fair on Monday 12th February For pupils in Years 5 & 6 and their parents. This will be held after school between 3.30 and 5.30pm.

There will be a number of people from various jobs, who you will be able to talk to about their careers, to give pupils ideas for their future.

If your child attend SATS Booster Club, this will still be going ahead on Monday 12th February and they can visit the Careers Fair at the end of the session.



CELEBRATING LEARNING

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

Week ending 2nd February

Robin – Reece H

3 Skylark – Carter B

4 Kingfisher – Lucas W

4 Woodpecker – Lily W

5 Avocet – Kaci T

5 Curlew – Sera S

6 Falcon – Ellie R

6 Red Kite – Reuben McE

Dates for your Diary

5th – 11th Feb – Children's Mental Health Week

6th Feb – Safer Internet Day

*12th Feb – Careers Fair for Yrs 5&6
Parents Welcome 3.30 – 5.30pm*

16th Feb – World Kindness Day



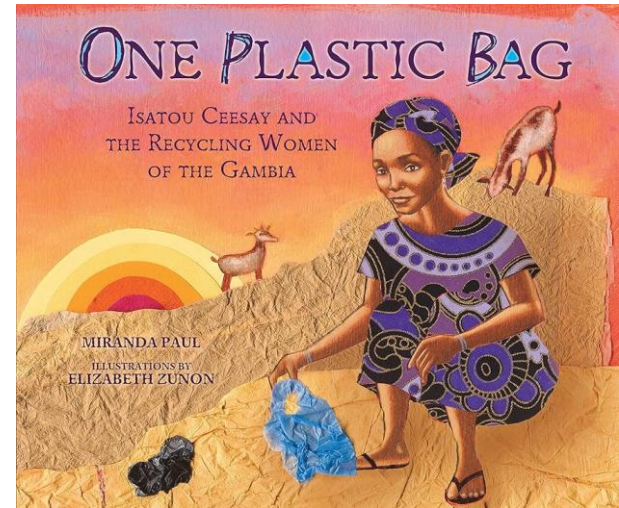


Learning Blog – 3 Skylark Class

It has been a busy few weeks in Year 3.

At the beginning of the half term we introduced a new text in English called "One plastic bag" by Miranda Paul. It follows the true story about Isatou and a group of women from Gambia who recycle plastic bags by turning them into purses and bags. Our focus has been instruction writing, but it has also been interesting to find out how this has also been good for the environment as well as earning these women some money and encouraging their independence.

In Maths we have developed our multiplying and dividing skills by learning about the methods used to tackle one and two step number problems. We are now starting to move onto our next unit, measure and perimeter.



Our whole school value this half term is respect and it has been nice to see the children showing examples of this in the classroom, such as showing that they are an active listener and being kind to one another as well as following advice offered.

As the weather slowly starts to improve we are looking forward to spending more learning opportunities outside of the classroom and in the wider school grounds.

Visit to Mayfields

On Monday 12th February, Skylark Class have once again been invited to Mayfields Care Home for some singing and dancing sessions with the residents.

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Football Match

Last Friday our UKS2 Mixed Football Team and UKS2 Girls Footballs Team played matches against Harleston Sancroft Academy teams. Both teams did very well with the scores for the girls' match being 1-1 and the mixed team won with a score of 8-2. Well done everyone who took part



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Children's Mental Health Week 5th – 11th February

Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 5-11 February 2024. The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'.

My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health.

This year, we want to empower children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing. Our aim is for Children's Mental Health Week, we want all children and young people to be able to say – and believe - "My Voice Matters."

Families, parents and carers can get involved too! [Download our resources](https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/) at <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/> so you can take part at home.

Attendance

Every day at school adds up, so make the most of it.

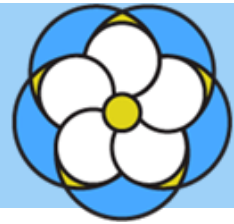
As part of the national 'Everyday Counts' attendance campaign, we will continue to monitor attendance very closely. If you need support on this matter please make an appointment to see Mrs Dale our pastoral officer or visit www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance

Well Done to the following top three classes for their attendance during the week 22nd – 26th January 2024

4 Woodpecker	97.06%
5 Curlew	96.84%
3 Skylark	96.67%



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Dates for the year ahead:

05/02/24 – 11/02/24	Children's Mental Health Week
06/02/24	Safer Internet Day
16/02/24	World Kindness Day
19/02/24 – 23/02/24	Half Term
26/02/24	Back to School
w/b 04/03/24	Yr 6 PiXL Assessments
07/03/24	World Book Day (more information to follow)
09/03/24	International Women's Day
13/03/24	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
14/03/24	Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.30pm
15/03/24	Red Nose Day – non-school uniform
15/03/24	Easter Craft afternoon with Yr 3 & 4 parents and Robins Class
w/b 18/03/24	SEND Parents Meetings
22/03/24	Easter Craft afternoon with Yr 5 & 6 parents
21/03/24	No SATS Booster Club for Year 6
27/03/24	Easter Service at the Church (children only)
28/03/24 – 12/04/24	Easter Holidays
15/04/24	Back to School
22/04/24	SENDCo from Long Stratton High School meeting with Yr 6 SEND Pupils re transition
06/05/24	May Bank Holiday
27/05/24 – 31/05/24	Half Term
03/06/24	Back to School
18/06/24	Class and Yr 6 Leaver Photos
19/07/24	Last day of Term

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