

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 22.03.24– Term 4 -Week 5

Reflection: Mark 11:1-10

Sunday is Palm Sunday when we remember how Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem by crowds of people who waved palms and shouted "hosanna". We also hear how Jesus was arrested and crucified.

Jesus had been arrested and handed over to Pontius Pilate. Pilate tried to release Jesus but the crowd shouted for him to release Barabbas and crucify Jesus. Pilate sent Jesus to be crucified. The soldiers placed a crown of thorns on Jesus's head. They hit him and spat at him. They made Jesus carry his cross to the place where they would crucify them. The cross was heavy and Jesus struggled to carry it so the soldiers made someone help him. This was Simon of Cyrene.

We all know that we are supposed to help other people, but how often do we actually do so?

When was the last time you helped someone?

It is sometimes very easy to help people – we know exactly what to do to make them happier or to solve their problem. Sometimes it is very difficult to help people – others may laugh at us or think that someone is not worth helping. Or it may be that we do not know how to help them.

As we move into the final week of term, think about how you can help those in our school community our actions each day.

**God of life and light,
teach us how to help
others and to live our
lives in your love.
Amen.**



Year 5 day with UWE Students.

Year 5 were visited by Ms Drumm and a UWE Engineering student for their STEAM Engineering day. They learnt about the different types of bridges and how they are engineered to work in different environments and for different purposes. They then designed and created their own bridges, before testing them using different weights. They then reflected upon what they did well, and what they could do better.



Futsal Tournament.

A group of year 5 and 6 students tried their hand at Futsal in a tournament at City Academy on Friday. Its safe to say, that they did rather well, winning all of their games to win the tournament outright. It was great to see so many players try out new positions and also so many different players get on the scoresheet! Well done to all of the children involved, you really encompassed St Nicks sporting spirit and values!



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STEAM DAY - ENGINEERING

As part of our Science Curriculum all classes had their termly STEAM Day, this term's focus was engineering. It was wonderful to see so many hands on and practical activities happening in all classrooms.

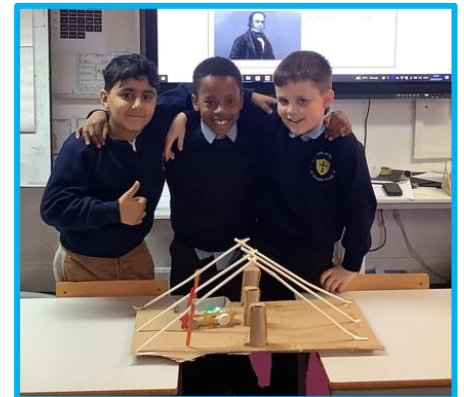
Diamond Class have learnt about Annette Ashberry, a famous engineer and gardener. They have planted lots of different seeds to watch them grow and have used the junk modelling to create their own inventions like Ashberry did.



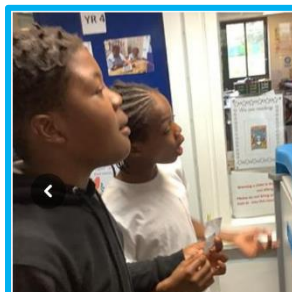
For our STEAM day Year 3 have been learning all about the life of Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We have learnt all about his background and his designs. We then became designers ourselves and created our own bridges. We tested our if our bridges were strong enough to hold different weights. We evaluated our designs and thought about what we could do next to make them stronger.

Year 4 looked at the steps Alexander Graham Bell took when inventing the telephone, considering the design process: purpose, trial & error, success. We then looked at Roman engineering before designing and making out own aqueducts that water could travel across.

Year 5 made satellites from junk modelling materials after learning about the aerospace engineer, Aprille Ericsson-Jackson



On Steam Day Year 1 and 2 had a lesson about engineers who turn problems into solutions! We looked into the world of engineering and learned about some engineers, one of them was Annette Ashbeery. She worked at a female-only engineering factory and also invented mini gardens as she lived in a flat in London and wanted a garden! We designed our own garden then found natural materials to make them



As part of our STEAM day, Year 6 have been learning about Alan Turing and the work he did during WW2 to crack the Enigma Code. Y6 worked together to crack a trail of codes and ciphers to uncover a secret message!

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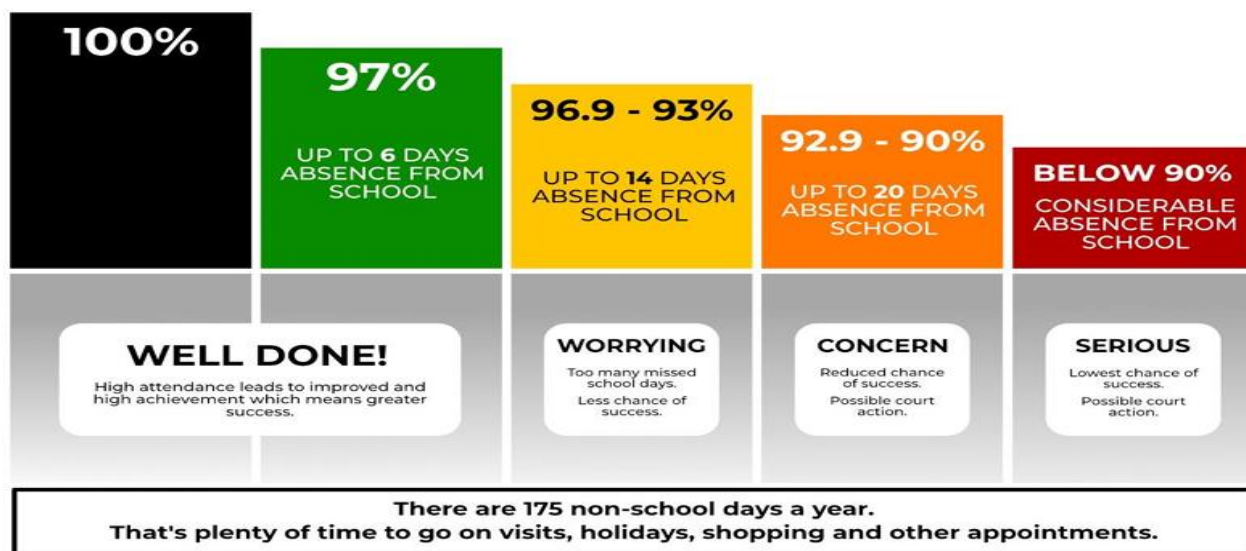
Attendance

Thank you to those children who attend school regularly and on time. We will continue to monitor closely, if attendance continues to be a concern we will send out an earlier letter than the end of term. The target for all pupils is set at **96.1%** and any figure below is a concern.

Any classes who achieve a 100% attendance for the week will be able to have a non-school uniform day the following week.

Class	Yearly Attendance	This week's attendance	Late sessions this week
Diamond Class	99.2%	88.5%	2
Emerald Class	92.7%	92.8%	14
Ruby Class	93.1%	91.8%	7
Amethyst Class	92.5%	91.8%	9
Sapphire Class	92.3%	93.5%	12
Topaz Class	93.6%	95%	10
Total	92.8%	92.6%	44

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



Thank you to those who attend regularly. Please remember to phone the school office if your child is going to be absent. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you and then may also make a home visit if we are unable to contact you. Thank you to those who arrive on time. Remember, children can go straight to class from 8:40am or attend breakfast club from 8am if necessary. There is also access to the walking bus if required. If your child is constantly late to school this can affect their self-esteem and they could be missing out on valuable reading, phonics or Maths activities and interventions



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Dates for your Diary - Term 4

Wednesday 27th March	1.30pm – Family Forest School
Thursday 28th March	Last Day of Term

Dates for your Diary - Term 5

Monday 15th April	School starts back for everyone!
Sunday 21st April	Dance Club perform at Stages
Friday 26th April	Rags to Riches Collection
Monday 29th April	Luci Gorrell Barnes in to work with Year 4
Friday 3rd May	9am – Y5 Class Assembly
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8th May	1.30pm Family Forest Afternoon
Thursday 9th May	Yr 1/2 The Bumbles of Honeywood workshop
Friday 10th May	9am Y4 Class Assembly
Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May	Y6 SATS week
Monday 13th May	Start of Mental Health Awareness week Luci Gorell Barnes in - Year 4
Friday 17th May	9am – Y3 Class Assembly
Tuesday 21st May	STEMamazing – Whole school assembly (Children only)
Thursday 23rd May	Y5 Preludes Concert
Friday 24th May	Last Day of Term!

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James