

The All Saints Herald

Written by the Children, for everyone.

Friday 26th May 2023

Welcome to the fifth edition of 'The All Saints Herald' – a newspaper written by the children of All Saints, for all. Over the next few pages, we aim to inform you of all the exciting clubs, trips, events and general 'goings on' around our wonderful school over the last half term.

Art competition

The competition has a total of 3 winners: one from key stage 1, another from key stage 2 and finally an adult winner. The categories were chosen to make the competition fair and were all judged by the art ambassadors in class 4.

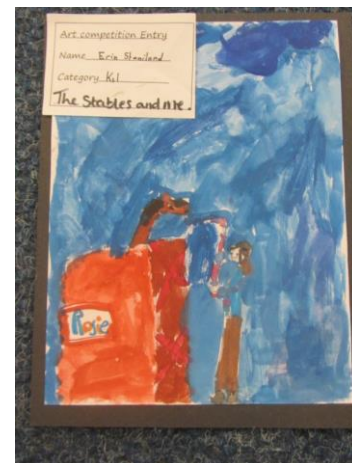
The winner for the adults was Mrs Game, the winner for key stage 1 was Erin (Class 1) and the winner from key stage 2 was Megan (Class 6).

The theme of the competition was drawing your favourite place. This included anything from special forests to countries or towns. We have some incredibly talented artist in our mists.

Mrs Game said that she had an amazing time. It took a couple of hours to do, and that she discovered a new hidden talent and opportunity. Overall, she said that she really enjoyed it and was glad that she entered.



Erin in class 1, who won the key stage 1 competition, reported that she used water colours to do her art and is now inspired to do more art.



Megan in Class 6, who won the key stage 2 prize, stated that it was a lot of fun and took around a day or two and used cotton buds to make colourful leaves for the magnificent tree that she created.



Librarian's Friday Fund Raiser

On Friday the 26th of May, All Saints held a non-school uniform day with the hope of fundraising enough money for the library to purchase 4 or 5 bean bags. Children were asked to bring in £1 to add to the bean bag fund. The aim was to raise £180 altogether. Just before lunch, two librarians came round to each class to collect the children's donations. Together with Parent Pay donations the running total so far is £152.



We are hoping that the bean bags will make the library a more comfortable and an enjoyable place for children to come and let their imaginations run wild. All donations, big and small, are greatly appreciated by all the librarians and teachers - Thank you!

Music Across the School

This half term – in line with the coronation celebrations – our composer of the month has focused on Folk Music and Country Dance.

Folk Music and Country Dance



Folk music represents the culture and traditions of where it was created. Folk music is worldwide and is played or sung by both ordinary and professional people. Every country has its own traditional Folk music.

Country dancing is a form of traditional folk music and dates back as early as 1500. It was created as a social dance in the British Isles.

When you follow the rhythm of your country dance, you may notice that each section changes or repeats every 8 beats. Instruments played may include the fiddle (violin), Accordion, harmonica, flute and guitar.

Morris dancing is a form of English folk dance. It is based on rhythmic stepping and the execution of choreographed figures by a group of dancers.

Many modern bands include the rhythm and instrumental patterns of traditional folk music in its composition.

Acorn's school trip

Last Friday, on the 18th may acorns went on their first ever school trip to Axe Valley Wildlife Park. There they played at the park and met lots of different animals including: a llama, zebra, flamingo, and Percy the snake.



They spent the entire day at the Wildlife Park and were able to pet Percy the snake. The purpose of this trip was to further their learning on Invasive species and life cycles. It is also important that children get to meet foreign animals that they wouldn't get to experience every day.



ECO Warriors

Waste Free Wednesdays

From the 29th of March, the Eco Warriors are starting a new challenge across the school for everyone to conquer.

We would like every Wednesday, for our community, to be a waste free and healthy living day.

No wrappers. No plastic. Healthy snack.

For those with lunchboxes, we would like to encourage you to have plastic-free lunches with reusable pots and wrappings.

The Eco Warriors are worried that there is so much wasted food and wrappers that get thrown in the bins and that the snacks that people eat daily are high in sugar and aren't appropriate for eating at such times, like first break, 10:30 - 10:45.

LET'S GO ECO!

Many thanks, The eco team.



Sports

This half term we have had lots of interesting sporting events including a netball tournament, where the All Saints netball team had a blast, and, a cross country championship where Ronnie and Max (from year 4) ran like the wind.

Netball

On Tuesday 16th May, at Westfield school, 5 different schools came to play netball. The All Saints netball team has children from year 5 to year 6 and included Leah, Claudia, Polly, Florence, Bethany, Benji and Lottie. "Even though we scored no points," began Claudia – Class 6, "it was a very fun game and we worked hard." The team played in 2 courts, 4 schools at a time, against children who many of the team described as, "very tall". Nether the less, everyone put in a tremendous effort. "I liked the teamwork." said Leah – Class 5.

Cross-Country

On the 3rd of May, at Mudford Reck, Ronnie and Max (Class 4) went to the cross-country championship to compete against many, many different schools. "It was tough," said Ronnie, "but also fun." Having completed the race, Max came an amazing 24th and Ronnie came an incredible 15th! "I like running because it is exciting even though the race was tiring." said Max.



Tennis

We have been fortunate enough to have a LTA (Lawn Tennis Association) tennis coach come in to lead Wednesday PE lessons in Year 4 and an after school club for KS2.

KING CHARLES III CORONATION CELEBRATION

For our celebration, we sang, 'Defender of Us All' – a song that all the other schools in the country sang at 11am! At lunch we ate at a long table in the playground and had cake and treats made by some of the students/parents here at All Saints. We then played on the field for the rest of lunch time. In the classrooms, the children were able to decorate and enjoy some of the activities created by their teachers.



Each class created a country dance routine which they had been practising for weeks. After all that challenging work, they performed on the playground in front of parents and carers (Class six were busy with SATs practice so they could not participate in the dancing but watched as part of the audience). Halfway through the show there was an interval where we ate cookies and doughnuts donated by the FOAS- Friends of All Saints. We sang coronation songs and the celebration finished.



Kitty from Class 4 quoted, "I really liked the music and decoration on playground!" Maddie from Class 4 told us that she really enjoyed the exciting activities they had in their classroom.

Bikeability

From Monday 22nd May to Wednesday 24th May, some of the Year 5 and 6 pupils learnt how to be safe on the road on their bikes. From learning how to be safe on the road to how to dress correctly, they learnt all the skills and safety measures of riding on their bicycles.



The Bikeability instructor, Lara, first taught the students the basics: how to mount and dismount correctly and how to do a U-turn safely if a vehicle was behind them.

Arthur, one of the year five children, stated, "I enjoyed learning how to indicate."

William, another year five, who was doing the course, quoted, "I enjoyed learning and getting outside."

On the second part of the course, the children mastered how to be safe on the road in front of school. Then, the children and the instructors, cycled out onto the roads around Montacute and learnt how to be safe whilst cycling and how to act and be safe around the cars on the road. Each session was aimed in building the children's confidence and on being safe.

Bugfest

On the 22nd of May this year, a man named Nick came into All Saints to host Bugfest 2023! This event included: stick insects, deadly scorpions, tarantulas, cockroaches and more! Before anything happened, he talked to us about fossils and what to do if you end up in a situation with one of these fascinating creatures. When showing us a millipede, Nick told us how to correctly count how many legs it has; count how many rings it has on its body and multiply by four!

After all of the harmless creatures we were allowed to hold, he moved onto showing us the deadly, venomous ones... One of many that Nick showed us, held with a stick, was a centipede. Its name was Mr. Kill. According to him, this centipede is capable of eating bats mid-air by paralysing the bat using its venom. One wild centipede was eaten by a snake, but it ate its way out!

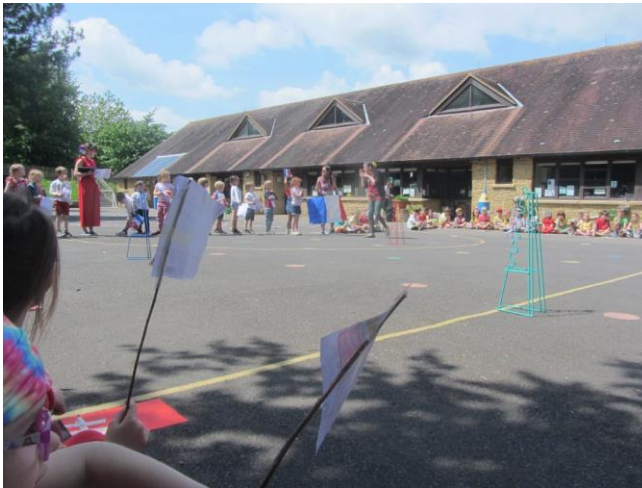


Many classes were delighted to witness these amazing creepy crawlies, so much that some commented on it! Millie, a year 6 said: "When I held the millipede, it tickled my hand." Another child, Emily in year 6 also said: "I liked seeing all the different species of bugs and other bugs that I did not know existed!"

Europe day

On Wednesday 17th May, our school held Europe day. This was to celebrate the countries who took part in the Eurovision Song Contest and to find out about different cultures. Each class chose a different country to represent. During the day, we wore the colours of the flag and did lots of fun activities.

After lunch, everyone sat around the playground for a Eurovision parade!



Class two, who were representing Lithuania, took part in lots of different activities throughout the day. They wore the colours of their flag: red, green, and yellow. The teachers were very generous that day and brought in Lithuanian cookies! The children in class two said that they were delicious and recommended them.

They also listened to some Lithuanian music as well as England's Eurovision song from last year and Sweden's entry this year. Class two learned that 'hi' in Lithuanian is 'Labas'.



Class 4 this year chose to represent Poland. Like Class 2, Year 4 made their countries flag and wore the colours red and white. In year 4 some of the children had brought in foods from home that they had prepared such as: beef sticks, zebra cake and dumplings. They enjoyed this and recommended this!

In conclusion, we would like to say a huge thank you to all the adults and music ambassadors who made this wonderful day happen. Also, a thank you to everyone who dressed up and helped us to learn about the different cultures around Europe!

Year 6 SATS Week

A few weeks ago, Class 6 had SATS week, they had 3 maths papers, 1 reading paper, 1 grammar and 1 spelling paper. In the mornings the school provided breakfast for the pupils, the options were: Waffles, Toast, pancakes and Pan-au-Chocolates, there was also jam and chocolate spread.



Before each paper the pupils would get a 15-minute run around in the playground to get any fidgets out of them, after each paper they would get a 30-minute break as well – which we thoroughly enjoyed!