Embrace excellence through God, to build a better world
"Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God."- Micah 6 v. 8

Newsletter 18th March 2022

Today we reach the end of a very special week at St Peter's, as the children have been enjoying our Arts Week events since Monday. Throughout the week, the children have been engaged in a wide range of activities all designed to celebrate and promote different aspects of the arts. As you are aware, our focus artist this year has been digital artist Dominic Harris. Dominic and his team came into school on Tuesday and spent time in classrooms with the children. Yesterday, our Year 5 and Year 6 children visited the Halcyon Gallery, where Dominic spent time speaking to the children about his work. This was a hugely inspiring experience for the children, to have the opportunity to meet and work alongside the artist they have been studying. Following his visit, we were told that Dominic was hugely impressed by our children, and their interpretations and application to the tasks they were set. I know that I am not alone in stating that Arts Week is always one of my favourite weeks of the academic year; the motivation, enthusiasm and excitement of the children is always a joy to witness.

Arts Week could not happen without the support, dedication and hard work of many people. Firstly, special thanks to all of the parents and carers who have made a financial donation towards Arts Week; this donation has been supplemented by the PTA, so thank you to everyone. A huge thank you also goes to Kate Brown (mummy to Ella in Reception) for providing lots of practical support and ideas, which helped to make our Arts Week so special this year. Thank you to Dominic Harris, and his team, for taking the time out of their busy schedules to visit St Peter's to work alongside the children. Thank you also to the parents and carers who came into school this week to work with the children, your sessions have all been extremely well received. Finally, a huge thanks and a massive silent cheer to Miss Miller, who has co-ordinated our Arts Week this year; it is no mean feat to plan such an event and she has done a truly wonderful job.

Miss Miller is in the process of producing a separate Arts Week newsletter, which will describe in greater detail all of the work which has taken place throughout the week. In addition to this, we would like to invite you to attend our Arts Café next **Friday 25th March** from **3pm** in the Scott Building, to view the work produced by the children.

In addition to our Arts Café, there are a couple of other events planned between now and the end of term:

- Thursday 24th March 2.30pm-3.30pm - Mums' and Female Carers' Afternoon Tea (please let us know via admin@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk if you are able to join).
- Friday 1st April at 9am - Easter service in St Peter's Church.

Please note that the spring term ends on Friday 1st April at 2pm. The children return to school, following the Easter break, on Wednesday 20th April.

Twitter
We have been busy tweeting! Please check out our account: **@St_Peters_CE**

Easter Egg Raffle

We are planning to hold an Easter Egg Raffle for the children on the last day of term. This initiative will be organised and led by our Year 6 House Captains, with the money raised being split equally between their four chosen charities: Water for Africa, KIDS, RNLI (Chiswick), Whale and Dolphin Conservation and the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal - Christian Aid https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/ukraine-crisis-appeal

In order to do this, we would like to ask for donations of Easter Eggs: big, small, glittery, plain, eggs with a huge bow attached, they will all be very welcome! I plan to approach our local Sainsbury's and Tesco for donations; if you have connections with a local supermarket or chocolate/sweet companies or shops, please let us know, as the more eggs we can collect, the greater possibility that everyone who purchases a raffle ticket will win a prize. Raffle tickets will go on sale from next week, and will be sold for £1 a strip. Thank you in advance for your support.

Poetry Recital Assembly

On the morning of Thursday 10th March, we were delighted to be able to invite parents and carers into school to watch our poetry recital assembly. Every year group did a fantastic job of performing a poem, which they had learnt diligently by heart. During the assembly, we were treated to: *Springtime* by Reception; *A little bit of food* by Year 1; *Don't Do* by Year 2; *Please Mrs Butler* by Year 3; *The Drum Dream Girl* by Year 4; *Windrush Child* by Year 5 and *Sick* by Year 6.

For some of our younger children, this was the very first time that they have performed in front of a live audience. Despite this, they all did a wonderful job and performed with enthusiasm and confidence, making us all extremely proud. Thank you to Miss Murphy for organising this event.

Name that play…'The course of true love never did run smooth'

On March 7th and 8th, the children participated in a series of workshops based around the infamous Shakespeare play, yes you have guessed it, A Midsummer Night's Dream. The workshops, led by West End in Schools, were engaging and extremely practical, allowing the children to develop an in-depth understanding of the play. During the sessions, the children were given the opportunity to explore the emotions of the main characters and also to gain an empathetic insight into their lives.

Our very cute friends

Yesterday, we said 'goodbye' to our five ducklings - Midnight, Spotty, Sweetie, Goldie and Mini - who have been part of our Reception class for the past two weeks. The ducklings have been a very happy addition to our school during their stay, and as always proved a huge hit with both pupils and staff. If you have not already done so, please log on to our Reception class webpage www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk and take a look at some of the duckling highlights, I promise you are in for a treat!

Classical Spectacular

Today our Year 3 have been participating in Raymond Gubbay's Classical Spectacular; a classical music concert with incredible lights, lasers and special effects. Prior to the performance, which took place at the Royal Albert Hall, last Friday the children took part in a pre-concert workshop, which allowed them to create their own musical pieces using a range of instruments. Following on from their workshop, the Year 3 children then performed their musical piece to the Year 4 children.

Pelican Music Event

Music concerts have returned in full splendour to St. Peter's, with a concert held in St. Peter's church on Wednesday 16th March. There could hardly have been a more momentous and joyous occasion to usher in spring, than to see forty students take to the stage this week. St. Peter's is a school in which music flourishes, and this was exemplified in the extraordinary array of music performed on Wednesday evening in our beautiful church.

The concert was opened by Reyan (Y1), who brought the grand piano to life and set the tone for further performances, both of soloists and duets. Hugo and Thomas (Y6) added to the pizzazz of the performance, with their percussion playing, whilst Qinlan ensured a Grade 7 piece by Pescetti was brought to life with poise and clarity.

Violinists, cellists, and woodwind musicians of all year groups were also in attendance, in a church full of friends and family, all of whom were supporting our young musicians with much enthusiasm. We hope that our spring concert has set the tone for many more musical celebrations as summer now approaches.

Parents Evening

Thank you to everyone who joined our recent remote parent evening meetings, it was wonderful to see so many families in attendance. Next term, we plan to hold a special open evening event, which will provide parents and carers with the opportunity to come into school to tour the classrooms and see the children's work. A date for this will be confirmed at the start of the summer term.

SATs Meetings

Thank you to Mrs Adcock and Miss Murphy for leading two very informative meetings about the forthcoming Year 6 and Year 2 SATs respectively. The meetings were well attended, and provided parents with an opportunity to see sample questions and to ask questions about the process. This year, the Year 6 SATs will take place during the week commencing 9th May.

It's cold outside

Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school during this term, the children are outside for break several times a day, and although they don't always feel the cold, they do need to wear a coat to prevent them from becoming ill. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Better late than never, but better never late…

Please ensure that your child arrives punctually to school each morning equipped with everything they require for the school day. **Classrooms will be open from 8.45am**. Arriving late to school is not only disruptive to the class as a whole, but can also be distressing for your child. Thank you for your continued support.

House Points

	House points 11/3/22	House points 18/3/22	Total
Cross	**408**	**535**	**2565**
Fisher	**198**	**476**	**2687**

Rock	**204**	**390**	**2415**
Keys	**221**	**486**	**2684**

Headteacher's Award

	11th March	18th March
Reception	**Amy & Bear**	**Ottolie & Thor**
Year 1	**Evie & Poppy**	**Dylan & Francesco**
Year 2	**Talia & Alfie**	**Milena & Harry**
Year 3	**Risha & Elsa T**	**George & Kennedy**
Year 4	**Ariella & Dominic**	**Isabella & Brooklyn**
Year 5	**Udval & Ivyanna**	**Riley & Carla**
Year 6	**Hanna & Hugo**	**Amalia & Samira**

Values Award

Children can be nominated for a Values Award by other pupils, parents and staff members. Currently we are looking for nominations for children who have demonstrated the act of **humility**, as this is the Christian Value as a school we are focusing upon this half term.

11th March – Jamil & Nicky (Y2) and Sara (Y5)
18th March – Sandy (Y4) and Freddy, Hugo, Milo, Seb & Thomas (Y6)

Website

Please remember to log on to our website to view your child's class page; this will give you information about what your child has been learning throughout the week. Class webpages will be updated weekly by your child's class teacher at: www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk

Finally

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher. We are always here to help, and believe greatly in the importance of good communication between home and school.

Have a good weekend.

Miss Frazer

23/03/22		World Maths Day
24/03/22		Mums afternoon tea
25/03/22		Arts Cafe
WC 28/03/22		Interschool competition (Gymnastics)
29/03/22		Music Evening
31/03/22		Easter Egg Rolling
31/03/22		Winning House Reward
01/04/22	9am	Easter Service in Church
01/04/22	2pm	End of term
19/04/22		**INSET Day**
20/04/22		Children return to school
22/04/22		Earth Day
28/04/22		Reception Class Assembly
02/05/22		May Bank Holiday
WC 09/05/22		Year 6 SATs Week