

NEWSLETTER



St Anthony's School

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our Spring newsletter. Thankfully now the mornings and evenings are getting lighter and spring is in the air! Hopefully the sun will continue to shine over the break.

It has been yet another challenging few months with the lockdown we have had this term. We certainly learned a huge amount from last year and were able to accommodate a greater number of pupils on site this term. It has been lovely to be able to welcome all pupils back from the 8th March. All pupils have transitioned back into school well and we are very much looking forward to this continuing in the summer term.

We will be saying goodbye to 2 members of staff at the end of this term. Mr Shaun McGreal, Premises Manager and Mrs Sally Humphrey, Transition Manager are both retiring. Shaun has been at the school for 27 years and Sally 19 years. Both will be very much missed by everyone in the school community. We welcome Mr Simon Tooley who will be replacing Shaun



and Mrs Helen Cockburn who will be replacing Sally.

There will be some changes regarding Maths in the Secondary Department as Mrs Horrod is taking a sabbatical in the summer term. Mrs Horrod's teaching will be covered internally. Mrs Horrod will be returning in the beginning of the Autumn Term.

We have welcomed 3 new pupils this term who have started at St Anthony's. They have settled in well and already are very much part of the school.

Breakfast club continues to be popular and it is lovely to see so many pupils continuing to access breakfast club each day. Can I

please remind parents again that this starts at 8.30am. Pupils should not be coming into school before this time.

St. Anthony's continues to be a very successful and happy school. We could not be as successful without the support we receive from parents, carers and friends of the school. Please continue to support and work with us. Your support is very much appreciated and valued by all the staff and governors.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter break and enjoy reading our newsletter. We look forward to welcoming all children back on Monday 19th April.

Helen Ball

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Library News

World Book Day in the Library

The theme for World Book Day was "Share a Story" so some staff wrote a review of their favourite childhood book. Those pupils and teachers who were in school dressed up as their favourite characters, we had characters from Harry Potter, 101 Dalmatians, and the Mr Men and Little Miss books to name a few.



Some pupils joined in at home!



Do you recognise the teachers?



Even Nickki and the kitchen staff joined in!



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It was my birthday at the end of January, I'm now 2.

I got a hoodie with my name on.



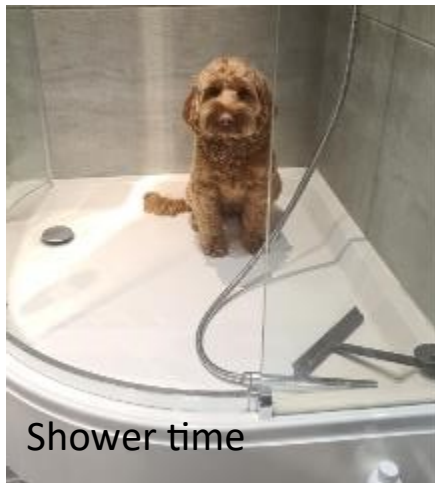
Valentines—someone loves me



Shove Tuesday—waiting patiently for my pancakes.



Windy March walks



Shower time

Getting ready for the summer with my new cooling mat.



Chestnut



Welcome back!

The children in Chestnut class have been really happy to get back to school and especially to see each other.

We have been reading books by Eric Carle including 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'The Very Busy Spider' to support our learning.



'Colourful Semantics' in action! Helping speech and comprehension.



We have been painting and making collages, learning the days of the week and counting



Planting fruit and vegetable seeds together.



Working together!



Getting messy together!

Apple Classes 1 & 2

This term we have been reading one of our favourite books, 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson. We have all come together to share the story every day at story time as well as using the wonderful characters to play and learn.



We have also been learning about growing, especially radishes and carrots as we have been focusing on rabbits. At half term everybody took home a growing kit to plant and watch radishes grow.



Oak and Rowan



Our topic this term has been an 'Author Study'

We have enjoyed reading lots of different books by the lovely author, Julia Donaldson. We have especially focused on 'Monkey Puzzle', 'Room on the Broom' and 'The Smartest Giant in Town'.



We have had lots of fun this Spring term. We have started some cooking, we have been making smoothies and practicing our cutting, grating and peeling skills. We have also been trying some of our creations!



We've had a busy Spring Term in Hawthorn, Beech and Sycamore classes.

Hawthorn Sycamore Beech

Our topic for Spring Term is 'Food and Farming'



We have been learning about lots of different farm animals.

We have grown our own cress from seeds.

We have looked how food gets to our plate through our sensory play.



We dressed up as our favourite characters on World Book Day!



We have been having fun playing outside in the spring sunshine with our friends.

We have been making music!



Yew Class

Making our Habitats in a box.



World Book Day puppet making.



Our topic has been Woodland Habitats. We have enjoyed finding out about different habitats and how we can help our wildlife.



Going on a Mini beast Hunt and finding worms for our Wormery.



Forest School Fun!



Birch Class

Our topic this term has been Habitats.

We have been looking at the different woodland animals and habitats.



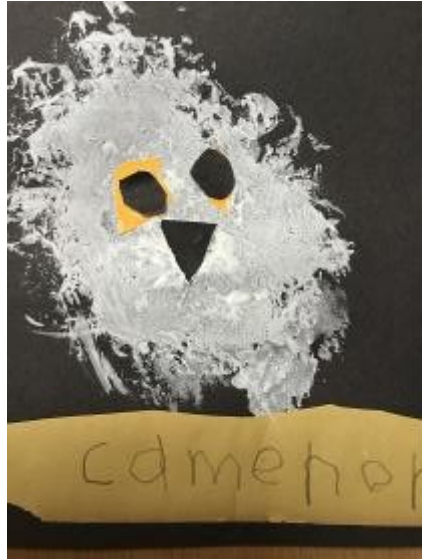
Over the lockdown we looked at different minibeasts and animals each week. We learnt about where they live, what they eat and really enjoyed our arts and crafts!



In Numeracy we looked at speed and time. We timed ourselves running, how many times we could bounce on the trampoline for in 30 seconds and how many catches we could do in 1 minute.

Willow Class

Our topic this term has been Woodland Habitats. We have been learning about different animals that live in woodland and what makes it a good habitat for them.



We found out about woodland animals and made a class wormery.



We read The Owl Babies and made owls to sit in their tree.



For Easter we made chocolate nests and learnt lots of signs for our Habitat topic



We've played lots of games in Maths to help our counting



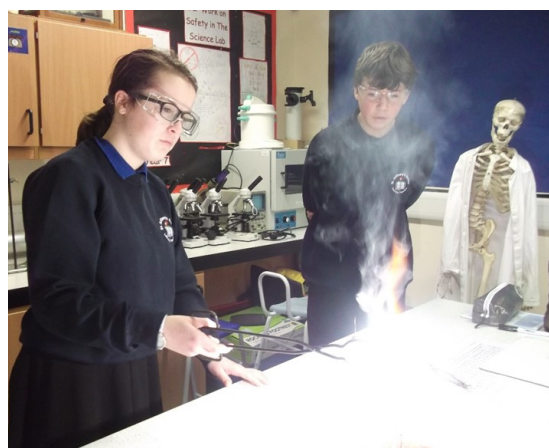
Science

All equipment and models used in our science lessons are thoroughly wiped with antibacterial before and after use.

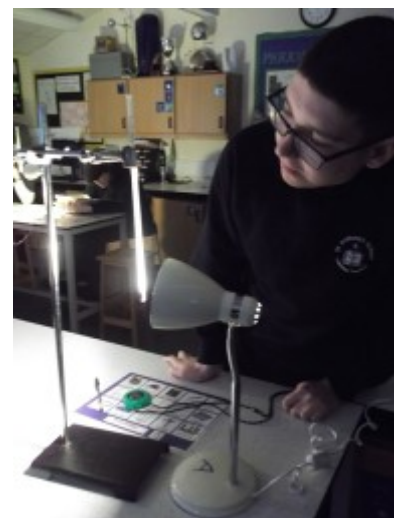
Year 8 pupils started the spring term learning about Measuring Temperature & its applications. They are presently learning about acids and alkalis using litmus paper to identify household substances that contain acid or alkalis.



Year 9 pupils started the spring term learning about Materials, their properties and uses. Presently, they are learning about Chemical reactions. They have carried out a range of simple experiment to reinforce the concept and its applications in the real world.



Year 10 continued their Entry Pathways qualification in science with the completion of the Module on Working with Electrical Circuits. They built a working electrical circuit using lemon cells. Also, they measured the voltage produced and find out how many lemon cells would make a LED to give out light. Presently, the pupils are on Energy in the Home and Workplace Module. They are investigating the energy efficiency of some lamps.



Year 11 continued their Entry Pathways qualification in Science with the unit on Variation and Adaptation. They were able to explore the range of micro-habitats within the school premises including the pond.



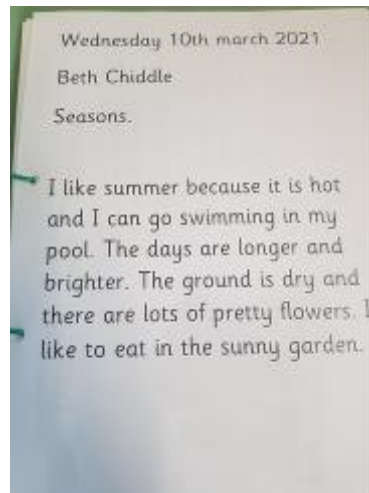
Organisms found were used to reinforce the concept of food chain, food web, interdependence, ecosystem, biodiversity and population.



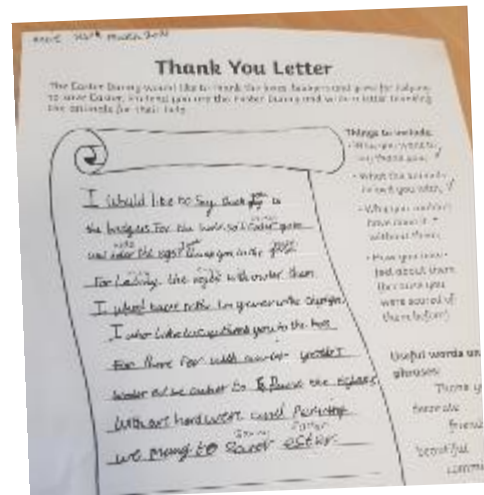
English

Year 7's have been looking at a variety of Children's books. We have focused on the characters and plots when reading and we have also practiced answering comprehension questions.

One of our stories focused on the seasons. Beth wrote about her favourite season.



Our Easter story was about the Easter Bunny needing help to save Easter. Rosie wrote a thank you letter to those who helped.



Year 8's have been looking at British Wildlife and reading non-fiction articles on a variety of animals. They also looked at the problems facing British Wildlife and what conservationists are doing to help. They researched an animal of their choice and created a fact page.

William 8SW made this leafy hedgehog.



Crystal - My Animal Fact page:

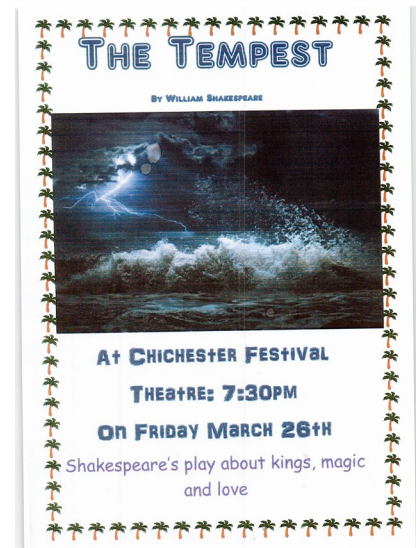
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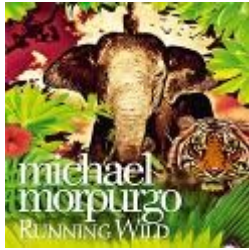
Facts:

1. It is a good flier
2. It feeds on other mammal blood
3. It roosts in hollow trees and caves.
4. They have long wings that wave outward.
5. They are nocturnal Which means that they will be out at night.

Year 9's have been studying The Tempest by William Shakespeare. They have read the text, watched an animated version of the play and been busy writing about the characters and what happens. Here are some excellent examples of posters that were designed by pupils as part of their home learning.



English



Year 10 have been studying the text *Running Wild* by Michael Morpurgo. They have learnt about the author, Michael Morpurgo, Indonesia, where the story is set and researched tsunamis. They have read the text together and had some interesting discussions around some of the novels' themes including hunting and the environment.

How many books has Michael Morpurgo Written?

• At least 15



Michael Morpurgo has 3 children called Sebastian Morpurgo, Rosalind Morpurgo & Horatio Morpurgo.



We are very proud of our Year 11's and the way they have been able to catch up on their coursework since returning to school. They have all been very busy developing their writing skills to write autobiographical letters and create presentations about themselves.



My hobbies

- Playing video games
- Bike ride with family
- Doing sport
- Sleeping

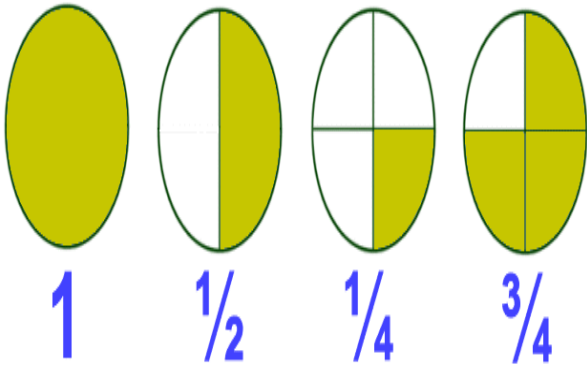
World book day was a little different this year. Some pupils were at home and some at school. It was lovely to see everyone getting involved . There was a fantastic selection of books represented by all the pupils and staff!



Maths

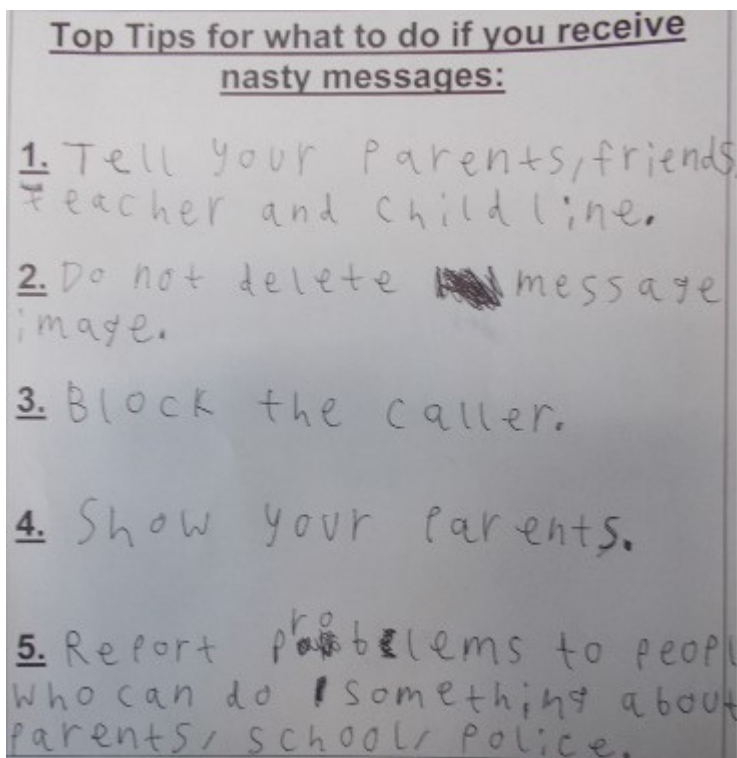
In KS3 we have continued to learn about different areas of mathematics through lots of practical activities. Pupils learnt about fractions through running their own pizza restaurants; creating pizzas with different fractions of toppings

such as halves and quarters! When learning about symmetry pupils used the 'speed cups' to create patterns for their partner to copy to create a symmetrical image



Year 9 have been learning about keeping safe online and offer 5 top tips for what to do if you receive a nasty message

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Year 11 happily dressed up Mrs Thomas as part of the Hazards in the Workplace course. We were looking at protective clothing and the benefits and consequences of not providing employees with the correct safety equipment.



Land Based Studies

The year 10 and 11 have been really busy this term making a new area for LBS and cleaning up the area. They have also been planting onions, broad beans and plants and using the soil testing equipment.



ART

James has done some nice images of faces based on the artist Hector Frank. He did these at home in lockdown.



Rachel's Mondigliani work she has produced at home in lockdown. Painting a famous person in the style of Mondigliani with long stretched necks and a self portrait of herself as part of her Year 9 Change Identity project.



Year 8 that have been studying British Crafts looking at patterns of cogs in watches and clocks.



PE



Pupils have been exploring a range of activities as they settle back into the school routines. Year 7, 8 and 9 have been using the climbing wall to learn about Bouldering and Climbing skills. They are learning how to adapt and move their bodies across the wall and also up and down the wall. They are also learning how to trust the staff and other members of their class as part of the wall experience. Year 10 have been practicing their Basketball skills and Year 11 have been completing various activities for their EL coursework or ASDAN sport modules.

We do look forward to the summer term when we can do PE activities outside in the warm weather



MUSIC



Super Homework! Megan 8B



YEAR 10 ENSEMBLE
'WAKE ME UP' BY AVICII



YEAR 10 ENSEMBLE
'ROLLING IN THE DEEP'



ENTRY PATHWAYS
MUSIC KEY STAGE 4



YEAR 10 ENSEMBLE
'DARKSIDE'



MEDICAL OFFICE

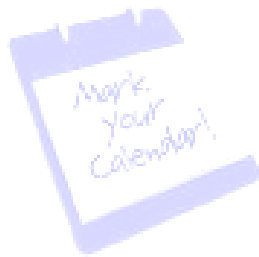
The medical team have been working hard to keep our school community safe and would like to say a huge thanks to all those parents/pupils who have been supporting the testing programme in school and at home, this would not have been possible without the help and support of you all. Thank you!

Eleanor Kale
Medical Needs Manager



Key Dates

(Subject to dates
being changed or
added)



Summer Term 2021

Monday 19 April
Thursday 27 May
Friday 28 May
Mon-Fri 31 May-4 Jun
Friday 23 July

Term starts
INSET Day
INSET Day
Half term
End of term
