



St Louis Catholic Academy News April



April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy month March was. We started with a wonderful presentation by Jane Crone from Cafod to inspire us to Walk Around the World . We've dressed as

book characters and scientists and had a cake sale to fundraise for the people of Ukraine. Our thoughts and prayers are with them. Finally, Covid relaxation of rules has allowed us to open the Rayes Lane access to ease footfall in the morning and at home time. Lindsay Devin, Training Grounds Executive for the Jockey Club Estates spoke at assembly about safety around horses and we will invite him to do this regularly. We had a wonderful uptake for our first Little Louis toddler drop in session. Thank you Mrs Das and Mrs Bryan for your support in establishing this new group. The applications for places at school were high this year and so I would encourage you to look around our school now if you are considering a place in Nursery from September 2022 or a place in school in September 2023. I am always keen to take prospective new families around school. In Summer term, we'll be holding classroom workshops to allow you to see how your child learns in class. A new PTA has agreed to help organise a Summer Fair– so watch for more news and please get involved. I am very grateful to all the staff for their ongoing commitment and hard work in caring for the St Louis children.



Please contact me by email on sueblakeley@stlouisacademy.co.uk with any queries.

With best wishes
Sue Blakeley,
Headteacher

Little Louis Stay and Play

Friday 1st April
Friday 6th May and
Friday 10th June.

The sessions will start at 9.30am and finish at 10.45am on a drop in/out basis. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available for parents. This will be a lovely opportunity for parents and toddlers to meet families who are likely to become part of our friendly and welcoming school ahead of joining us in our nursery class. All welcome! You do not have to already be committed to applying for St Louis nursery to join us and experience what we have to offer. Please register your interest in attending acorns@stlouisacademy.co.uk.

Vacancies for MDSAs 11.30am to 1.30pm

Come and work in our wraparound club? 7.45am to 8.40am or 3.20pm to 6pm

Our Cleaning Company ADC are looking for new cleaners to join their company.



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You have raised
£1184.71 for our
Ukraine appeal

Thank You



Meet St Louis Governors

Governors play an active role in supporting and challenging the school. The Board of Governors consists of a Staff Governor, an elected Parent Governor and several Foundation Governors, who are appointed by the Bishop of East Anglia and have a special role in supporting the Catholic ethos of the school.



Kathleen Das—Foundation Governor and Joint Chair

My name is Kathleen Das. I am a Foundation Governor and have been the Co-Chair of Governors since 2018. I also have a particular role in overseeing our SEND provision in school. I am a trained Primary School Teacher and worked in local schools until I had my children. I am passionate about education and giving children the best start in life. All 5 of my children have come to St. Louis and have enjoyed being part of this lovely school community



Charles Dore—Foundation Governor and Joint Chair

I hope you are enjoying meeting your Local Board of Governors. My two girls attended St Louis many years ago and it is great to have a chance to give back something now. I am the CEO of Newmarket Open Door, which is also a privilege, so I am very involved with the Newmarket community. I like to keep fit at the gym and enjoy walking holidays. Take care.



Karen Varma—Foundation Governor

My name is Karen Varma and I am the Governor Lead for Safeguarding/Child Protection. I currently work in a local school where I am a Senior Mental Health Lead and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL). I have two daughters, who both attended St Louis, and are now in Years 7 and 11 at St. Benedict's Catholic School.



Marc Walker—Foundation Governor

Hello there! It's a real pleasure to become part of the school as a governor. I have two boys who attend here, Alexander and Elliot. My background is in the law and I'm also a trustee on the board of a carnival arts centre and the local Citizens Advice Bureau. When I'm not taking the boys to their (many!) after school activities, I run regularly with a local club, the Newmarket Joggers. My wife is Polish and I love to visit the country and eat the delicious food there. And my football team – Liverpool FC of course!

Kathryn Feehan—Staff Governor



After working as a Graphic Designer for 14 years, I retrained to become a primary school teacher when our first child was an infant.

I started working at St Louis as a midday supervisor and learning support assistant about 12 years ago. Since then, I have worked as a teaching assistant, then class teacher (in all KS2 classes, except Elm!). My family live in the Newmarket area, we worship in our Parish (at Kirtling) and our three children all attended St Louis. I am Year 6 Class Teacher, KS2 Leader and Maths Leader.



Bethan Byrne

I live in Cambridge with my husband and 2 daughters who attend St Louis. Whilst born and brought up in Wales I moved to Newmarket after finishing university and have worked in the thoroughbred industry ever since. Firstly with Tattersalls for approx. 5 years and for the past 15 years based at Godolphin's breeding head quarters at Dalham Hall Stud. Apart from racing I very much enjoy cooking, reading, gardening, am an avid Wales rugby supporter and an active member of FOSL.

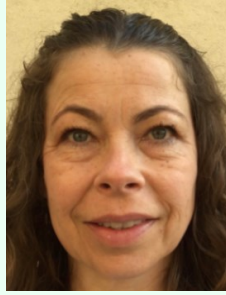
Anne Sugrue

Ann was a St Louis parent in school before becoming a grandparent to children in school too. Ann is an active member of the school parish and brings a wealth of experience of St Louis school development over many years.

Mental Wellbeing

We are working to support mental wellbeing in school. Some of our staff have received additional training to help children.

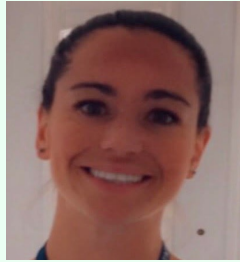
Mrs Ashen
Mental Health First Aider



Mrs Hodson
Mental Health First aider



Miss Baxter
Drawing and Talking Therapy
Mental Health First Aider



Miss Hutchings
Drawing and Talking
Therapy



Mrs Bosley
Drawing and Talking Therapy
trainee



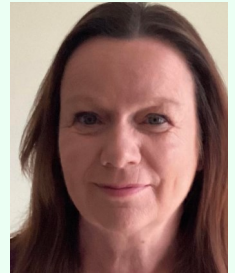
Mrs Lebbon
Drawing and Talking
Therapy



Mrs Bryan
Drawing and talking Therapy



Mrs Parker
Mental Health First Aider



Mrs Cox
Drawing and Talking Therapy
Mental Health First Aider



Mrs Sheriden
Mental Health First Aider



Miss Haines
Lead Mental Health Teacher
Mental Health First Aider





Science Week

Mrs Hodson, our science subject leader led an amazing week of science across the school.

On Monday Professor Georgina King spoke to us live from Switzerland at the foot of the Alps about her team's work examining glaciers.

On Tuesday Marta Richardson and her husband explained to us about the research as chemists to decode and understand DNA .

Dan and Sam, spoke live from Addenbrookes about their work in the Genetic Diagnostic Laboratory on Wednesday.

Ellen-Marie Hook talked to us on Thursday about flavouring toothpastes and the importance of brushing out teeth.

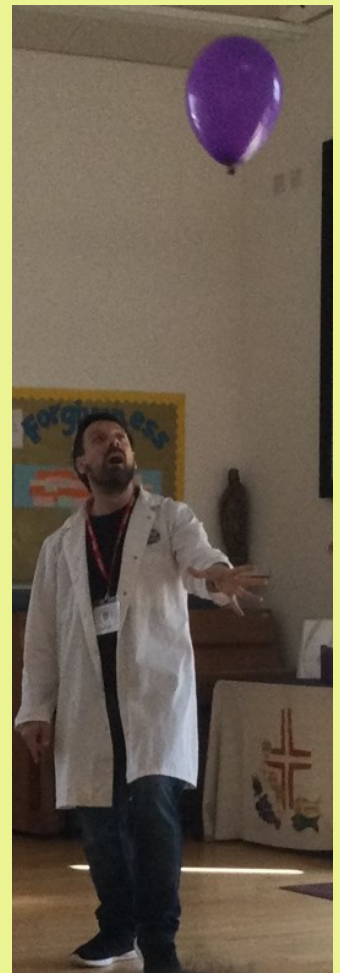
We were joined at school on Friday by Dangerous Dan who led science shows for the whole school.

During the week, the children had so many exciting and challenging talks about science and hopefully this will inspire them to be pioneering scientists in the future. We are so grateful for the speakers who gave their time and fielded some brilliant questions from our children.

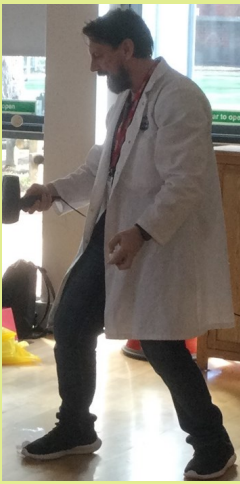
Many children also took part in a Skillsbuilder Moonbase Challenge to build a future world.



Live link to the Alps with Professor Georgina King in Switzerland



Science Week



Cafod Fundraising During Lent



TOGETHER WE CAN WALK
40,000KM AROUND THE WORLD!



Cafod are aiming to walk 40,000km around the world this Lent to help stamp out hunger. Schools across the country are joining the walk.

Walk Against Hunger in solidarity with the 200 million children whose lives are at risk because of malnutrition. Classes are setting a Lenten walking target, and use our prayer and fundraising resources to find out how each step you take will make a big difference! Our children have more walking time and we thank you for sponsoring them.

Milkshake sales raised
£245 for Cafod with a final
ice-cream sale to go!

Fairtrade activities raised
£123



Water Safety Awareness Skills



We have been working with H2go to teach children basic water safety awareness skills as part of our recognition that Covid has delayed children learning to swim and attend swimming pools. Our Primary and PE Premium funding has allowed this training to take place. The Department for Education raised this as a spending priority for all children because of the two years of Covid related pool closures.

"We are thoroughly enjoying delivering our Water Safety program to your pupils. They are all so enthusiastic and get completely involved in all the activities. I can see a fine team of life savers developing ! As a swimmer and a swimming teacher with a passion for ensuring that every child has

the opportunity to stay safe by water." Sue at H2go

Sue Brown leads the sessions and says the dry side lessons focus on how to stay safe and help others in a variety of scenarios at home, in the pool and on the beach. She also teaches children how to flip onto their backs and float in the water. She said: "Dry side lessons are quite vital now."



Evidencing the impact of the Primary PE and sport premium

Launching a PTA

We had a great turnout to the first meeting held on **Wednesday 9th March 2022 at 9am** in the School Hall.

It was fantastic to see those who could make Wednesday's coffee morning. Thank you so much to all those who couldn't be there but have offered help too. Can we ask all those who are keen to lend a hand to sign up at the below link: <https://5p855k5f6rr.typeform.com/to/lhTqI7BG>

Please remember this is not about giving lots and lots of hours, we just need an idea of how many of you can help and with what tasks you would like to do, so we can divide the jobs up.

That way everyone can play their part and have fun doing so without having to give lots of time but also enjoy the events too AND RAISE LOTS OF MONEY for the pupils.

We are also pleased to let you know **ST LOUIS SUMMER FAIR WILL BE ON FRIDAY 1st JULY** and we will start holding class cake sales again soon.

We would be very grateful for any time you can offer FOSL and please do email friendsofstlouis2020@gmail.com with any questions or ideas you might have.

All best wishes

FRIENDS OF ST LOUIS

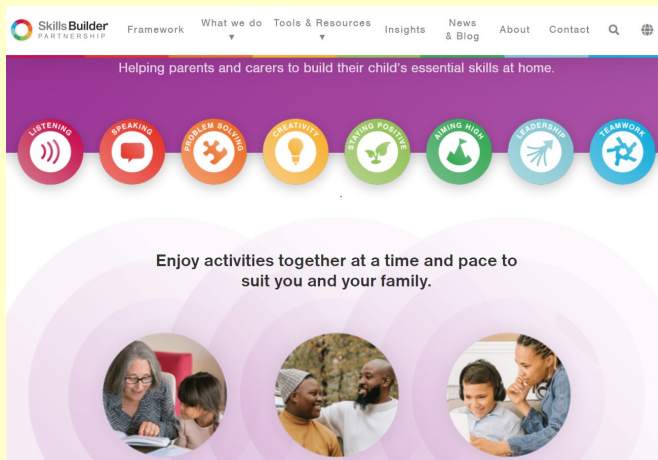
(We will become an official PTA in September.)

Friday 1st April is the first cake sale led by Year 6 families and coordinated through FOSL.

The next cake sale will be led by Year 5 families and held on Friday 6th May.



Skillsbuilder <https://www.skillsbuilder.org/homezone>



We are working with children to develop their skills. You can access many resources at home using the homezone site. A common skill that we are working to develop is speaking. We are keen to develop children who are confident communicators. Please look at the Homezone to finds lots of tips and ideas to develop your child's speaking skills. Your daily reading provides a great opportunity to speak and listen

Imagine a film (movie) has been made about your family.
 Prepare a 30 second voice over for the trailer to advertise the film.
 Think about what you would say to advertise the film and how you would say it clearly.
 You might want to record your voice over or perform it 'live' to the rest of your family.
 Challenge other family members to have a go too and then enjoy listening to each others trailers.

Reflection Questions

Getting Started: How do we know if we are speaking clearly?

Intermediate: As you speak how can put your points into a logical order so you can be easily understood?

Advanced: How can you use tone, expression and gesture to make your speaking engaging?

Mastery: Would your voice over for the film trailer influence and persuade listeners to watch your film?

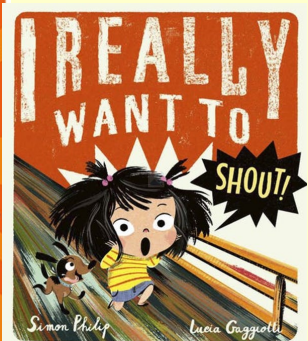
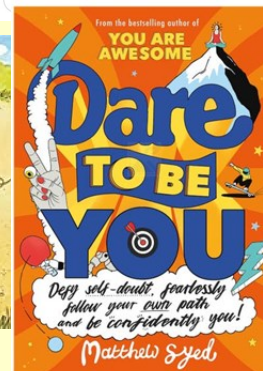
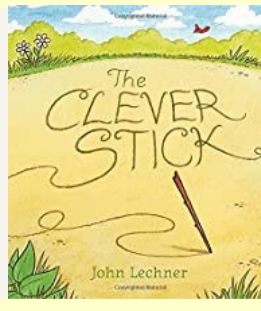
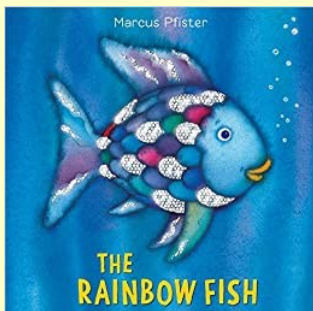
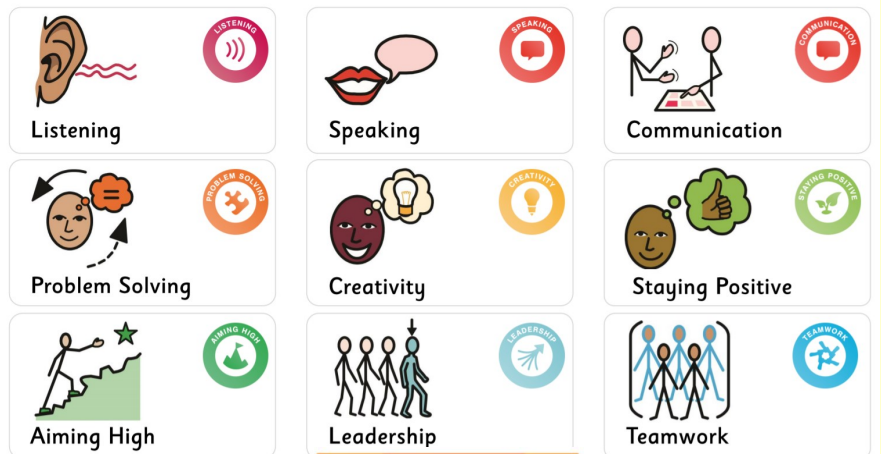
Speaking



Books to read and share with your child

Look out for these story books which all include Speaking as a theme in your local library.
 Read, share and enjoy with your child.

- Too Shy for Show and Tell by Beth Bracken
- Too Loud Lily by Sofia Laguna
- Sharing a Shell by Julia Donaldson
- The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
- The Crayon Box that Talked by Shane Derolf
- Decibella and her 6-inch Voice by Julia Cook
- Little Beauty by Anthony Browne
- Penguin by Polly Dunbar
- One Word From Sophia by Jim Averbeck
- The Clever Stick by John Lechner





<https://int.depaulcharity.org/>

We received this letter about one of our pupils.

Good Evening,

I would like to thank you for all the donations and help we received from you in our collection for Ukrainian

refugees. We are shocked that the private collection went so big that we have already sent several vans with help to Poland and tomorrow we are loading a second truck!

I am writing to you also because I believe that one of your students-Gabriella wonderful attitude should be appreciated and rewarded. From very early days Gabi helped me and my friends in humanitarian collection for Ukrainian refugees. She was so dedicated and focused that we felt comfortable leaving her to coordinate volunteers while we were unloading the vans. She worked tirelessly through whole collection and we were impressed how responsible this young lady can be.

You should be proud that Gabi has worked so hard with your school's logo on her chest. I personally think she deserves a medal that's why I asked her mum for the school details and decided to write this email to you.

Kind Regards, Aleksandra Jaroszek

St Louis staff were so impressed with Gabi that we told Newmarket Journal about this letter and she has featured in their newspaper.

Gabi asked school to fundraise early as the Ukraine Crisis unfolded and it was her concern that led us to organize a cake sale and collection. So far we have raised over £950 with the cake sale where families were so generous, donations on World Book Day and donations on Mad Science Day. This is being sent to the Depaul Ukraine Emergency Appeal.

We are grateful to everyone for their help. We are proud that Gabi is doing so much to support others .



Volunteer Class Links: thank you for keeping all your class parents and carers well informed



Cherry/Holly - Siriwan Simmons (Charlie's Mum)	Beech - Lucy Loyd (Kamari's mum)
Rowan - Emma Richardson (George's Mum)	Sycamore - Katie Abbs (Stanley's mum)
Lime - Kathleen Das (Gabriel's mum)	Hazel - Bethan Byrne (Alys' mum)
Oak - Natalie Dirosa (Oscar's Mum)	Larch - Wendy Patman-Smyth (Jessica's)
Elm - Julie Giblin (Daisy's Mum)	Maple - Margo Walsh (Jack's Mum)



Welcome

Mrs Jaffe

Mrs Jaffe is a trainee teacher who is placed with us by Cambridge University until June. She will be working in Sycamore class and spending time across the school.

Mr Scarff

Mr Scarff is our new trainee teaching assistant who will be working in KS1 up to the end of the Summer.

Miss Le Serve

We are welcoming Miss Le Serve to our Nursery Class. She will be dropping in over coming weeks as she prepares to take up a full time role in Nursery as their teacher in September 2022.

We say a sad goodbye and good luck to Mrs. Heath who is retiring after many years of service at St Louis. We thank her for her energy, enthusiasm and hard work for children and staff. We wish her every happiness as she plans a Summer of road trips and DIY helping her family renovate their new home.

We also say a sad goodbye to Mrs. Wyczesany who leaves to move to a new school in a different role that will provide her with more time to develop her small business. We thank you for all your care and support to children in our school.

We hope that both teaching assistants remain in contact and let us know all about their new adventures.

Newmarket Library will be opening at a later time of 9AM on Friday 25 March. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Opening times

Day	Closed
Monday	
Tuesday	0830 - 1800
Wednesday	0900 - 1700
Thursday	0830 - 1700
Friday	0830 - 1830
Saturday	0900 - 1700
Sunday	1000 - 1600

Out-of-hours book return available

Contact

Manager: Zara Hamilton (Interim)
1a the Guineas, Newmarket
CB8 8EQ
[Find us on Google Maps](#)
01638 661216
help@suffolklibraries.co.uk



Please register your child for a library membership <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/visit/locations-and-times/newmarket-library>



We have been busy encouraging all our children to read more and here are some of the things we are doing to show how much we love to read.

Brian has repainted the school library and Mrs Feehan is working with UKS2 to reorganise the area to make it a wonderful place to visit.

We are starting visits to Newmarket library with Reception Class going first. Get your library tickets ready for KS1 to visit next.

Our woodland reading chair has been refitted on the playground so all the children can use it regularly.

We have installed an outdoor Book Shed to provide a playground reading library.

Mrs White is planning a big Come Back to School for a Bedtime Story celebration with hot chocolate.





FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Did you know?

Pupil Premium registered children have access to :

Free after school club places allocated each enrolment;

Lunchtime French classes have some free spaces;

Forest Club has some free spaces too;

School receives extra money to support your child with their learning;

We subsidise learning visits and provide small group learning for your child using some of this money .

If your child is moving on to Secondary school, their new school receives funding as they arrive.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Out and About in Summer Term

Our off site learning continues and teachers are busy booking these and so far...

Reception are visiting Shepreth Zoo to study animals

LKS2 are visiting Colchester Zoo as part of their Rainforest themed term of study

Year 4 are having an overnight Forest Camp at school as their first residential experience

Year 6 are off to Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds to see their tiny plays performed by actors live on stage

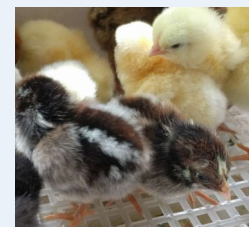
Year 6 are having a final off -site residential

We launch each termly theme with an experience day to enrich learning

Acorns Nurse-	Mrs Bryan	acorns@stlouisacademy.co.uk
Cherry	Mrs Smith	cherry@stlouisacademy.co.uk
Holly	Mrs Baldwin	holly@stlouisacademy.co.uk
Rowan	Mrs Hodson	rowan@stlouisacademy.co.uk
Oak	Mrs Cox & Mrs Lebbon	oak@stlouisacademy.co.uk
Lime	Miss Coetzee	lime@stlouisacademy.co.uk
Sycamore	Mrs Musciconico	sycamore@stlouisacademy.co.uk
Beech	Mrs White	beech@stlouisacademy.co.uk
Elm	Mrs Vickerage	elm@stlouisacademy.co.uk
Hazel	Miss Haines	hazel@stlouisacademy.co.uk
Larch	Miss Spratt	larch@stlouisacademy.co.uk
Maple	Mrs Feehan	maple@stlouisacademy.co.uk
Headteacher	Mrs Blakeley	sueblakeley@stlouisacademy.co.uk
Admin	Mrs Crawley and Mrs Jones	admin@stlouisacademy.co.uk

We are here to help

Spring Time Learning in



Reception



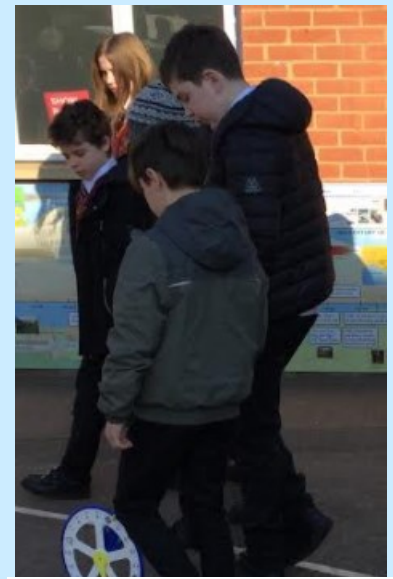
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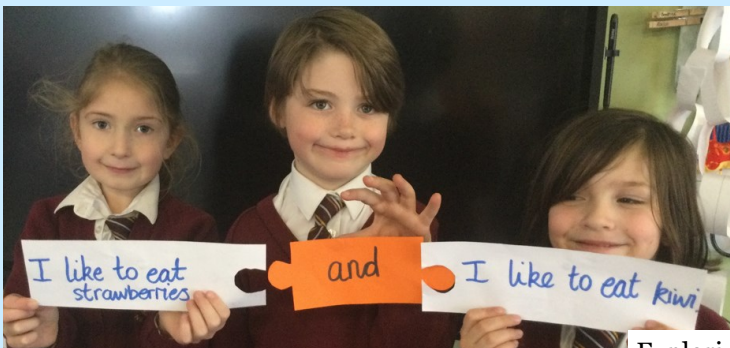
Forest skills: new shoots in Spring



Forest face



Maple class measured the perimeter of the playground ready for their Walk against Hunger.



Exploring conjunctions



Year 6 enjoyed spending time with visitors from the Theatre Royal who helped them to start writing a script.

Maple class bringing their Romeo and Juliet script-writing to life through acting.



Year 6 playing with reception class children during a break from their practice tests.

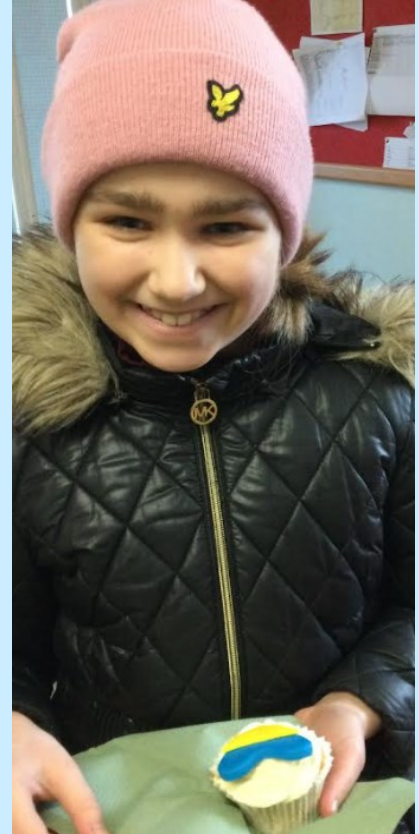
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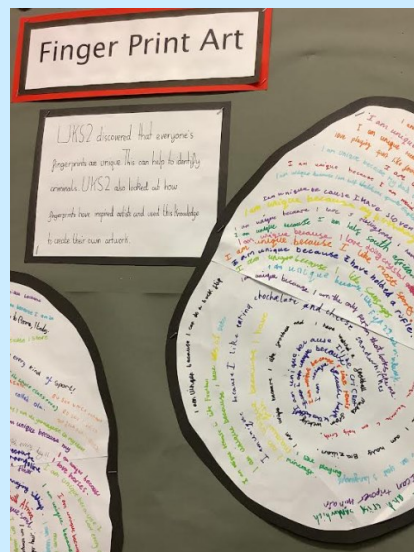
World Book Day
Who is Harry Potter?



Cake sale in support of
people of Ukraine



Water safety
training with
H2go



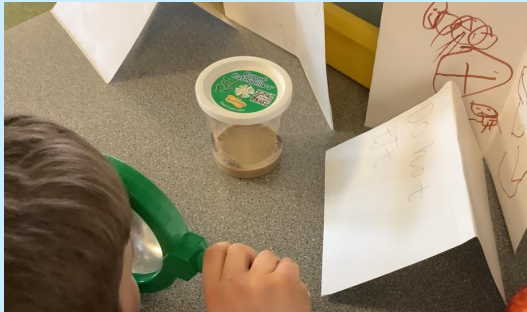
Finger Print Art

UKS2 discovered that everyone's fingerprints are unique. This can help to identify criminals. UKS2 also looked at how fingerprints have inspired artists and used this knowledge to create their own artwork.

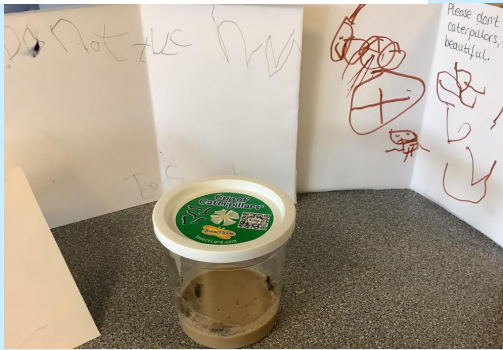
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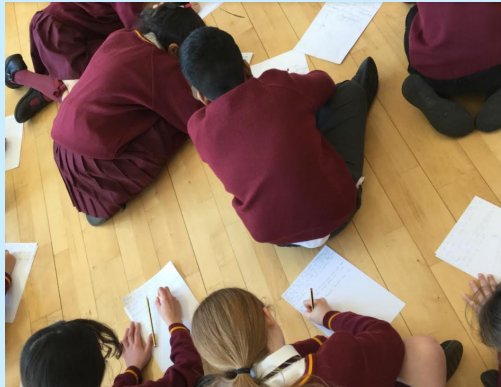
Stay and learn in Reception



Reception are studying life cycles



Year 6 playwriters



Gallery of Learning



All ten eggs hatched this year and Reception children are busy talking, writing, counting and drawing with this chick stimulated theme.



Community News

NEWMARKET



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RESPECT
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DISCIPLINE
SPORTSMANSHIP

Newmarket Rugby Club Holiday Club

All our coaches are experienced rugby coaches with various RFU qualifications including RFU Level 2, first aid trained and fully DBS checked. Safeguarding Officer on site at all times.

DATE: 11th & 12th April 2022

TIME: 9.15am - 3pm

PRICES: 1 day £30 / 2 days £50

**EARLY BIRD OFFER £40
for 2 days - if booked by
Sunday 3rd April**

What you need to bring

- Packed lunch / snacks
- Suitable outdoor sports kit
- Trainers & studded boots
- A water bottle

Newmarket Rugby Club camps are designed for girls and boys aged 6-16 years old, all abilities and no experience required. (non contact activities)

This is a fun way to develop and understand rugby through a variety of physical activities and games.

TO BOOK PLEASE EMAIL - Liz at....
nrufc.agegrade@gmail.com

THE JOCKEY CLUB
FOR THE THRILL OF IT SINCE 1750

The Jockey Club are consulting on their ideas about how they can help this unique town to grow in the right way and for the long term, balancing the needs of residents, visitors, businesses and their employees. The Jockey Club team recently invited us to discuss our ideas, and to give feedback on some of theirs. If you are unable to attend on these dates, the information will be available on their Let's Play your Part website from 29th March 2022 onwards, with a link to an online questionnaire. For more information, please contact the Jockey Club on email newmarket@letsplayourpart.co.uk or by telephone 01638 779444.



NEWMARKET COMMUNITY CHURCH

Connecting people with God
within authentic community
where all are welcome.

Free family friendly
activities and crafts
exploring the message
of Easter

Friday 15th April
1:30-3:30pm
@Unit 11, Studlands
Park Avenue, CB8 7AU

Easter Explorers!

Easter Chick Chase Trail

Have family fun at the National
Horseracing Museum this Easter
with our Chick Chase Trail!

Explore the museum
galleries, find the 10
hidden Easter chicks and
spell the name of a
racehorse to win a prize!



Tuesday 12th April - Monday 18th April
Included in the cost of general admission

Prizes provided by **TESCO**



(Registered charity number: 283656)

@NHRMuseum www.nhrm.co.uk 01638 667 314

FREE LUNCHES FOR PUPIL PREMIUM CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

Join us during the Easter
holidays for children's
activities, and a free lunch.
We'll do the cooking, you can
join the activities or just relax
with a cuppa. We are pleased
to be offering lunches two
days each week, in two
locations:

MONDAYS 11TH AND 18TH APRIL

11:30-1:15

at the Roman Catholic Church Centre, near Waitrose

To book a Monday Lunch, please Email
kathryn.schosland@icloud.com

Our Lady Immaculate & St. Etheldreda,
Newmarket

WEDNESDAYS 13TH AND 20TH APRIL

11:30-1:15

at Unit 11, Studlands Park Avenue

Please book Wednesday lunches online at:

newmarketcommunitychurch.co.uk
or Email admin@newmarketcommunitychurch.co.uk



TLG make
lunch

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Cake Sales after School

Friday 1st April Year 6

Friday 7th May Year 5

Friday 10th June Year 4



St Louis Summer Fair 1st July 2022



Hold the date!

Fundraiser

NEWMARKET for Family activities
UKRAINE Live music

Boogie Babes
Flaming June's Louise Eatock
Special Guest Chris Andrews

4pm 2nd April Turner Hall

Tickets Just Giving

Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February – Half Term

Friday 8th April – Term Ends

Summer Term 2022

Staff Professional Day – Monday 25th April

Tuesday 26th April – Term Commences

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June – Half Term

Wednesday 20th July – Term Ends

Staff Professional Day - Thursday 21st July

Food Bank Collection

Thursday 7th April

The trolleys will be placed at Rayes Lane gate and by the office reception.

All donations welcomed. Thank you



French (Lunchtime) Club resumes on Monday 9th May. If your child would like to start French club, please contact Mrs Kristine Bantick on 07721 633808 or by email kristine@bantick.co.uk



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