



Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to the first of our monthly newsletters. We hope that whilst we are looking to further develop the website (and see how we can use it to reflect what goes on at St Andrew's) this newsletter will be a simple but informative glimpse into what has occurred at school since the start of term.

The start of term seems to have gone by in the blink of an eye and, reflecting on what has taken place, it seems remarkable that we have managed to fit so much in. From the Isle of Wight trip, Roman Days, New Reception children, quizzes and sporting competitions, this Autumn Term has been full of excitement, engagement and energy.

From a personal perspective, I have loved stepping into Mr Cristin's Headship shoes for the Autumn Term and it is exciting that Mrs Sophie Thomas will be joining us from January in the role of Headteacher. Mrs Thomas brings many years' experience of headship leading a highly successful church school in East Sussex.

It has been wonderful to see how well, even after a few weeks, the children have settled into their new classes. It is a genuine pleasure to go into classrooms and be around the school to see how well the children behave and importantly how engaged they are in their learning. We have also been very fortunate to have introduced a large number of staff and, without exception, they have spoken with such enthusiasm about the school and how pleased they are to be part of the St Andrew's family.

Over the next two weeks (taking us up to the two week half term), there is much going on in the life of St Andrew's, from Parents' Evenings, photographs, school trips, special visitors and sporting events. We look forward to sharing this with you in the next newsletter, which will come out at the end of the first week in November.

Once again, we hope that the newsletter is a helpful way of sharing with you many of the key events in the life of St Andrew's School.

Mr Lincoln
Acting Headteacher



Year 5's Isle of Wight Adventure



Year 5's trip to the Isle of Wight - a highlight of the year - was a resounding success and a thrill for all. The children settled in very well to their new home for the week and, after the nightly soothing (somewhat spooky) story from Mr Griffiths, would be fast asleep in no time.

Our activities included a day at Blackgang Chine, the UK's oldest theme park, where we flew down water slides, got lost in a maze and bounced our way along the rope ladders in the newest addition in Do Do Land (during which only a few of our beloved yellow caps were lost).

We tested our battle skills at Carisbrooke Castle, running down the rambling hills surrounding the old bowling green, which proved rather treacherous after a wasp sting incident for which Laurie is now known as 'big hand', not to mention the stinging nettles.

Other highlights included a theatre workshop, the annual sandcastle building competition and a taste of the island's exotic wildlife at the zoo and donkey sanctuary. The children were a true pleasure to be with - it felt like a real holiday with lots of fun being had.

Year 5 Team





Year IV Roman Day MMXVIII

To start Year 4 in style we donned our finest array of togas, Roman armour, swords, wreaths, crowns, and other accessories as part of Roman Day! The children (and Year 4 staff!) looked wondrous in the garments, and jumped into a range of Roman themed activities. We started the day by putting the finishing touches to our majestic shields that had been planned, sketched and created in our first topic lessons. We then studied some traditional Roman army formations, notably the 'Testudo' (or 'tortoise'), before putting out learning to the test on the field:



As you can see our classes formed a very impressive military unit, enough to strike fear into the hearts and minds of any enemies. This may be down to the ruthless nature of their Emperor and Empress:



Once our army had safely and victoriously marched back inside we cracked some Roman numeral code puzzles and learned the story of Romulus and Remus, before creating Coliseums using marshmallows and spaghetti. The results were some (almost) exact replicas of Rome's famous landmark:



It really was a fun-packed and brilliant way to start the year. The children of 4J and 4S entered into all activities with a fantastic attitude and we look forward to many more memorable moments this year!

Mr Jamieson and Miss Salih



Jeans for Genes and Chestnut Tree House



On Monday 24th September, we all came to school wearing an odd kind of uniform. Yellow tops and a pair of jeans! But why? Well, the yellow tops were for an amazing charity called Chestnut Tree House. They do amazing work helping sick and disabled children even when life seems at its lowest. The jeans were for another amazing charity called Jeans 4 Genes that helps children with genetic disorders overcome everyday challenges that we take for granted.

Overall we managed to raise £380.20!!! Thank you for all for your donations.

Jessica (6W) and Ava (6W)

Sporting News



Last Wednesday, 26th September, the boys' team played in the Brighton and Hove Schools' Tournament at Brighton College. They reached the quarter final stage, narrowly missing out on the semi-finals by one goal difference. The boys all played superbly and were a credit to St Andrew's in the way they conducted themselves.

The team was James (6G), Edward (6M), Luca K (6G), Oscar (6M), Troy (6M), Raffy (6G), Luca C (6W), Edwin (6G) and Freddie (6W).

Mr Buchanan



Huge congratulations to five of our Year 6 boys who last month successfully came through County trials and have chosen to play for Brighton School Boys Football Squad!

James (6G), Luca C (6W), Oscar (6M), Edward (6M) and Raffy (6G)



On Wednesday a group of Year 6 children took part in the Brighton and Hove Tag Rugby Festival at Waterhall. It was a great morning with coaching from the rugby academy sports leaders at Cardinal Newman followed by 3 games of tag rugby of which we drew 1 and won 2 finishing top of our group on 13 points. The children were impeccably behaved and were a pleasure to take to the event. Well done to all who participated.

Miss Roberts

Year 6 Inter-School Quiz



On Wednesday 4th October two teams of Year 6 children took part in the Brighton and Hove Inter-School Quiz. In all there were 12 teams taking part so the competition was tough!

St Andrew's has entered this quiz, generously hosted by Brighton College, for the last 10 years – winning on 9 of the previous occasions – so no pressure there then!

After a hard fought battle and a host of challenging rounds, one of our teams, The Clever Clogs, were crowned the winner, dropping only 5 points in total. Our other team, The Cleverer Clogs, finished in a very creditable 4th place.

The teachers and parents present also took part in the quiz and I am pleased to say that the St Andrew's team also covered themselves with glory by finishing in first place as well.

It was a wonderful event and we are all very proud of both our teams for the way they conducted themselves and for their outstanding cleverness. They all really are "clever clogs"!

Mr White



Artists Required!

Over the next few months, we are looking to undertake a number of exciting artwork projects in the school. These may range from giving some of the walls a new bright look to large scale 2D or 3D artworks. If you are a passionate artist (or a dab hand with a paintbrush!) and are able to give up some time and expertise to support us then please let the office know. When we know the numbers of helpers we require we can then contact you with ideas and timescales. Thank you. Mr Lincoln

Worship Theme of the Week

This week we have spent a second week focussing on our core value of Worship including celebrating Harvest at St Andrews Church.

Thought for the Month

'Always be the best person you can be. Be kind even when you're tired. Be understanding even when you're angry.'