

Headteacher's Update – 4.4.25

Dear Parents,

Here is a celebratory newsletter to end the term, sharing with you some of the lovely things that have been happening in and out of school this week.

Thank you

A huge thank you from the PTA to everyone who contributed to the success of last Friday's fundraising efforts! We were overwhelmed by your generous donations of cakes and bakes, and your enthusiastic participation in the cake sale.

We are delighted to announce that the cake sale raised a fantastic £341.35. Combined with the £290.67 raised through the mufti day, this made for a very successful fundraising day overall.



Thank you also to the dedicated individuals who organised and helped out on the day – your efforts are truly appreciated.

Beth Tweddle visit

The children had a special assembly this week with former British Olympian and world champion Beth Tweddle. Her assembly informed the children of the importance of physical activity and what it takes to become a professional athlete. Her inspiring stories will hopefully encourage the children to try new sports and to not worry about making mistakes, after all, she did say 'mistakes are our friends and we can learn a lot from our friends'.



Year 5 South America Day

On Thursday, Year 5 celebrated the end of their geography topic with 'South America Day'. They enjoyed baking Brazilian chocolate truffles (Brigadeiro) as well as taking part in an orienteering activity where they searched for facts about the Christ the Redeemer. They then created their own model of Christ the Redeemer using skills taught in their recent DT unit. A big thank you to Mrs Horgan who came in to help throughout the day and answered the children's questions about Brazil - a thoroughly enjoyable day for the children!



Helpers in mass

I was incredibly impressed to hear about the initiative and responsibility shown by two Year 5 pupils, Gabriella and Olivia F, at St Clare's Church on Sunday. They independently managed the Mass presentation, setting up the technology, ensuring the content was correct, and running it smoothly for the congregation. This required significant focus and

concentration, and they handled it with real maturity. Following the Mass, they also took responsibility for tidying away.

Gabriella's mum has kindly offered opportunities for other students to get involved. If your child is interested, please email the school office.



Football

Congratulations to everyone who has represented any of the school football teams this year. This week the girls finished their season with a well deserved 2-1 win over Haydon Abbey. It has been so lovely seeing a huge number of girls wanting to represent the school!

The Year 6 boys were also in action this week, again against Haydon Abbey and again winning 2-1. The boys had been unlucky in recent weeks losing matches that have been really close but fortunately they were able to end this term with a win.

Congratulations

Filippos from 6L plays for Aylesbury Dux basketball team. This year he was also on the Under 12 local league for Dux. On Sunday 30th March the team played the final against Comets and Dux managed to win and get first place.

Well done Filippos and the rest of your team for the amazing achievement.

Well done to Valerie (4L), she had a Demonstration Day on Saturday 29th March for her ballet and performed at Centenary Theatre in Berkhamsted.

Well done also to Lucia (from 3L) who had a great time acting in a performance of 'Across the line' that she took part in at His Majesty's theatre in the West End as part of her drama group PQA.

I love seeing the confidence our children have performing on stage.



Near Miss

Although this is a celebratory update, I have received an email from Buckinghamshire council regarding an incident on the Elmhurst Road that I must share with you.

'I am afraid that there was a very near miss incident on site yesterday morning. A mother and child using the crossing had entered the road with one Patroller, however, the second Patroller had just entered the road when a taxi sped by, narrowly missing both the child and the Patroller. The incident happened so fast no details were taken of the vehicle registration number so it cannot be reported to the police. The mother was understandably very upset. Please can a reminder be sent to all parents to ask them, if using the crossing, to hold on to their children's hands, not step into the road until vehicles on both sides have stopped and the Patrollers have indicated that it is safe for them to do so.'

Please see the attached flyer that the School Crossing Patrollers have asked us to share with you.

Holy Week and Easter

In Lent, we remember the hope that only Jesus can bring, and then we celebrate with faith when that hope is realised on Easter Sunday. Please see the following link to the Ten:Ten Parents newsletter for April <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/> which will provide more opportunity for reflection for you and your children.

I hope you all have a happy and holy Easter. Mrs Machin