

From Mr Chappell I wanted to say a HUGE well done to all our Year 6 children, who did a fantastic job last week in taking their statutory assessment tests (SATs) and doing the very best that they could. Every year I am very impressed how our children at St. Helen's conduct themselves in these tests and go about their business with the minimum amount of fuss, seeing the tests as just another piece of work (which they are!) This is huge credit to the year 6 staff - Mr Leeming and Mrs Morgans and also all the other teachers before them (as well as parents) who help instil in their children that desire to do the very best that they can. You may have seen a lot of publicity in the media about the difficulty of the SATs reading paper but just as hard was the two Maths Reasoning Papers, which the children had to do. Talking to Mr Leeming, in all our years as both experienced Year 6 teachers, we thought that in both reasoning papers, were some of the hardest questions we had ever seen in a Maths SATs test so the fact the children did their very best and kept persevering right to the end of the test was an amazing example of our school values and every Year 6 child should be proud of Flying High not just in this week but throughout the year. We are not allowed to share the papers immediately after the tests due to directives from the DFE but when time permits so that parents can see what our Year 6 children are expected to do- I will post in a newsletter, one or two of the reasoning paper questions that our 10/11 years old were attempting to do - you will be very surprised! Have a great weekend and thank you all for your continued support.

From David Gordon – Governor

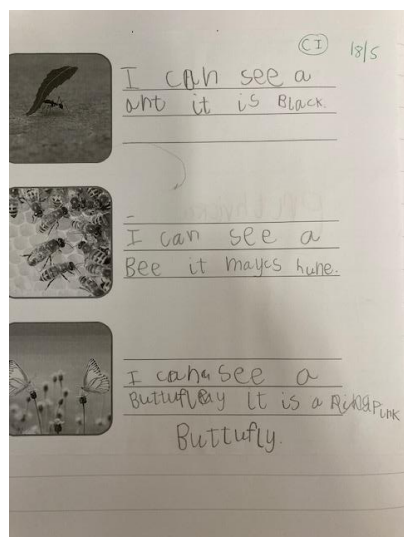
Hi All, 4 weeks today I am embarking on the challenge of cycling from Lands end to John O'Groats. Two friends and I are taking on the 900+ mile trip over 11 days for some very worthy charities. My choice is Children's Hospice South West who as I am sure you are aware doing some amazing work for families in such difficult circumstances. I would be really grateful if you could sponsor me and help us raise as much money as possible. <https://www.sponsorme.co.uk/dwffoundation/lands-end-to-john-ogroats-challenge-2023.aspx?backgroundColor=ce0058&HideHeader=0>

FOSH Quiz Night! Thank you to all those people who attended the Quiz night in school last Saturday, it was a great evening and very competitive! The next big FOSH event of the year- is our Summer Fair that is on Saturday June 24th so please start to spread the word in the local community to try and get as many people as possible here! On Monday 22nd May is a FOSH summer fair planning evening , so if you have time please feel free to pop along to help and support this great team! The meeting starts at 7 pm at The Ship Inn, Alveston.

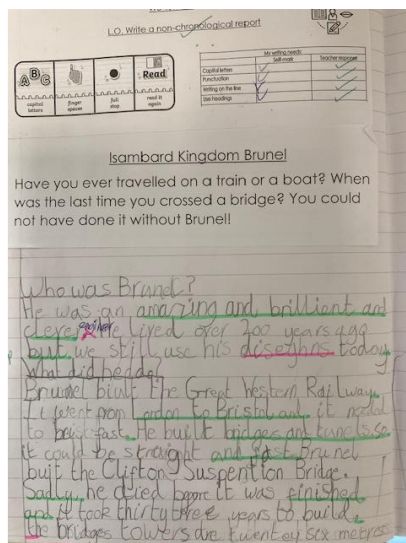
Clubs for Term 6 Alongside this newsletter, please find the clubs list for this term. Details regarding the live bookings for Bristol Sport Foundation Clubs will be sent out next week alongside the usual sign up letters. Once again we were delighted to see well over 80+ children access a club in Term 5. To increase the number of clubs in school was a key priority for this academic year and I want to say again – thank you to all staff who volunteer to run a club in their own time.

At the top of our newsletter is our school vision statement- just look at all the different ways we have seen this – this week! ***'Excellence, Enjoyment and achievement together in a nurturing Christian Community'***
'They will soar on wings like Eagles – Isaiah 40:31'

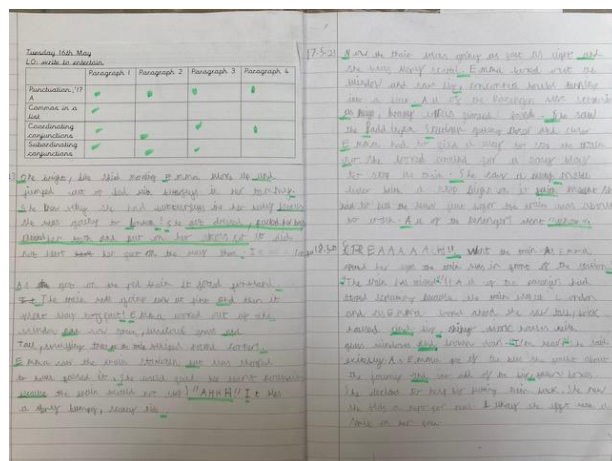
Excellence: Writing across the school. This week moving from class to class I have been blown away by some of the writing I have seen. Look at the following from KS1!



EYFS



Year 1



Year 2

Enjoyment: The sun has been out and the fun that the children have been having at breaktimes and lunchtimes has been a joy to behold! Also the enjoyment at breakfast we had before our Year 6 SATs and the fun the year 6s have with their buddies each week!



Achievement together in a nurturing Christian Community: Working together, whether in the classroom or on the playground or co-operating in teams, or in the hall for collectooove worship means we achieve things well especially if we are showing all our Christian school values.



Healthy Snacks: A reminder that only healthy snacks are allowed at break times! Please ensure that you are providing a nutritious healthy snack such as fruit for break times and ensure that packed lunches at dinner times are healthy.

Well done to those children who were awarded a certificate and awards today and last term.

Cherry Class – Ava, Elliot, Jacob, Roscoe.

Holly class – Theo, Arlo, Elana, Eva.

Beech class – Archie, Elliott, Lizzie, Obi.

Oak class – Eleanor, Joshua, Isabelle, Logan.

Ash Class – Ocean, Edward, Ferlyn, Pixie.

Sycamore class – Fred, Frankie, Toby, Charlotte O.

Elm class – Whole Class (SATs!) Seth, Hudson.



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