



The Saints Federation

'Shine as lights in the world.' Philippians 2:15

Newsletter

24th May 2024

Hapton

It has been all systems go here in Ladybirds Class over the last couple of weeks! In English, we have been enjoying writing postcards and shape poetry as part of our work on Julia Donaldson's 'The Snail and the Whale.'

In maths our focus has been mass, volume and capacity and temperature. Some of us are becoming real experts at converting grams into kilograms and grams and millilitres into litres and millilitres. The Reception children enjoyed creating coloured ice and then exploring ways of how to change it back to water.

In science, we have been monitoring the growth of our sunflower seedlings, using our newly found knowledge of length to measure how tall they are becoming.

Last Friday, we really enjoyed our Pentecost celebrations where we wrote prayers to go on our very own prayer tree; created 'flame' crowns and used musical instruments to represent both the wind and fire as the Holy Spirit descended from Heaven to reach the Disciples.

Last week the Rockets celebrated Pentecost Day by exploring the story of Pentecost and researching how the Holy Spirit is represented throughout the bible. We explored the theme of wind throughout this day by investigating air resistance through making and testing paper aeroplanes, helicopters and gliders. In English, we have been exploring the character of Lady Macbeth and deciding how guilty (or not guilty) she was of the murder of King Duncan. This resulted in us writing a persuasive argument to release or lock up Lady Macbeth. Last week, our Year 6 pupils undertook their SATS. We are extremely proud of all their effort, concentration and attitude throughout - well done!

St Andrew's

In Saturflies we have enjoyed exploring the story of the 'Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson and the adventures the Snail and the Whale go on together. We have written postcards from the snail to its family, describing where it went on the tail of the whale. We have also had fun creating snail and whale shape poems. In maths, we have been learning lots about measurement, temperature and capacity, whilst developing our predicting and research skills to explore these concepts practically. We have been enjoying the warmer weather and in EYFS/KS1 we have been developing our map skills whilst on a local walk around North Lopham. We also enjoyed learning about Pentecost, working together to act out the story and exploring the wind by making paper aeroplanes and kites. Have a great half term break and we are looking forward to continuing learning lots when we return!

In Comelites Class we have been enjoying the different types of writing linked to our class text, Macbeth. Pupils produced some really suspenseful and descriptive narratives, centred around a detective asked to investigate the murder of King Duncan. The Year 6 pupils were excellent during the SATs last week, showing determination and excellent focus throughout all four days – well done to you all! In other areas of the curriculum, we have been exploring databases in computing – understanding what they do and using searches to find information quickly. In PE, all children have been honing their athletic skills, developing running, throwing and jumping techniques. It's been really impressive to see the improvement and their willingness to challenge themselves too! We had a wonderful day last Friday where we celebrated Pentecost and the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus, after his ascension. We enjoyed retelling the story and created some very thoughtful drama to represent the story. In our groups we used instructions to make paper aeroplanes, which we took outside to fly and measured the distance flown. We also worked together to create different representations of the number 50 which reminds us of the days between Easter and Pentecost. In the afternoon we decorated kites with symbols of Pentecost and wrote prayers on them, before taking them outside to fly them. We were reminded of the holy spirit and his gift to the disciples and that the holy spirit is there to help and guide us.

Building Work

There is a lot of building work being carried out at our sites over the next few weeks. Following a break in last year, CCTV was fitted at St Andrew's. All Saints and Hapton have had theirs fitted and they will become operational in the near future. Our CCTV policy has been available on our website since December 2022 and updated versions are available for All Saints and Hapton.

A significant amount of money is being spent on the Early Years/KS1 outdoor areas at all three of our schools. Canopies are being installed to support children's learning and ensure all year round access to the outdoors and the curriculum learning that takes place there.

All Saints

Last week, Dragonflies continued to look at their class text 'The Snail and the Whale' and the week ended with the children planning and writing a postcard. We all particularly enjoyed pretending to be investigative reporters on the beach finding out how the whale became stranded there. Year 3 and Year 1 were very interested in finding out about thermometers and measuring temperature while Reception carried out their very own investigation with ice and how they could make the ice melt during their maths lessons. Friday was Pentecost Day and Dragonflies spent the day retelling the story of Pentecost, playing percussion instruments during a dramatic reenactment of the story as well as having fun flying paper aeroplanes and measuring how far they travelled. The furthest distance travelled was almost 11 metres!

In Asteroids we have continued our murder mystery writing and have really enjoyed creating our very own detectives. We have based this on the plot of Macbeth and have really enjoyed the genre. In maths we have been continuing our work on units of time, conversion and durations of time. In year 6 we have started a maths investigation around recipes. In history, we have been comparing punishments in the Victorian times with those used today.

We all enjoyed Pentecost day last Friday where we celebrated the [descent](#) of the Holy Spirit on the [disciples](#) of Jesus after his ascension. We created different representations of the number 50 which reminds us of the days since Easter. We enjoyed retelling the story and in the afternoon we made kites to remind us of the holy spirit and his gift to the disciples.

Sports Day

What a wonderful morning we had at All Saints for our annual Sports Day. The weather was kind to us and we really enjoyed being in our teams. We began with a carousel of activities, which included penalty shooting, the javelin, bean bag throwing and team ball passing. We followed this with more traditional races, which included; running, the sack race, a team relay and the egg and spoon. Please be reassured that no real eggs were harmed during the event! All the children participated with a real team spirit and many stickers were handed out during the event.

After some very careful adjudication the results were confirmed as follows:

1. YELLOW 248
2. RED 240
3. GREEN 236
4. BLUE 235

A really close contest, but thoroughly enjoyed by all involved. Take a look at some of the photographs below.

Sadly, the weather was not on our side for Hapton's Sports Day on Wednesday or for St Andrew's on Thursday. These will be rescheduled and the date will be confirmed as soon as we can.

Attendance Matters!

	Number of pupils with 100% attendance	Whole school attendance
Hapton	3	95.20%
All Saints	5	97.48%
St Andrew's	1	96.63%
Whole Federation	9	96.38%

Save the Date – Federation

24.05.2024
Term 6

Last Day of term 5

03.06.2024

School re-opens to pupils and staff for Term 6

05.06.2024

Federation World Environment Day

26.06.2024

Years R,1,2 & 3 Federation Trip to Gressenhall

28.06.2024

Federation summer picnic - 2.15pm each site

10.07.2024

Federation trip to The Sainsbury Centre

11.07.2024

Leavers Church Services - 09:15 - St Andrew's

11.07.2024

Leavers Church Services - 14:30 - All Saints

12.07.2024

Leavers Church Services - 09:15 - Hapton

19.07.2024

Last day of Academic year

