



The Saints Federation

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

Newsletter

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Hapton

What a busy start to the term we have had! Not only have we completed lots of work but also enjoyed an amazing trip to Africa Alive this week. The happy chatter on the coach to the zoo included comments such as 'I have never been to a zoo before; I can't wait to get there!' and 'I hope we see the lions and meerkats; they're my favourite!' Despite the weather being typically British (cold and drizzling!), all of Ladybirds Class and their friends from All Saints and St Andrew's were amazing ambassadors for the Federation; they listened carefully and answered questions during our Animal Experience talk, everyone walked sensibly around the park itself and enjoyed a yummy lunch in the cafe. One comment sums up the trip perfectly; 'this has been the best day ever! Can we go again next week?'

The Rockets have also had an extremely busy start to the term. We have enjoyed a trip to London this week. We visited the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey. Some of the comments from the day included 'it was really interesting learning about the House of Commons and the House of Lords'; 'I enjoyed standing next to the seats which Peers sit in in the House of Lords'; 'I can't believe we got to see the tomb of Mary Queen of Scots in the Lady Chapel'.



All Saints

On Tuesday morning, Dragonflies excitedly boarded a coach and headed out for their highly anticipated day at Africa Alive. After arriving safely, the children settled down and listened intently during a discovery session. They had the opportunity to learn about different types of animals and most bravely chose to stroke the millipede and African land snail when they were brought round. The children were mesmerised by the animals that they observed on their wander around the different enclosures with comments such as "I liked the lions, they were very sleepy", "I liked seeing the lemurs, they stood up on 2 legs", "The mice were so cute, we counted 8", "The snakes had cute eyes, it was hard to spot them". We all found the hungry, curious ducks who decided to follow us another highlight of the day. The children all agreed that their day out together was wonderful fun whilst learning new facts about African animals.

Asteroids, in English, we have been working hard on our playscripts linked to Macbeth. We have also written some rather super kenning poems based on the characters of Macbeth or The Witches. We have used some super powerful vocabulary!

In Science we have begun learning about our new topic of The Digestive System and learned lots of new Scientific vocabulary. Next week we will doing a Science experiment to show this, which will be really interesting!

Our trip to London visiting The Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey was met with much enthusiasm! The sense of wonder these buildings inspired in the pupils was a pleasure to see! Not only did we get to visit these amazing buildings and learn so much about them, but we also managed to spot various landmarks from the coach on our journey! The pizzas were very welcome at the end of the day!

For the Key Stage 2 pupils who did not attend the trip to London, we still visited The Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey-but we did it virtually using the iPad! We were able to explore all the different chambers and important parts of both these buildings via their interactive websites. It was just like really being there! We also did some work learning about the purpose of Parliament, the difference between The House of Commons and The House of Lords and who MPs are. We finished the day by making replica King Edward crowns, linking back to the very first kings and queens crowned in Westminster Abbey.



St Andrew's

What a truly special day we had on Tuesday in London. Our early departure did not dampen the spirits of the children, who were full of enthusiasm from the off. Despite a long journey and a very slow arrival in the centre of London the children enjoyed taking in the sights. Shouts of 'whoa' in response to passing Tower Bridge and The Tower of London could be heard, while several children were in awe of the size of the buildings. We were lucky enough to also see: The Shard, The London Eye, Pudding Lane, The Monument to the Great Fire of London and of course who doesn't love to hear 'Oh Miss there is a McDonald's here too.' On arrival we disembarked the coach at Westminster Pier and made our way to the Houses of Parliament. The sight of Big Ben caused much excitement along the way as did the sight of two armed police officers.

Our next adventure was the security desk at The House of Parliament, where we were searched and scanned before our entry. Staff whistles were confiscated, to prevent any over excited whistling during our tour. Once inside we met our tour guide and were all kitted out with headsets. We enjoyed a very informative tour of The Palace of Westminster which included the House of Lords where we saw the very ornate Throne of Great Britain. We stood amongst the seats in the chamber, while our guide explained the dispatch boxes and the voting system. Sadly we were unable to sit as we were not peers of the realm. As we moved through the palace, we were able to admire ornate stained glass windows and the many statues of previous Prime Ministers, Kings and Queens as well as a statue which was damaged by the Suffragettes. Our tour ended in the palace hall where the late Queen Elizabeth II, laid in state. A truly magnificent place to end the first leg of our London tour.

Next, we crossed the road to Westminster Abbey where we enjoyed our lunch in the cloisters. We waited patiently to enter the main building and were not disappointed when we did. Several children commented on the magnificence of the ceiling, with one asking 'how was that even possible without a crane.' We saw the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Chaucer's Tomb and many Kings and Queens from history. The children were very respectful of the Abbey and quietly reflected as we walked around. Our younger children spent time looking for Jesus in the stained glass windows and remarked on the Biblical depictions they saw, such as the crucifixion. While moving through the Abbey they enjoyed the many examples of heraldry which they could see above the pews. They were particularly excited when we passed seating, which they had seen the royal family use on the television.

The final leg of our London tour took us to Pizza Express for a well deserved rest and some delicious food before our departure. Throughout the day, the children were such brilliant ambassadors for the Federation, they listened attentively to adults, showed respect and interest in the different places we explored. We are all so proud of them. One final thank you for the staff who accompanied them during the day, without them we could not have made the trip happen

EYFS and KS1 had a fantastic trip to Africa Alive. We saw lots of different animals and our favourite were the Addax, giraffes and lions. We learnt that snakes shed their skin and that Ostrich lay the largest eggs.

Save the Date – Federation

Term 5

15.04.2024	School reopens to pupils and staff for Term 5
23.04.2024	KS2 London Trip & KS1 Africa Alive Trip
06.05.2024	School closed for May Bank Holiday
13.05.2024	Key stage 2 SATS week
21.05.2024	Sports Day 09:00-11:00 – All Saints
22.05.2024	Sports Day 09:00-11:00 - Hapton
23.04.2024	Sports Day 09:00-11:00 – St Andrew's
24.05.2024	Last Day of term 5

Term 6

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
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





Attendance Matters!

	Number of pupils with 100% attendance	Whole school attendance
Hapton	3	95.38%
All Saints	6	97.53%
St Andrew's	1	96.63%
Whole Federation		96.51%

Attendance

Our attendance as a Federation is really good. It is in line or above National Average and something to be celebrated!

As you may have seen on the news, the Government has launched new guidance around attendance at school; this will come into force in September. To find out more about some of the changes coming in September nationally, please click the link. [Fines for parents for taking children out of school: What you need to know](#) The Local Authority Attendance Team will be sending out more information as it becomes available and we will send this on to you once we have it.