



St Alban's Newsletter

10 February 2023, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



WEDNESDAY WORD—[TEACHER](#) (please click)

World Book Day

This fantastic reading day will be celebrated on the 2nd March at St Albans as a school, we will all dress up as our favourite book character for World book day. There will be an opportunity to buy books at our school Book Fair 24th February to 3rd March. Your class teacher will be promoting fun reading activities for World Book day. Take part in our school reading challenge - how many books can you read in one week? Our Friday assembly on the 3rd March, will have all classes sharing their book ideas, poems, stories and reading tasks linked to World Book Day. Please encourage your children to read and promote good reading habits at home.

School Council—Lenten Big walk to raise money for the Earthquake Appeal

At their recent meeting the children decided to raise money by merging the CAFOD Lenten focus (The Big Walk) and the Earthquake Appeal. During Lent every class will walk 1km each week to walk at least 1200km collectively (7classes x 30children x 6weeks). They have set a target of £500 but if they all get £1 for every km they walk they will exceed. It is also an opportunity for parents to donate at their own discretion knowing that the people who are suffering will be supported by CAFOD. Please follow either link if you would like to make a donation. **Earthquake Appeal;** <https://cafod.org.uk/> **The Big Walk-** <https://cafod.enthouse.com/pf/joseph-mccrossan> There is a prayer on the Home page of our website to pray for the people in Turkey and Syria, please [click here](#).

Year 2 visit the Cambridge Museum of Technology

On Thursday, Year 2 had a wonderful trip at the Museum of Technology. They saw many interesting things which supported their learning topic this term. See photos on the last page of the newsletter.

Parent questionnaire (90 families responded)

Thank you very much for completing the questionnaire. We appreciate your feedback and realise that some of the questions were difficult to answer because of the context and the wording. However, we are very pleased with what you said, and that you feel the children are safe, they are learning and you would recommend the school. Please [see the link](#) to the summary.

Pupil questionnaire (120 children in KS2 responded online and Y1 and Y2 had a class discussion)

The School Council was fully responsible for this questionnaire and they would like to say; "We are very happy that lots of children feel safe and happy at school. We are also pleased that children trust adults and children feel they can do things on their own", [link here](#) for the summary.

Curriculum

If you are wondering what to do with your children maybe you would like to look at what is being taught in the Spring term and organise an activity or a visit to support their learning. To do this please follow [the link](#) and you will see the topic plan for the Spring term.

Veggie campaign "Eat them to defeat them"

The school is taking part in a national campaign to encourage children to eat more vegetables. Each child is taking home a pack today and we encourage you to look at this with your child and record accordingly. Look out for the adverts on television raising awareness of this campaign. When we return after half term we will be promoting this in school.

Internet Safety

Mr Hor gave an assembly on this topic and taught the children in lessons about the importance of Internet Safety this week. Please see his presentation [here](#).

Newsletter from OLEM, please see the link [here](#).



Happy Valentine's day
to everyone



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Turkey and Syria



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Headteachers Award

Reception

Juliet for her enthusiasm in Guided Reading

Eliza for her great understanding of fewer and less

Edoardo for having a great go at writing a sentence

Year 1

Julius for being helpful; and hardworking, and, making valued contributions to class discussions

Eli for his consistent efforts, independent work and sensible attitude to all learning tasks

Year 2

Lavinia for her perseverance in Maths

Arthur for asking and answering some excellent questions on our trip

Year 3

Kocio for working hard to present his work neatly

Isabella for demonstrating excellent focus and independence in Maths

Year 4

Callum for improving his presentation in all lessons

Emilia for showing great understanding of how to convert equivalent lengths in maths

Year 5

Alexander for his inquisitive mind in Maths and ability to share his knowledge of improper fractions with the class

Hugo for his stunning "Adventure Story" using expanded noun phrases and riddles like JRR Tolkien

Year 6

Evangelina for listening carefully and sharing insightful comments to all learning discussions

Antoni for writing and excellent short story that described a setting, character and developed atmosphere

PFA

World Book Day Costume Swap: In anticipation for the World Book Day fancy dress celebration on Thursday 2nd March we're organising a costume swap in the KS1 play area at school pick-up on Friday 24th (first Friday after half-term). Details to follow via your class reps.

Happy Birthday

Jack in Yr6 who will be 11 years old next week

Gabriel in Yr2 who will be 8 years old next week

Mimi in Yr3 will be 8 years old next week

Sveva in Yr3 will be 8 years old next week

Zachary in Yr1 will be 6 years old next week

Danielle in Yr2 will be 7 years old next week

Callum in Yr4 will be 9 years old next week

Edmund in Yr2 will be 7 years old next week

Ziemowit in Yr1 will be 6 years old next week

Gianluca in Rec will be 5 years old in two weeks time

Ailana in Yr6 will be 11 years in in two weeks time



Quiz— Meditation assemblies this week was on Mutual Respect – One of the British Values. The children heard the parable about the rich man and the poor man.

Where was the poor man while the rich man feasted?

What happened to both men when they died?

What did the rich man ask God?

How is this parable related to Mutual Respect?

How should we behave when we are with other adults and children?

One of our aims is to treat people ? QEUAYAL

Can you think of other stories in the bible when Jesus showed mutual respect or when others did not show respect to Jesus?

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Work submission days 13th – 24th February

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year3					Maths: Adding and subtracting lengths Spellings: List 5
Year4				Maths: Perimeter of shapes and word problems Science: Science experiment	New list of spellings for half term
Year5	Have a restful half term!				
Year6	Spellings Maths: pre teaching facts Reasoning problems, optional				

Office Manager position

You can find the advert for this position on the school website. This is a great opportunity to join the staff, where there will be a friendly welcome and the opportunity to work from home and to be able to work during school hours. If you are interested follow [this link](#).

More from PFA

Did you know that an idling engine produces up to TWICE the exhaust emissions of one in motion?

Join the fundraising to buy two no idling zone signs by donating here: <https://wonderful.org/fundraisers/NgM2n> or here via Bopp if easier: <https://bopp.app/link/nmjbo> - if you are a taxpayer please fill out the details so we can claim giftaid and receive extra funds. Thanks for your support!

KS1 Equipment Donation

Many thanks for the incredibly generous anonymous £2K donation that we received for the purchase of new bikes and scooters for the KS1 playground.

Reading buddies at school



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