

13th June 2024



St John's News

FE2



Students from FE1 have had the opportunity of work experience at the Old Warden vineyard.

In the first session they buried some cotton underwear to show how microbes and bugs in the ground will eat them indicating healthy soil. The students found burying pants very funny! They also planted some sunflower seeds in pots which we will see growing over the coming weeks.

In the next session we did something called mounding where a pile of soil is made around the bottom of the vines to stop a water puddle forming on a rainy day. We also planted the sunflowers, which had sprouted into seedlings. The students placed some compost in a designated spot, made holes for the seedlings and placed them in the ground and put covers over them.

The volunteers at the vineyard have been incredibly helpful. I would like to extend my thanks to them for their time and the experience they are giving our students.



P5



P5 have been learning all about dinosaurs this term! We have been sequencing our story 'The Little Green Dinosaur' and predicting what comes next.

In science we have been exploring features of dinosaurs, making our own dinosaur feet to stomp, and melting ice to find dinosaur fossils inside. In art we have been printing with dinosaurs and using playdough with dinosaur toys to make our own fossils, and in ICT we have been practicing our mouse skills to design and decorate our own dinosaur.



P6



P6 have been learning about dinosaurs in art. We have been learning to explore different textures with our hands and feet, tracking outlines with our fingers and independently applying paint.

G used his fingertips to explore the pasta skeleton.

E moved his hands back and forth to apply paint to his dinosaur footprint stencil.

E used her feet to explore the bumpy texture of the dinosaur skin whilst applying paint.

M explored the properties of the Stegosaurus with her hands



P7



This term in food technology we have been exploring different countries and as part of this topic the foods they eat.

P7 have loved visiting different countries each week learning about them and trying new foods! Recently we visited India, our MSA Sabby brought in lots of lovely

food for pupils to try. This included pakoras, samosas and Indian sweets. The pupils all had a go at trying these and describing them and expressing if they liked these. **D** said "oooh these are spicy" about the samosas. **K** said she liked most of the food she tried but particularly the pakoras. **T** said I have these at home!





P8

Morrisons have very kindly donated some oral hygiene products to St John's. Some of P8 went to collect the donations and smile for a photo.



Pupils had a treat of choosing a chocolate bar and eating this in the café! A huge thank you to Morrisons for kindly donating these products and helping us to keep our teeth clean!

P9

In cooking we are exploring different foods.

This week we have



been looking at Chinese food.

We have been using communication aids to describe texture and our likes.



S2

S2 have been learning outside of the classroom this term at the forest school where they have been meeting the animals, making shelters, eating campfire food including apple crumble and Smores.

M says "Smores are beautiful"

M says "I want to stay at forest school forever".

R says "I like bouncing on the slackline and making sandcastles".



S4

S4 have been working hard and doing experiments in Science all about friction.

They all really enjoyed getting involved and found it fascinating how different materials make objects move in different ways.



Some of them even used their maths skills to measure how far the toy car rolled by using measuring tape.

S9

Pupils in S9 have been working hard during their Dugie The Dinosaur Sensory Story!

Pupils press the switch to activate the fan as the water spray is sprayed... "blowing the stormy wind and the rain" towards



them.

So, Dugie kept to the shallows, stomping, and splashing and gobbling as much seaweed as he could. Dugie was so busy munching; he didn't notice the wind getting stronger. Or the rain starting. It was a storm!



Competition

We are delighted to announce that we have 3 pupils that have been selected to have their artwork hung inside Higgins Gallery!

And one of our pupils has been shortlisted for a prize! Pupils will be visiting an exhibit later on this month to view their work.

We are very proud of them and this is great news for our school.



Diary Dates

Mufti Day - Friday 14th June 2024
Swimming Gala - Wednesday 26th June 2024
Leavers Assembly - Friday 12th July 2024
End of Summer Term - Friday 19th July 2024

Plant Sale - Friday 14th June 2024

We would like to raise money for our new school garden area.

We will have a stall set up on 'Parent side' where you can select a plant to take home, available from 3pm.

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We appreciate any donation but are aiming for a minimum of £1 a plant.

Peace Lily



Jade Money plant



Aloe Vera plant



Spider Plant



Seed Balls (for planting only)



-Photos on the poster are from google, the plants for sale are young seedlings
-If you have any seedlings to donate to our sale then please get in touch