



St. Stephen's C.E. Primary School

Aspire to Greatness



For we are the handiwork of God, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

This Week's Worship Value was "Truthfulness" as we explored A for Achieve

Value of the Week

This week we celebrated the value of "truthfulness" as we learned about Queen Esther. She showed immense courage when she spoke to the King, of the injustice about to be inflicted upon her people. She risked his anger and she stepped up where it would have been frowned upon for her to do so.

We learn in the story that her bravery enabled the King to see the impact of discrimination and Esther sets a great example of courage to do the right thing.

We then learned about Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. She was the 1st female president of Liberia and helped to rebuild the country after years of war. She won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2011. You can watch a video of Ellen speaking with a girl who is inspired by her story. Ellen encourages children, particularly girls and women, to realise their dreams. You can watch this [here](#). She says "reach out to others, no-one can be successful all alone. Reach out to friends. Have those who support you and those you support as you carry on".

We have learned that in order to "Achieve highly" it requires having courage, vision and the ability to gain support from others around you.

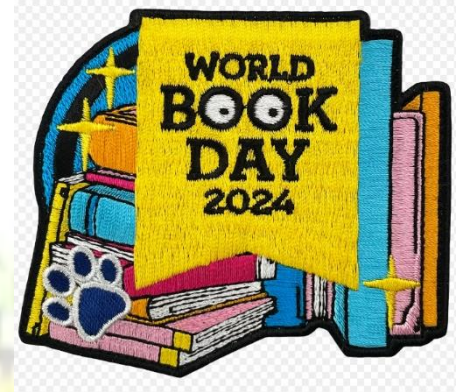


World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

World Book Day will take place after half term and the Class Librarians met with Miss Booth to discuss their ideas. They will launch a competition, like last year, where children model a character and enter it into a competition. The prize will be hot chocolate, a book mark, book and popcorn or cookies!

Children may come to school on World Book Day wearing/bringing 3 items to hint at a book character. We will then spend the day trying to work out who the characters are. For example, red shoes, a blue bow and a basket might represent Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz. A scar, a wand and a wizard's hat would clearly be "Harry Potter".

There are a few weeks to go so that families and children can put on their thinking caps! Staff will also share 3 clues with the children so that they can guess their book character too!



Number Day Today

It was World Number Day today which not only celebrates mathematics but it also supports the work of the NSPCC. Families can make a donation to the NSPCC either by sending funds into school or making an online donation [here](#)



Children had fun with Maths and classes did the following activities:

Y6 - Maths Quiz - Game show style

Y5/6 - Learn about famous mathematicians

Y5 - Design a maths T- shirt

Y4 - Treasure hunt in the environmental area using maths questions

Y3 / 4 - Cookie Quiz

Y3 - Making numbers and calculations using natural things in the environmental area

Y2 - Make cookie numbers

Y1 / 2 and Y1 - counting with smarties.



Thank you for helping us support your child to learn Maths in a fun way and thank you for supporting the NSPCC!

Young Voices

The Young Voices Concert in Manchester takes place next Wednesday. The choir have been practising for quite a while in school and are looking forward to performing as the largest children's choir in the country. Thank you to Mrs Devitt and team for organising the trip!



Sport at St Stephen's

After Half Term, the following sports will take place at School:

PNE (Wednesday morning) Explorers and inventors fundamental skills.

Cricket Taster Day - 19th Feb (Y1, Y1/2, Y2, Y3)
26th Feb (Y3/4 Y4, Y5, Y56)
11th March (Y6, Y5/6, Y5, Y4)

Girls' football league after school at UCLan 29th February, 7th March, 21st March

Dodge ball disco – Upper Juniors on Wednesday after school

A group of lower junior children enjoyed a Fencing taster at school this week. The Fencing club will begin after the half term holiday for lower Juniors who have signed up for the activity. This will take place on a Monday after school.



Attendance Update

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Welcome to our attendance update!

It's that time of year again where there are many coughs and colds hanging around. We would encourage you to still send your child in to school unless they are very unwell. Polite reminder, if your child has vomiting and/or diarrhea you must remain off school for 48 hours from the last instance of D&V.

Each day of absence should be reported by phoning the school office or you can leave an absence voicemail before 9am please – 01772 556306.

Parents' Evenings

Parents and carers are invited to meet with teachers after the half term holiday on Wed or Thursday 21st or 22nd February. The appointment times will be available on School Spider from Monday.

Parking



We have noticed recently that some parents have been parking on the school car park to drop off and collect their children. We politely request that parents refrain from parking on the school car park as this is for staff and visitors **only**. Also it is dangerous for children to be walking across the car park. Please could parents also refrain from parking on the zig zag lines directly outside school as this is another hazardous area. Thank you for your understanding.

Dates for Your Diaries

Wed 7th February:

Young Voices Trip to Manchester

Half Term:

Monday 12th February until Friday 16th February

Wed and Thurs 21st/22nd Feb: Parents' and carers' evenings after school

Thursday 7th March:

World Book Day

Wednesday 27th March:

Easter Enrichment Day and Easter Treasure hunt for families after school in the environmental area.

Thursday 28th March:

School finishes for the end of Term at **2 p.m.**



VIP Winners who have “Aspired to Greatness”

These children “Achieve Highly” and Trust God for the future

Nathan C - Reception Inventors Wildaan K - Reception Explorers

Frankie G & Violet F- Y1 Henry D S C - Y1/2

Aliyah H – Y2 Faridah M – Y3 Alice Marie D – Y3/4

Khadijah A – Y4 Safiya H - Y5 Zoe D & Villo H – Y5/6 Panna B - Y6

Golden Book winners who have “Aspired to Greatness” in their Work

Yusuf H - Reception Inventors Sidney S - Reception Explorers

Maya Sofia B - Y1 Cleo L - Y1/2

Fifoluwa A – Y2 Rizwaana S - Y 3 Muneerah B – Y3/4

Jacob B – Y4 Pavan P – Y5 Daniella O O - Y5/6 Aayma A - Y6

Lunchtime VIPs – who have “Aspired to Greatness” and excelled at lunchtimes in their behaviour

Abbas A - Reception Inventors Lucie W - Reception Explorers

Simon B - Y1 David A - Y1/2 Tsz Tung W – Y2 Subhan A & Ellie J - Y3 Kathleen S – Y3/4

Emmanuel I – Y4 Martin G - Y5 Saanvika B – Y5/6

Dhemica P – Y6