



St Peter's C of E Junior School
A place for all to flourish

INFORM



Wednesday 20th November 2024

CHILDREN IN NEED

In order to raise funds for Children in Need, pupils came to school last Friday wearing 'spotacular' and Pudsey-themed outfits, with £1 donations for the charity.



Today, our pupil charity leaders also organised a day of charity sales, during which, made and baked items were additionally sold to raise a grand total of **£463.14** for Children in Need.

Well done to everyone who has participated or donated. We were so impressed with all the hard work and creativity that our pupils put into their stalls!

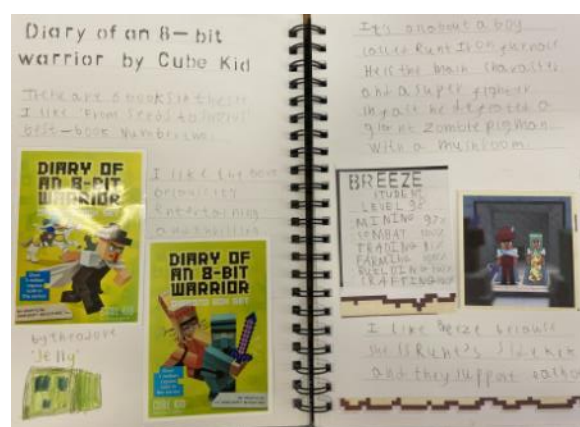
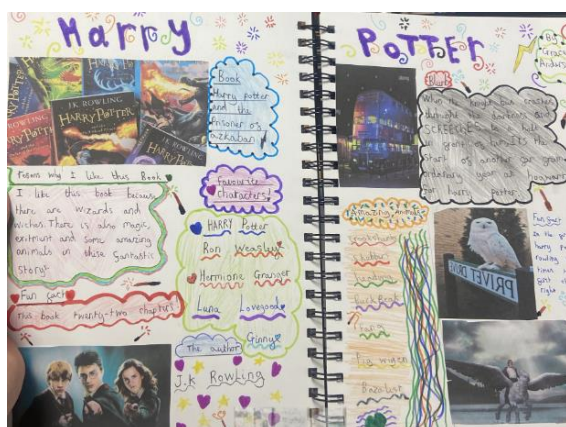


DODGEBALL FESTIVAL

Last Thursday, 8 brave souls took part in a Dodgeball Festival at the East Leake Academy, battling it out against other schools from the area. In lively encounters, the team played tactical games of cat and mouse, trying to pick off the opposition, whilst not being targeted themselves. The level of skill increased significantly as the contest unfolded and our warriors walked away with their heads held high, unable to hide their looks of glee. Well done!

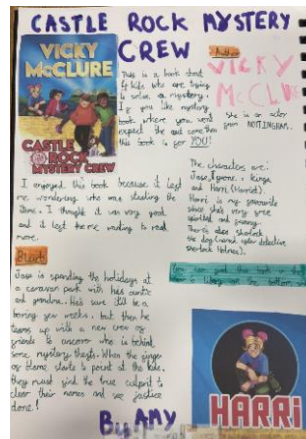
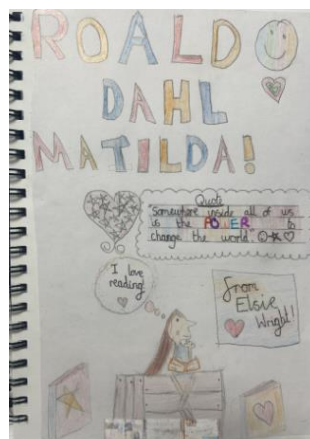


'WE LOVE READING' SCRAPBOOKS



Our librarians have recently launched a new scrapbook initiative across all classes. Children have the opportunity to share their favourite reading book and characters with their classmates.

Look out for them! They will be heading home shortly!



TEAM SELECTION FOR SPORTING EVENTS

Due to the number of queries we often receive regarding the selection process for sports teams (particularly football) at school, we thought it would be useful to explain how pupils are chosen for these events.

Mr Jalland, our sports coach, along with Mr Gingell, aim to select pupils who show consistent interest in playing sports – either through P.E. lessons or through attendance at lunchtime clubs, which are accessible to every child in the school. There are no set teams that attend all of the events, and pupils are rotated as much as possible to provide equal opportunities for the children. In particular, we try to attend lots of festivals or ‘friendly’ matches, which typically allow a greater number of interested children to take part. This is absolutely what we wish to do as a school.

Places will at times be, unfortunately, limited due to the size of the school – we have 90+ children in a year group and so not everyone will be able to be selected for, as an example, a 7-side football match. However, we will do our best to ensure that everyone, who wants to, can represent the school at some point.

We do tend to prioritise our Year 6 pupils in order to ensure they have as many opportunities to represent St Peter’s before they leave for Secondary School - for example, we have already given over 50 Year 6s the opportunity to represent their school football team, and there will be more chances throughout the year.

We will always do our best to ensure our approach to sports is inclusive and fair for all.

Equal Access School 2024

In not entirely unrelated news, St. Peter’s has received recognition for our whole-school approach to football. Women’s football has enjoyed a much higher profile in recent years and this has been reflected in a stronger emphasis on girls’ football (especially in competition) throughout schools across the country.

At St. Peter’s, football for boys and girls, has been equally promoted for many years, but receiving recognition for this from beyond school playing fields is most welcome.



PARKING REMINDER



When driving onto the school site, please remember that **parking for school visitors and Casper’s** is located at the very end of the drive, on the left-hand side. The spaces that run down the right-hand side of the drive are for **staff only**. We have this system to ensure the safety of our pupils and visitors.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD (HAF) PROGRAMME

Nottinghamshire County Council will start to take bookings for the final delivery period of 2024 Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) on **Monday 25th November**, ready for the winter holidays.

HAF provides **FUNDED** activities and food for children receiving benefits related free school meals. These programmes run during the following school holidays: spring (Easter), summer, autumn (October) and Christmas holidays.

Children aged between 5 – 16 years (Reception aged 4 and year 11 inclusive) in receipt of benefits related free school meals are eligible for free holiday activities and food. **This is not a food voucher scheme; all activities happen face to face.**

Holiday activity listings will be live from Monday 25th November 2024 here: [Activities and venues | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

Families with eligible children will need to use their **unique HAF code** when booking onto holiday clubs, this is taken at point of booking and is the same unique code that was distributed in 2023.

If a child does not have a HAF code, parents/carers can apply for one here: [Register for a HAF code | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

Benefits of the programme for children during school holidays:

- eating healthily over the school holidays
- being active during the school holidays
- taking part in engaging and enriching activities which support the development of resilience, character and wellbeing along with their wider educational attainment
- being safe and not to be socially isolated
- having a greater knowledge of health and nutrition
- being more engaged with school and other local services.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We're very happy to report on some of our other fundraising exploits. Our recent Macmillan coffee and cake morning raised a terrific **£107.00**, which will all go towards helping those affected by cancer.

Thank you to Mrs Burrows for organising, and to everyone who contributed their time and baking skills.

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

You can now follow our school kitchen on Facebook and Instagram:



<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61568569761877>



<https://www.instagram.com/stpeterskitchen?igsh=MTVpOGZjM3B3ZGhjZg==>

Follow them to find out about some exciting changes taking place in the school kitchen with nutrition and food education at the forefront.

Led by our new catering manager, Anthony Preston, the team will be introducing new dishes, looking to work with local growers, and providing lots of opportunities for both the children and parents to feedback and get involved.



The menus for this term can be found here: <https://www.stpetersjunior.org.uk/school-meals/>

Please check the dates for the correct week located at the top of each menu.



DATES FOR THE DIARY	
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd November 2024	UK Parliament Week
Wednesday 20 th November 2024	Charity day for pupils
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th November 2024	FOS Bauble Crafts in Basecamp
Thursday 28 th November 2024	Year 5 Space Centre Visit
Monday 2 nd December 2024	Year 6 International Day
Wednesday 4 th December 2024	FOS Christmas decorations up at 3:00pm. Helpers required – just turn up! Mince pie included.
Friday 6 th December 2024	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 6 th December 2024	FOS Christmas Fair 6:00pm-8:00pm
Wednesday 11 th December 2024	Pupil Christmas Dinner
Thursday 12 th December 2024	Year 4 play performance – afternoon and evening
Friday 13 th December 2024	Whole-School Flu Immunisations
Thursday 19 th December 2024	Head, Heart and Hands Celebration
Friday 20 th December 2024	FOS Christmas Decorations down at 9.00am. Helpers required – just turn up! Mince pie included.
Friday 20 th December 2024	Christmas Carol Concert – St Peter's Church
Friday 20 th December 2024	LAST DAY OF TERM
Monday 23 rd December 2024 – Friday 3 rd January 2025	End-of-term Holiday – site closed to pupils.
Monday 6 th January 2025	Start of Spring Term – site open to pupils.