



The St. James' Journal

Newsletter

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MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers, Let me paint a picture of a typical afternoon in school (this is what I saw this week as I walked through with a visiting parent)...

We walk across the infant playground and a group of children are practising their overarm throws in pairs throwing different sized balls to cones and each other...Duck out the way...

As we arrive on the junior playground we can hear voices in the eco zone, it is another infant class busily engrossed. As we walk through, children show us minibeasts and some are helping the Teaching Assistant harvest rhubarb which they will be sampling next week. We arrive at the school field and a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) visitor is with another infant class and they are firing water bottle rockets into the air.

We walk into the junior block and a class are learning DT (Design & Technology). They are going to be cooking and there is a picture of Mary Berry on the board – no soggy bottoms here! In another class children are engrossed in sewing purses and in a class of older pupils there is a STEM visitor talking about the moon landing...

I hope that gives you a picture of the exciting learning that happens at our school. Children engrossed in experiential learning; what a privilege to be a part of everyday. Have a great Bank Holiday weekend and let the magical learning continue next Tuesday.

Collective Worship

This week we used the famous love passage in **1 Cor 13** to reflect on practical ways that we can show love to one another. Here are some examples:

Love...

Cares more for others than for self

Doesn't want what it doesn't have

Isn't big headed

Doesn't force itself on others

Doesn't fly off the handle

Tells the truth

Doesn't keep a record of wrongs



What a beautiful thing when we live this out in community!

Update us

Have you moved or changed your contact details recently?

Attendance

It is vital that your child is in school on time every day.

The class with the best attendance this week was:

CHESTNUT



Thursday 8th May—VE Day Celebrations

Thursday 8th May marks the 80th Anniversary of VE day.

To help mark this occasion, all children can wear red, white and blue.



Welfare Assistant Vacancy

Welfare Assistants required Monday to Friday 12:00—13:30, term time only.

Required start ASAP. Please contact the office for more information and an application form.

We are looking for reliable individuals with energy and enthusiasm for outdoor activities, who will be an inspiration to young pupils.

Friends' Chocolate Bingo is coming this month!

Join us on Friday May 16th at the Royal Legion for fun and games of a chocolate sort and raising money for school. Eyes down at 6pm, drinks and snacks available to purchase and you can bring your own food too. £3.50 per adult/child, Tickets now available online - <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamesfriends/index.cfm?>



Golden Ticket

Pupils who go **over and above** to demonstrate our school values will be awarded a 'Golden Ticket' and will be placed in the draw for prizes at the end of term. The following children have been awarded a Golden Ticket:

Rose, Isla & Harlow (Rowan)

TICKET

STARS OF THE WEEK

Acorn

Ronnie & Laiba

Ash

Mikel & Mila

Birch

Raven & Darcie

Chestnut

Jack T & Cian

Rowan

Amber & Scarlett

Oak

Dotty & Toby

Willow

Olivia & Oscar

Hawthorn

Rose & Kayden

Alder

Beth & Logan

Sycamore

Ellie & Lewis

There has been a lot of exciting learning going on this week.....

CLASS NEWS

Rowan class really enjoyed their STEM workshop rocket challenge this week.



Birch Class have investigated how much water different sponges will hold as part of their Science topic about States of Matter.



Willow Class had a fantastic opportunity to take part in a Neil Armstrong workshop this week and thoroughly enjoyed blasting water filled 'rockets' into the air.



Alder Class enjoyed their dance workshop. They learnt lots of new moves and created a great final dance!



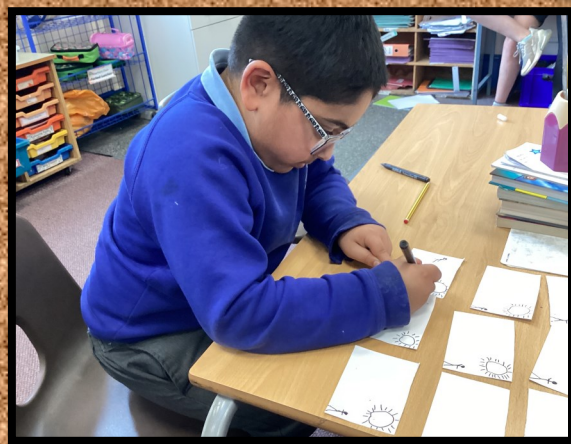
Year 5 enjoyed their first session of Move & Learn with Accrington Stanley this week.



Ash Class thoroughly enjoyed their outdoor learning session this week, making rockets fire into space, learning about the first men on the moon & using natural materials to create constellations.



Hawthorn Class made flip books as part of their computing learning about stop frame animation.



Acorn Class: So much learning has taken place this week in our pop up vet role play! We have had a great week!



Oak Class: We had an outdoor learning workshop on space and got to launch our own rockets.



In DT, Sycamore class designed a turtle mobile phone stand using Tinkercad and printed them out using the 3D printer. In addition to this, we had an ambassador visit from BAE where the children learned about the size of the planets in Space and their distance from the Sun and then predicted which rocket design would be the most aerodynamic.



Chestnut Class have been using Tinkercad to create a button which they will print on the 3D printer.

