



St. Elphin's C.E. Primary School

Newsletter—Friday 9th March 2018

Good Citizen Awards!



Our **EYFS** Good Citizen award goes to **Paige** for helping everybody both inside and outside the classroom.

Our **KSI** Good Citizen award goes to **Will** for being polite and hard-working. You are a super role model to others.

Our **LKS2** Good citizen award goes to **Tamarah** for being eager to help but in a quiet way, without being asked.

Our **UKS2** Good Citizen award goes to **Kayden** for having a positive attitude which has had an impact on the learning of others. **WELL DONE EVERYBODY!**

TEAM POINT WINNERS

Well done to **Lever** for earning the most team points during this week.



Hello Everyone—we hope you have had a great week? In School we have had a really busy and exciting week with a number of topic launch days. On Tuesday Reception came to school dressed as superheroes to help launch their new topic. They all looked amazing and enjoyed their learning by decorating biscuits with a superhero logo, untangling superheroes in the finger gym and taking part in a catwalk to show off their superhero costumes and walks!

On Wednesday, Year 4 teachers Miss Baxendale and Miss Davies welcomed the children on board dressed as cabin crew, ready for take off to 'Are we there yet?'. Throughout the day the children enjoyed locating countries and continents and researching their own European Country, They also learned the Continents song which they keep singing over and over again!

On Thursday, it was Year 3's turn to have their launch day "What a picture". They spent the day examining famous portraits including the Mona Lisa ready to inspire their own work both in art and writing.

Today it has been World Faith Day and the children have moved around the different classrooms enjoying activities linked to Hinduism and the festival of Holi. These have included drawing self-portraits and paint splattering them, speed interviewing Hindu gods and goddesses, making rangoli pattern plates, yoga, designing invitations to Holi festival, creating a music festival based on the themes of Holi and henna patterns, creating pictures and lanterns, making Spring trees in many colours, indian dancing and making Happy Holi cards, We hope you can see why they have had so much fun!

Next week is **Hopes and Dreams** week. Throughout the week, we have a number of visitors coming into school from a range of different professions. These include a firefighter, a missionary, a police officer, a football coach, scientists, nurses and the manager of Cheshire Dogs Home to name but a few! Many of them are able to share inspirational stories of their journey, how they have had to have hope and in many cases perseverance to achieve their dreams! We will also be hearing from a couple of our own children who are making their mark in the world of swimming and gymnastics! Across the different year groups we will also be doing projects such as gardening, cake making, visiting Arnold Clark and then designing a car, learning about the role of Zoo Keepers at Chester Zoo and being a farmer at Stockley. We are really excited that the children will have these opportunities as well as the chance to think about their own hopes and dreams. We want to inspire them to believe in themselves and their skills and talents so that they can make their Hopes and Dreams for the future a reality. We have also set you as their parents/carers a little challenge—see the back page for more details. It would be great to have as many responses as possible to this challenge so please, please take part and add your support. **We hope you have a great weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday. Happy Friday everyone!**

Dates ahead:

Y6 SATS information evening for Parents/Carers

Tuesday 13th March
5.30pm

Parents/Carers Afternoon/ Evenings:

Tues 27th March
Wed 28th March

Times to be confirmed

Whole School Easter Service:

Thursday 29th March 2pm.
St Elphin's Church

Prayer Spaces week

Tues 3rd—Fri 6th April

Joseph—performed by Drama, Dance and Choir

Thursday 19th April

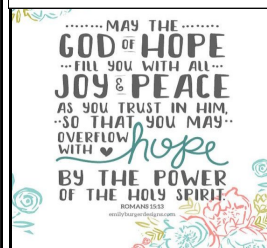
There will be both an afternoon

Packed Lunches

We have been made aware that an increasing number of children are throwing away sandwiches that haven't been touched as well as other items of packed lunch food. When asked, the children are saying they don't like the sandwich fillings but that parents/carers keep making them. Please could we ask that if your child takes a packed lunch to school that you have a chat with them about this over the weekend about whether they are eating their lunch and also regarding the contents of their lunch box. Many thanks for your support.



St Elphin's Verse of the week:



HOT OFF THE PRESS —EXCITING CHANGES COMING SOON

We are currently in the process of preparing to go **CASHLESS** in school. Although the start date has not yet been confirmed, we will be transferring over to **PARENT PAY** for school dinners, trip payments etc. The only things we are unsure whether we can include are **EYFS** snack money and Little Elphin's. Moving to a cashless systems means you will be able to pay through your bank, by setting up a regular payment, by debit card and also by using the **PAYPOINT** in shops, which many of you may already be familiar with for paying bills. We are sure you will agree that this will be a much more efficient and convenient way of keeping on top of payments. Watch this space!



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Please help our Daddy to reach his goal...



On April 22nd 2018 Jake and Thomas Bourne's Dad will be running the London Marathon, raising money for the Down's Syndrome Association.

The Down's Syndrome Association is a charity close to our families heart and their purpose is to help people with Down's syndrome to live a full, rewarding and, as much as possible, an independent life. They are the only organisation in this country focusing solely on all aspects of living successfully with Down's syndrome, from supporting families with new born babies to assisting people with Down's syndrome into work. Since 1970, they have grown from being a local parent support group into a national charity with over 20,000 members, run by a total staff of 36 (many of them part time). They also work closely with over 130 local support groups throughout the UK.

Thank you,
Jake & Tom

If you can spare any amount to help our Daddy to reach his goal and support a great cause please visit:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MyLondonMarathon>

www.downs-syndrome.org.uk

Parent/Carer 'Homework' Challenge for Hopes and Dreams Week

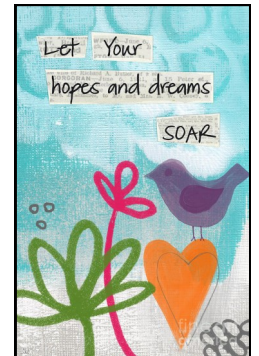
We know how wonderful your children are and we are sure that you do too, so we wanted to give you the chance to celebrate with us how amazing they are. It is a known fact that words of encouragement and affirmation really help to build a child's confidence and self-esteem, so here is your challenge:

We want you to write about your child/children so that they know how important and brilliant YOU think they are. We want you to include the things you think they are good at, the bits of their personality that make you smile and the ways in which they inspire you.

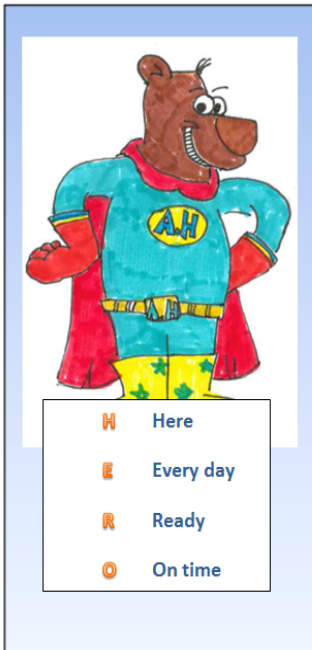
You can write it on paper, a postcard or on the back of your shopping list! We don't mind how you do it but we would really like you to do it to celebrate your wonderful children.

If you have more than one child in school and need to share the load then feel free to get another adult family member to join in the challenge.

Please send your finished piece into your child's class by Friday 16th March. That gives you a whole week so on your marks ... get set... go!



This Week's Attendance Heroes



26th Feb – 2nd March 2018

EYFS: Mrs Williams (EYFS) **99%**

KS1: Mrs Bonnar (Y2) **96%**

LKS2: Miss Baxendale (Y4) **98%**

UKS2: Miss Leigh (Y5) **97%**

Fantastic - Well Done!

Whole School Attendance 96.10%

LITTER BOTS FACE THE MUD TO PICK UP LITTER!

On a cold Feb half-term day, students from the Junior Social Action Club in St Elphin's school, braved the mud and the cold to clear Victoria Park of it's disgraceful rubbish

They walked approximately two miles over three hours and collected 15 bags of smelly, horrible rubbish. Here is a quote from a JSA club member, Ellis, who couldn't attend on the day: "I am grateful for them because they made less pollution there and the world will last longer, as there will be less green-house gasses"

They called themselves the Litter Bots and they would like you to join in too, so

Don't Drop Litter!

Jennifer who runs the group, said "The group barely stopped and never complained, they really were a credit to themselves. I think what surprised us is just how much litter there is around once you start looking for it. We received some wonderful praise from the public which was certainly one of the highlights of the day."

WELL DONE AND THANK YOU LITTERBOTS
from everyone at St Elphin's School



Coming soon to St Elphin's ...