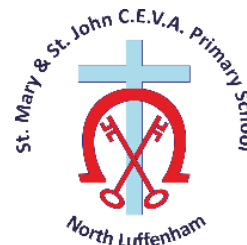


SMSJ News

3rd February 2023 – Issue 21



Good afternoon everyone,

What a fun 'Numbers' day we have had whilst raising money for the NSPCC. Mr Flowers' (aka Mr James Bond, 007) introductory assembly this morning, complete with competitions, resulted in riotous hilarity and laughter which set the scene for the day. We ended in the same vein with Mr F leading the celebration assembly this afternoon. With three poorly members of staff in Reception Class today (get better soon!), I enjoyed the afternoon with Mrs Gamble and the class – galloping round the playground with teams of reindeer pulling the Santa's sleighs they had constructed and loaded up with equipment, dropping off 'presents' as we went! Always a tonic and total distraction from headteacher 'stuff'!

Back to headteacher 'stuff' and apologies for the late newsletter as I catch up.

This week, our gymnasts competed at the Rutland Gymnastics event. We had a KS1 team and a KS2. They had been attending training sessions after school with Mrs Thornton, learning their routines. They came back with 17 medals between them and additionally the KS1 team won their event to become Rutland champions. WOW! The Ks1 team will go on to represent Rutland at the Leicester/shire and Rutland School Games. What a tremendous result. Well done to them all. They are rightful winners, along with Mrs Thornton and Mr Coyne of the WOW Cup this week.

Express Yourself!

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week. We will be learning more about this and engaging in a range of activities throughout the week, championed by Mrs Fox. On Friday, we are inviting the children to come to school (for free) in whatever they want – to express themselves.

The weather looks set fair for the weekend. If you fancy a walk by Rutland Water this weekend there will be a big sailing event on called The Tiger Trophy. This competition always attracts a number of excellent sailors and should be entertaining viewing. I used to compete in it, but I am leaving it to the next generation these days! Whatever you are doing, have a lovely weekend.



**A very Happy Birthday to all
those celebrating birthdays
this week**

James Dibble
Rosie Thompson
Brodie Reeve
Ben Connolly
Darcy Hopkins



Head Teachers Awards



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU ON GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS

This week in **Reception**, the Head Teacher award goes to **Theodore Tsopanoglou** for his amazing effort in his phonics and Talk for Writing. Theodore has been superb with his blending in phonics and his letter formation is lovely. Independently he has created a superb story map for the Percy the Park Keeper story and is able to read it to the teachers. Theodore has even had a go at innovating the story too. Wow!

In **Year 1** this week the Head Teacher award goes to **Poppy Tully**. Poppy lets her light shine in everything she does. She has written excellent instructions this week on how to turn Mrs Reynolds into a frog! She showed fantastic understanding in her science exploring magnets and she has wowed in her Maths. An all-round super week!

This week the Head Teacher award in **Year 2** goes to **Max Elkins**. Since Max moved into Year 2 he has worked incredibly hard and made a brilliant amount of progress! Max always has ideas to share with the class during carpet discussions and has really impressed both Miss B and Ms Calton with his reasoning skills in Maths. Max, Miss B, Ms Calton and the WHOLE team at SMSJ are really proud of you and all of the effort that you have been putting into your school work. Continue to let your light shine brightly. Well Done 😊

In **Year 3** this week the Head Teacher award goes to **Edith Shaw**. Edith has shown all of the 6 Rs in everything she has done this week. She has had a really positive attitude to her learning, has been extremely helpful to Mrs Thornton and others and has produced some lovely work. In English, the class have been learning the text Marvellous Machines. Edith went away from this and designed her own machine like the one in the text. Great work.

In **Year 4** this week the Head Teacher award goes to **Freya Mingar**. Freya has been working extremely hard with Mrs Halls this week, she has made excellent progress with her spelling and reading and is enjoying completing extra work at home. She tries her best in all of her lessons and attempts all tasks with a smile. This really has been a fantastic week for Freya, well done and keep it up!

All of Year 5 receive the Head Teacher award this week. What a brilliant group of children you were on Tuesday. The visit to The Rutland County Museum was fantastic and everyone behaved so well. The activities were amazing and it was so interesting to learn about the history we are living amongst. Well Done Year 5.

Amelia Fox receives the Head Teacher award in **Year 6** this week for her outstanding performance at the Gymnastics competition on Wednesday. She has made us all so proud! Mr Flowers has also been extremely impressed with her attitude to Maths and her speed of writing too. Mrs Belderbos says she's an absolute pleasure to teach in their sessions together in the morning. Well done Amelia!!

Holiday club is running

21st - 23rd February

8am - 5.50pm.

Please email

sandwichclub@northluffenham.rutland.sch.uk

to book or for further information.

After School Clubs

6th – 10th February

Monday – Bricks4kidz

Gymnastics Invite Only

Tuesday – Boccia/Curling Yr 1/2

Wednesday – Boccia/Curling KS2

STAFF PROFILES SERIES – JUST FOR FUN DURING THE WINTER MONTHS!		
Name	Miss Buxton	
Current role	Year 2 class teacher.	
Where were you born?	Melton Mowbray.	
Proudest achievements	Being resilient and never giving up on things that are really hard.	
Favourite childhood book	Witch Child by Celia Rees.	
Favourite colour	Green.	
Favourite food	Lemon drizzle cake.	
Favourite leisure activities	Walking with my dogs.	
Favourite Possession	My camera.	
Future hopes and dreams	To go on the Great British Bake Off.	
Which three guests would you most like to invite to dinner (living or dead)	Sir David Attenborough, Ian McKellen and Mary Berry.	
If you were stranded on a desert island, who would you most like to have with you?	Bear Grylls!	
Something you don't know about me...	I compete for UK sniffer dogs.	

Sports Diary

Wed 8th Feb

Key Steps 2

Gymnastics

Fri 10th Feb

Swimming Gala

Tuck Shop

Every Friday Snacks 50p

Drinks 50p

Early Pancake Day

Tuesday 14th February

Pudding will be Pancakes

with

lemon and sugar

or

Banana



- £29.00 Per Day Incl. Activities
- Full Week Discount
- 0830 - 1730 Each Day
- HAF Booking Available

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

- July 24th - 28th
- August 7th - 11th
- August 21st - 25th

EASTER HOLIDAYS

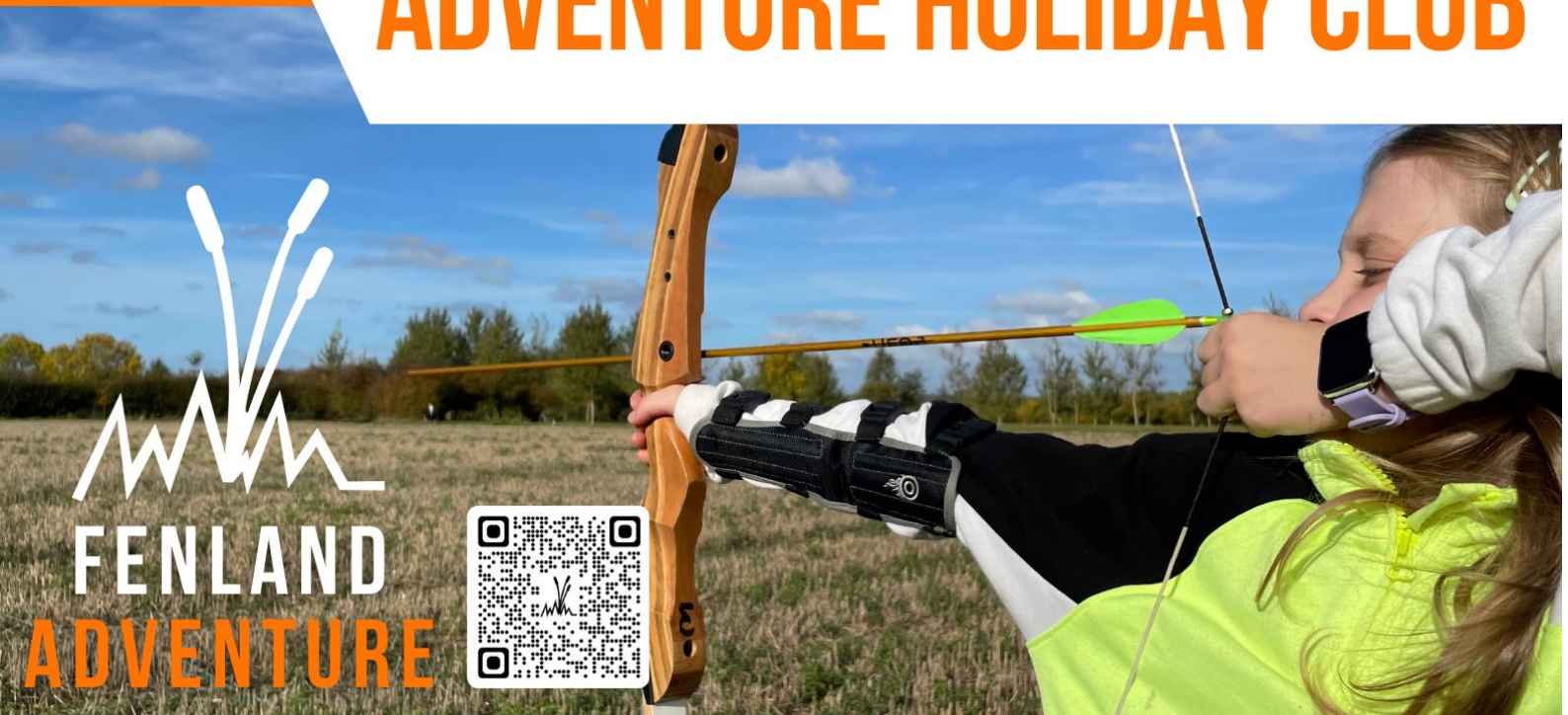
- April 10th - 14th
- Quick & Easy
Online Booking

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ADVENTURE HOLIDAY CLUB



**FENLAND
ADVENTURE**



PFA NEWS : 3rd Feb 23



COFFEE MORNING

Friday 10th February

Straight after drop off in the school hall.

Please join us for tea, coffee and something sweet. A chance to meet and chat with other parents. No charge, but donations gratefully received.

DISCO!

TUCK SHOP!
GLITTER TATTOOS!
ADULT DRINKS!

Thurs 16th Feb

KS1: 6-7 pm (inc preschool)

KS2: 7:15-8:15PM

KS1 parents must stay please, but KS2 can drop & go when leaving a contact number.



HELPERS NEEDED!

Can you help at the disco?

Contact Sally
07989427425

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If you need to donate before then please contact Sally 07989427425