

# St. Andrew's CEVA Primary Newsletter February 2020



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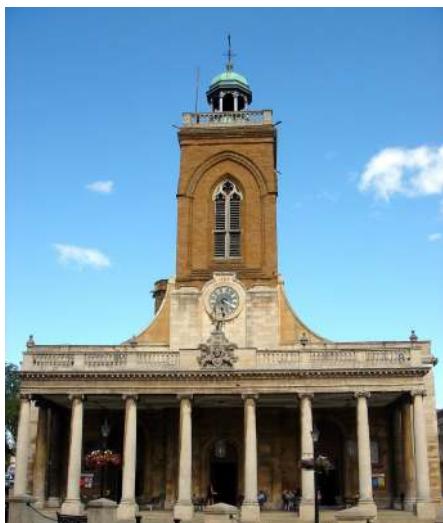
## His spirit fills us with power, love and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:7

It's already half way through February and those six weeks of 2020 have flown by! There have been a number of events since the Christmas festivities to keep our spirits up.

Year 5 went to the Northampton Academy to take part in Science workshops on Friday 17th January. The children learnt how friction can create electrons which made their hair stand up—this was really funny! See page 4 for more information and photos.

Year R have had a big focus on Phonics and held another Phonics Workshop for parents to attend on Monday 3rd February. This helps parents to learn how phonics is taught and in turn, support learning at home. Twelve parents attended this which is great, but we would love to see more. The next Phonics workshop is on **Monday 23rd March**.

27 people attended our bedtime stories evening on Wednesday 5th February. It's lovely to snuggle up on a cushion with a hot chocolate and listen to great stories being read. This exposes children to a wide range of rich vocabulary and it is then used in the composition of their own writing.



Year 4 attended a Candlemas service at All Saints Church in the town centre on Friday 7th February. This was a gathering of six church schools in Northampton to take part in a worship service to celebrate Jesus as the light of the world. The children were amazed by the ceilings in the church and couldn't believe how big it was on the outside. The church was rebuilt in 1678 after the work was commissioned by Charles II after the great



fire of Northampton. All six schools managed to fit their entire Year 4 cohorts into the church easily whilst Father Oliver conducted the service.

## MOBILE PHONES!

Children may bring in a mobile phone if they are walking to/from school unaccompanied. From 24th February 2020, when school re-opens, mobile phones MUST be put in the secure box that a staff member will be holding at the school gates. Mobile phones MUST be switched off and they will be returned to the children at the end of the school day.

Recently we have had children who do not walk unaccompanied bringing their mobile phones into school unnecessarily. This has led to disruption at the beginning and end of the school day. Thank you for your co-operation.



Look at the website for more pics and stories: [www.standrews.northants.sch.uk](http://www.standrews.northants.sch.uk)

# CHOCOLATE WORKSHOP



The children in Year 4 had a great time on the 3rd February learning about the history of chocolate and how chocolate was made and used during the Mayan and Aztec time period.

They especially enjoyed the chocolate tasting and making and became expert chocolatiers.

With the use of excellent drama, the children also learnt about the true meaning of Fairtrade and the support it has given to millions of people around the world. It was very enlightening.



## FOSA NEWS!



Big thank you to everyone who came along to our Bingo night in January! It was a well supported evening, and lots of fab prizes were won. We raised just under £100! The event was so popular we have had requests to hold another Bingo event in the Spring! Keep your eye's peeled for upcoming date!



FOSA have recently bought lots of fab books for Years 2, 3 & 4 at the Book Fair in December and supplied snacks and drinks for the Class Christmas parties. The new recycled plastic picnic tables FOSA ordered in the summer have arrived and are now in the playground.

Thank you to all the support given to all FOSA events; and if anyone has any ideas for future fundraising please speak to either Mrs Francis or Mrs Day.



# Year 6 trip!



**NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM**

On the Thursday 24th January 2020, Year 6 went to the Natural History Museum in London. We all had so much fun and loved talking to a member of their staff about evolution (which is Year 6s Science subject.)

We learned that evolution means change over time. As well as this, we learnt that if animals didn't adapt to their environment their species would become extinct. We were put into groups and each group studied a different period of time.

Then we went into a special room to talk to the member of staff who taught us about evolution. She taught us that animals inherited the best features from their parents. Because of this, animals evolved and survived. We played a game to represent this by having 6 children, 3 of which had small beaks (chopsticks) and the other 3 had big beaks (tongs). They had to collect small cubes out of a bowl which represented birds eating. Whichever 3 children got the least would leave the game. At the end all the small beaked birds died and the big beaked birds reproduced.



After this we separated into our groups and explored the museum. During this, we looked at how we evolved over time, the dinosaur era, precious stones and we went to look at the volcano and earthquake section. After this the trip came to an end.

All of Year 6 had a fantastic day!!

*Report by Sophie and Felicia, Year 6*



# STEM WORKSHOP

Year 5 had a fantastic time at Northampton Academy when they went for a science workshop. The physics turned out to be a hair-raising experience for some and we found out how colourful chemistry could be when testing acids and alkalines.



# Year 3 News

Year 3 have been researching the Mayans this term. We have enjoyed designing Mayan masks and creating jewellery from clay. They also created their own God based on the Mayan gods they had learnt about. Alongside this, we have been investigating friction and forces in Science.



## St. Andrew's Governing Body



The Governing Body of St Andrew's is pleased to announce that we have TWO new Parent Governors who have joined us. Mr Valmir Gjoza and Mr Kenny Amassah; both of whom have now attended their first full Governor's meeting and have undertaken the basic governor induction training. We welcome them both and look forward to their input to the various meetings we hold through the Learning Provision, Safeguarding and Finance Committees. (And, no, they don't have to attend ALL of those committees!)

We are also sad to announce that Debbie Phillipsz, who had been both a Parent governor and subsequently a Foundation governor has reluctantly, stepped down owing to her own personal commitments. Debbie has been with us for several years and provided much valued input to the committees she served on and as lead governor for English. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

From the next newsletter we will try to explain the various activities in which we get involved and how each of our committees is set up to assist the school and helping to drive it forwards.

## Food Bank Vouchers

If you or you know someone who may be in need of any Food Bank Vouchers, please get in touch with Mrs Francis—Family Support Worker

### St. Andrew's Values: I ASPIRE



With God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26

## IMPORTANT!!

### Contact Numbers

It is extremely important that we have 3 emergency contacts for every child in the school.

If you change your mobile number please let us know immediately!

Please make sure we can contact you in the case of an emergency.

Thank you!

