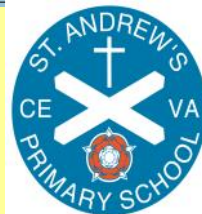




# St. Andrew's CEVA Primary Newsletter July 2023



Head Teacher Mrs Val Griffiths

**"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." - 2 Corinthians 13:14**

Well, another year has come to an end and what a fabulous year it has been. The children and staff have learnt and laughed, and it is wonderful to reflect on all we have achieved together. The St. Andrew's family have much to celebrate and I am sure we are all ready for the summer break.



The end of the school year always means that we have to say some goodbyes. For our amazing Year 6 pupils, in Grendon and Lamport classes, the day has finally arrived for you to move on from primary school. We are so very proud of the young people you have become, we know you have all that you need to be successful in your new schools. Take with you the values that your time at St. Andrew's has taught you, work hard, be kind and always remember; 'With God all things are possible'.

We also have some staff to say goodbye to too. Mrs Archer is leaving for a new teaching role. She has been here for 11 years and will be greatly missed. Mrs Jameson and Mrs Krasovska (Mrs K) are also moving on to new roles, both of whom have been fabulous assets to our school family. Mrs Arkell who has been with Year 6 for many years is also



finishing. She has been the greatest support to the team over the years and her support has been invaluable. Finally, Mrs Willars is finishing her time with us as she is due to have her baby in the Autumn. We look forward to hearing all about the new arrival and wish her and Mr Willars all the best for their new adventure.



With every departure comes new arrivals, and we are very excited to welcoming some new team members in September. Mrs Thind, Miss Dennison and Miss Wearing are joining our teaching team in Y3, Y1 and Reception respectively. Mrs Hawkes will be joining us as a Teaching Assistant in Key Stage 1. They are all really pleased to be part of our school family and I am sure you will get to know them quickly in September.



In June we were delighted that Mrs Worth and her husband announced that they had become parents. Baby Isabella Charlotte Rose, weighing 7lb 4oz, arrived safely and the new family are enjoying their time together.

We are looking forward to the new academic year already. We have lots of clubs planned and we will be sharing our plans for Fantastic Finish Friday's with you once we are back.

So, finally let me wish you a very joy-filled summer break. I hope the weather is kind and whatever you are planning you have a wonderful time.

We look forward to welcoming the Y1-Y6 children back in on **Wednesday 6th September 2023**

Please take a look at our uniform requirements if you're replacing items over the summer:

<https://www.standrews.northants.sch.uk/parents/uniform/>

**Much love , Mrs G**



# DIVERSITY WEEK

During our focus week we investigated the differences within our classes and school. We encouraged all children to be proud of their own cultures, heritages, families and themselves. We talked about the differences you can see and those that we might not be able to see.

We also spent time recognising the importance of ourselves; we are all individuals with differences that make the world we live in exciting – who wants to be the same!

In our art work we created our own self portraits.

## Reception Class: We are unique



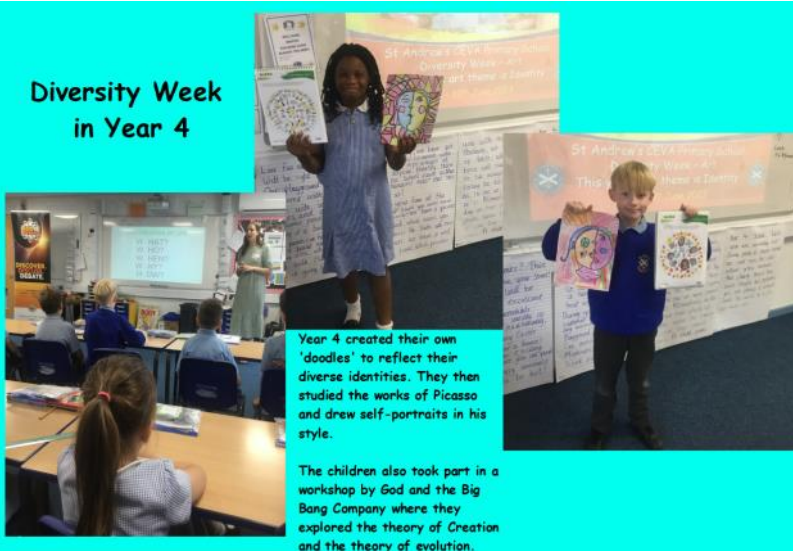
## Year 3: Self Portraits



During Diversity Week, Year 3 studied the work of the artist Marc Chagall.

After thinking about the things that mean the most to us, we drew a self-portrait and included our favourite things within it.

## Diversity Week in Year 4



Year 4 created their own 'doodles' to reflect their diverse identities. They then studied the works of Picasso and drew self-portraits in his style.

The children also took part in a workshop by God and the Big Bang Company where they explored the theory of Creation and the theory of evolution.





## R.E. news

### RE Quality Mark

Mrs Lightfoot and I have been working hard on achieving the RE quality mark for our school this year. We have spent a lot of time gathering evidence and talking to children to get their opinion on the RE taught in our school. It has been a really positive experience and the children had some lovely things to share.

We had our final assessment on Friday 7th July and we were awarded the Silver Award! We are over the moon and are thrilled to share this news with you.

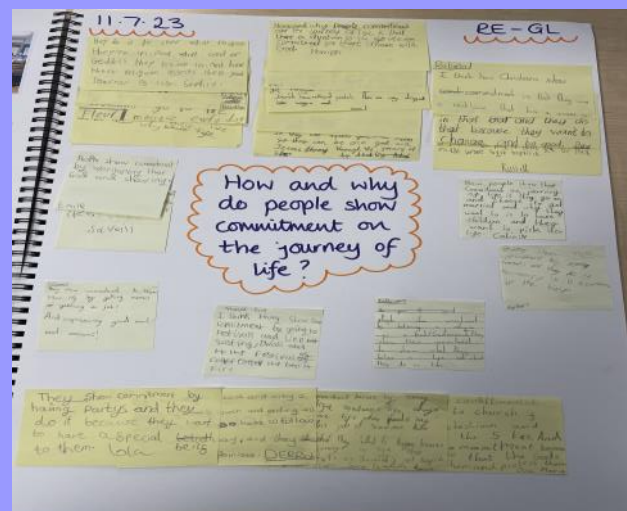
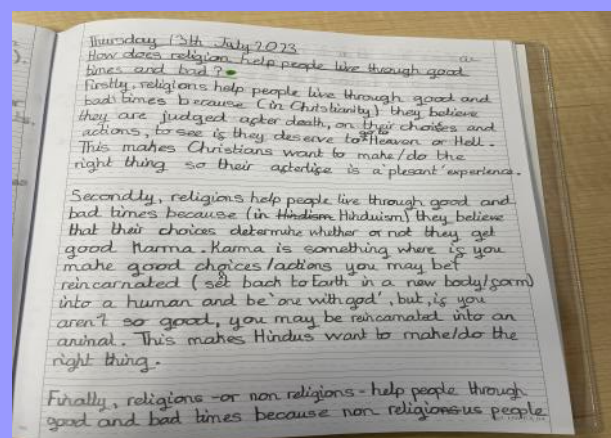


Religious Education Quality Mark	
Award Details	
School name	St Andrew's CEVA Primary School
School Address	Ecton Brook Road, Northampton, NN3 5EN
Name and number of Assessor	Jane Kelly, DCS
Award given	Silver
Assessment Date	7 July 2023
Quotation from pupils (Please let us know anything interesting, surprising or wonderful which came out of the interview with pupils)	"I have seen the RE. But people would be like other people. Because of what they believe or worship. With RE, people can respect other people, because they know why they do those things." "We need to understand different religions or we don't make fun of other people." "We help me understand that others... they not believe in the same things as me."
Please make a summative comment about RE in the school which may be used for publicity	The two RE staff share a passion for the subject, which is fully supported by the Headteacher and members of staff. The school has a strong commitment to RE, with the subject being taught in a way that is both engaging and challenging. The school has a strong commitment to RE, with the subject being taught in a way that is both engaging and challenging. The school has a strong commitment to RE, with the subject being taught in a way that is both engaging and challenging.
Any other comments about the school or the process	St Andrew's clearly has the capacity to be a beacon school for RE, sharing their good practice more widely.

### Big Questions

This term, every year group has taken on the challenge of answering 'big questions' in RE.

This has allowed them to reflect on their learning, drawing on their knowledge of both religious and non-religious views. It has created safe spaces for the children to express their opinions, challenge others viewpoints and ask deeper questions.



### God and the Big Bang

Year 4 had 'God and the Big Bang' come into school to visit them to explore how the Biblical story of creation related to the scientific theory of the Big Bang.



They took part in a workshop and had the chance to answer some 'juicy' questions.

We have had a very busy but exciting term in RE. As always, there has been some wonderful work completed by both children and adults alike!

It is wonderful to be able to finish this academic year being able to celebrate our silver award from the RE quality mark. Have a lovely summer!

**Mrs Connors and Mrs Lightfoot**

## News & Information

### STAY SAFE: Talking about their time online

The holidays are also a good opportunity to talk to your children about their online friendships, the sites they use and encourage best practices online. Why not check out the free resources on [saferinternet.org.uk](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

#### Reception/Years 1 & 2

Watch The Adventures of Smartie the Penguin

[www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin/](https://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin/)

There are two versions of the story, the first includes pop ups & in app purchasing, inappropriate websites for older children and Cyberbullying. The second story covers the themes of upsetting images, unreliable information and talking to strangers online.

Read Digiduck's Big Decision - about how to be a good friend online

#### Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

The adventures of Kara, Winston & the SMART Crew

[www.childnet.com/resources/the-](https://www.childnet.com/resources/the-adventures-of-kara-winston-and-the-smart-crew/)

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Help them to make SMART online decisions

Watch the video about respecting differences online:

[saferinternet.org.uk/blog/smartie-](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/smartie-talks-to-red-and-murphy-about-respecting-difference-online)

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**For more information and advice please check out:**

[www.internetmatters.org](https://www.internetmatters.org)

[www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety)

[www.childnet.com](https://www.childnet.com)



We recently held our Summer Fair and everyone had a great time! We had lots of fun stalls and many prizes were won!! Thank you to all the parents/carers/friends/staff who helped set up, hosted or helped with tidying up!! And a big thank you to EVERYONE who supported the fair; we raised over £600 and we look forward to choosing some playground equipment next term.

FOSA organize lots of family events at school; fetes, discos, bingo and also in-school competitions and rewards. Help is always appreciated and it can be a little support or a lot; whatever you can do! FOSA welcome any fund-raising ideas you may have or suggestions for competitions the pupils can take part in. Contact Mrs Francis if you would like more information.

We will be having lots more FOSA events in the coming year, look out for notices and thank you for your continued support.

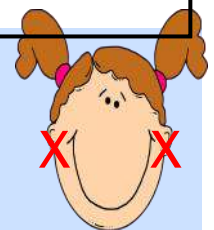
A massive well done to all at the school who have contributed to St Andrew's receiving its first ever School Games Gold Award!



This reflects the huge amount of work that teachers, children and school staff have put in over the course of the last academic year. This has included hundreds of children representing the school in a wide range of sports, events and activities, the Young Leaders who have supported younger children developing their skills over the year, and the other adults who have supported the events and who have made this possible.

**Congratulations everyone!**

**NO earrings on PE days**



Children need to be able to remove and replace their own ear rings on PE days.

If not, they **SHOULD NOT WEAR THEM.** Staff cannot remove ear rings or cover with tape.

*PE is a legal requirement of the curriculum and all children are expected to participate.*

At St. Andrew's, children can be awarded a special Gold token for outstanding behaviour, attitude and/or learning.

These tokens can only be awarded by Mrs Griffiths, Miss Davidson or Mrs. Gentry.

Gold tokens can be exchanged for 10 house tokens and Gold token winners have their certificate displayed in the Hall of Fame (otherwise known as the school foyer!).

We are proud to announce that the following children received a Gold token award for the Summer term:

Year R Sywell – Curtis

Year 3 Pitsford – Ola

Year R Holcot – Alicija

Year 4 Denton – Fleur

Year 1 Overstone – Maya

Year 4 Brixworth – Emily-louise

Year 1 Cogenhoe – Amika

Year 5 Isham – Daisy

Year 2 Ecton – Anaya

Year 5 Althorp – Toby

Year 2 Wilby – Patrick

Year 6 Grendon – Charlie

Year 3 Moulton – Alexandra

Year 6 Lamport – Rutendo

***Well done and congratulations to all  
of the children!***

***We look forward to finding out who will get a  
Gold token in the Autumn Term!***



## Year R News

We have had such a busy final term in Reception. As well as our topic all about the Seaside, we have had Diversity week where we celebrated differences and read books about different families. We also had Science week, we were lucky enough to have a talk with a lady about 'under the sea' and we had some visitors from BICS who showed us how to wash our hands!



We had the best day at Ruislip Lido, the children were so well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed playing in the sand, climbing the pirate ship, going on the train and spending lots of time outside.



The children have been busy working on their writing, writing sentences and short stories. We also had a go at writing our own instructions to make ice-cream. We tried our own different flavours. Maybe you could try and make some during the summer holidays!



Well done to our IAspire winners this term: Logan, Alicija, Isaac and Wojciech in Holcot and Ethan, Tara, Pola and Evelyn in Sywell.

Gold token winners are Curtis and Alicija!

Thank you for all your support this year! We have had a lovely year and have enjoyed watching all the children grow and progress. Please continue to read with your child over the summer break, get them writing and counting as much as possible and more importantly spend some quality time together. :)

## Year 1 News

What a busy term we have had! The children have continued to work hard this term and we are very proud of all the children.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year and wish you all a lovely and restful summer holiday.

### Connected Curriculum Where could we go for a great day out?

This term the children have enjoyed looking at different days out in England. What makes a great day out? Where could we go for a great day out? The children designed and drew their own theme parks. They also used the I-Pads to create a design. The children know that each country has a Capital city and which countries make up the United Kingdom.



#### Our trip to Hamerton Zoo

The children had a great day at Hamerton Zoo, they enjoyed the workshop with Ben the keeper and meeting the Three-banded Armadillo called Nacho. Some of the animals we saw were White Bengal Tigers, Pink Flamingos, Syrian Bears and the children learnt lots of animal facts. In English the children have written a recount about our trip to the zoo using the did you know facts that was learned during the visit.

Well done to these children in Year 1 for receiving their I-ASPIRE certificates this term:

Lena	Maksim
Jude	Amia
Mudiwa	Mateo
Emilia-Jayne	Harry

Golden token

Maya

Amika



### Maths

The children are beginning to have a strong understanding of numbers to 50, including their place value and relative sizes. The children were also introduced to counting in multiples of 2's, 5's and 10's. We have also learnt how to read "o'clock" and "half past" times.



### Computing

Computing this term - we have been learning how to use animation using Scratch JR. As the children created with Scratch, they learned to think creatively, work collaboratively, and reason systematically.



## Year 2 News

All of the staff in Year 2 would like to thank the children for their hard work this year, we have all thoroughly enjoyed working with you and wish you the best of luck in Year 3! We would also like to thank the parents for their ongoing support this year.



### Superhero Collective Worship

This term we were able to showcase all of our learning during our Superhero Collective Worship.

We had a great time performing and acting out the story of Traction Man, as well as sharing those special superhero's that continue to shape our lives everyday.



### Sports Day

At the end of the Summer Term we also took part in our final KS1 Sports Day. We worked hard as a team to demonstrate the different skills that we have learnt this year with Mr. Reed as well as taking part in some sprinting races. Well done to Donald and Chisom for being Year 2's sprint champions!



### Golden Token Stars

In Wilby: **Patrick** For making great progress this year and working incredibly hard during school time to meet his SMART targets.

In Ecton: **Anaya** For consistent and excellent work and progress over the whole year and for giving 100% in everything she does!

Well done to both of you!

### IASPIRE Stars

This terms stars are....

Wilby: Theo, Esmae, Ellie

Ecton: Anaya, Leo, Lucas

**Well done all of you!**



## Year 3 News

***Welcome to our newsletter! We have had a wonderful final term in Year 3 filled with lots more learning and fun!***

### How Can We Make Living Here Better For Everyone?

This term, our topic has been 'How Can We Make Living Here Better For Everyone?'. To start our new topics, we looked at recycling and what it was. After that, we discussed the importance of recycling and how we can help the planet by making sure we recycled. Then, we thought about how we recycle at school and at home. From this, we looked at some symbols we might see on food and drinks packaging and considered what we thought each one meant.

During one afternoon, we went on a walk around the local area of Ecton Brook. When we were walking around, we were looking for litter and graffiti unfortunately were able to find some. When we got back to school, we thought about what we liked about the area, what we disliked and how what we **had** found made us feel. Finally, as part of a DT project, we thought about how we could upcycle any recycling we had at home and school in order to turn it into something else. We thoroughly enjoyed designing, making and evaluating our projects.



### Persuasive Letters

This term, we have focused on how to write a persuasive letter. Firstly, we looked at, learnt and analysed the model text before answering comprehension style questions on it. As part of the analysis of the text, we looked closely at the structure of the letter and then created the toolkit needed in order to be successful in writing a persuasive letter. We enjoyed thinking of different things we could persuade someone to do or buy and really tried to put in lots of persuasive language. We really enjoyed writing the letters!



### I ASPIRE STAR

Once again, this term, we have all shown the I ASPIRE values. Here are the children who were I ASPIRE stars.

**Moulton:** Robert, Marius, Cheryl and Erin-Rose.

**Pitsford:** Tiffany, Arina, Sofia and Hanna.

### Spanish

¡Hola! Our Spanish lessons have continued into Term 6 and some of us have continued to use our Spanish knowledge everyday by saying hello and goodbye as well as good day! This term, the children have learnt the seasons of the year and how to say the date in Spanish.



### PE

This term in PE, we started to practise for the different events for Sports Day. Alongside developing our skills, we also discussed the importance of showing the IASPIRE values during Sports Day as well as good sportsmanship. As well as this, we have focused on the batting and fielding game of rounders. We've really enjoyed developing both batting and fielding skills while also learning the rules of rounders.



### Maths

This term in maths, we have focused on identifying 2D and 3D shapes based on their properties and how to measure, compare, add and subtract mass and capacity. Alongside this, we have continued to focus on learning our times tables and practise telling the time.

Remember to keep practising these over the summer holidays!



# Year 4 News

*It has been an extremely busy term in Year 4.*

## Do you know what a histopathologist is?

Year 4 had a live session with a histopathologist. They learnt all about what they do and how they help patients without even seeing them. They work in a special lab as a detective using samples from the patients body to figure out what was wrong with them.

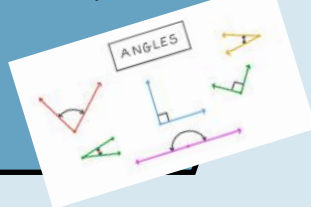
## Connected Curriculum — European regional study

This term we have been learning about The River Rhine and where the river flows. We discovered that the river is the 7th longest in Europe and that it has a significant impact on the people who live there. The mouth of the river meets the North Sea.



## Maths

We have had a busy term classifying triangles and quadrilaterals, identifying acute, obtuse and right angles and finding lines of symmetry inside and outside of shapes.



## English

In English, we have been writing a finding / suspense story and have been learning how to include tension and suspense by using lots of description, short punchy sentences, show not tell, powerful verbs and senses to appeal to the reader. We have also practiced using effective expression when reading our stories out loud.

## P.E.

This term Year 4 have been focusing on athletics. As well as this, they have been training for Sports Day! It paid off as Year 4 were excellent and tried their best on the day. Well done to everyone who took part and especially to all those who won.

## Chester House

Year 4 visited an active archaeological dig. We had a great time exploring the dig and learning how to handle artefacts from archaeologists. We examined artefacts from 2,000 years ago and used a microscope to help us learn more.



This term, I-ASPIRE certificates went to:

Brixworth—Abbas, Emilia, Carter and Gabby

Denton— Abel, Charlie and Fleur

In R.E. we have been learning about how and why some people show their commitments during the journey of life.





## Year 5 News

### Ready... Steady...Go!

Sports Day was a huge success this year. The children demonstrated great sportsmanship and supported one another in their defeats and triumphs.



### The Science of Clean

We were happy to welcome ladies from BICSc who educated us in the science of cleaning and the cross-contamination of germs.



### Celebrating our Identity

As part of Diversity week, we celebrated our uniqueness and created some beautiful pieces of art.



The Year 5 team would like to thank you for your support this year and wish you all a very happy summer.

**I-ASPIRE**—Well done for their hard work this term.

Althorp: Markas, Rachael, Joshua and Bright  
Isham: Nishchay, Mariangela, Preston and Sienna

Special congratulations to our Gold Token Award winners Toby and Daisy.

## Year 6 news

### Our Enterprise Project

We have transformed into entrepreneurs this term and have set up our own Businesses.

We chose our groups and then all decided what role we would like within our company. After this, we had to decide what products we would like to make and sell. We had to come up with a company name then work out how much profit we should make if we managed to sell all of our goodies. Some of us struggled a little with this part but like true business people, we didn't give up and got there in the end.



We loved selling our products and are waiting to hear how much profit we have made!



### BUGSY MALONE

Year 6 have worked exceptionally hard this term to put on our production of Bugsy Malone.

At the beginning of rehearsals, we realised we only had three weeks to practise and get everything just right so that we could share our extravaganza with our friends and relatives.



Well done to those children who have been awarded an I ASPIRE certificate this term for all of their hard work.

\* Nicoletta and Maja in Grendon.



\* Victor and Lexie in Lamport.

