



Parent/Carer Newsletter

Wednesday 17th January 2024



"Someday is not a day of the week."

Denise Brennan-Nelson

Key dates for Parent/Carers

Monday 22nd January

Clubs return to 4.30pm finish

Tuesday 23rd January

Year 5 Rhos meeting

3.45-4.15 pm

Wednesday 24th January

Football match

Waltham St Lawrence

3.0 - 4.30 pm

Thursday 1st February

Football match - Holy Trinity

3.30-4.30 pm

Wednesday 7th February

Dance Festival -

Class Lovelace

Wednesday 7th February

Football match - Oldfield

3.30 - 4.30

Friday 9th February

Class Aquino last swimming

	lesson
Mon 12th - Fri 16th February	Half Term
Wednesday 21st February	Football Match - Furze Platt 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Friday 23rd February	Class Attenborough swimming starts
Thursday 29th February	Football match - White Waltham 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Tuesday 5th March	Football match - Bisham 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 19th March	Parent Consultations
Thursday 21st March	Parent Consultations
Friday 22nd March	Class Attenborough last swimming lesson
Tuesday 26th March	Easter Celebration - Year 4
Friday 29th March - Friday 12 April	Easter Holiday

Priority Messages

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another full week at All Saints with plenty going on in all classes, whether it is rehearsal for the dance festival in year 3, looking at living things and habitats in year 4, visiting the Bentley Priory Museum in year 5 or understanding the context of the book: 'No Ballet Shoes in Syria' in year 6. Further down in the newsletter we have a lovely write up of year 5's trip to the Bentley Priory Museum and further updates from our Growing Club!

This would be a good time to have a look at the school calendar or the key dates in this newsletter for upcoming events this term. A few dates to look out for are the Rhos - Y - Gwaliau meeting for year 5, parents evening dates and World Book Day. No doubt more events will be added as we move through the term so please do look out for those!

As we continue along our journey of improvement we have been able to officially change our signage, outgoing documents and website with the new logo and vision. Hopefully you have noticed these changes and as I mentioned last week, we are in the process of getting the new logo on the school

uniform. When you get a chance, please do have a look at the website and direct any parents you may know from Boyne Hill or Burchetts Green to have a look!

<https://www.allsaintsmaidenhead.org.uk/page/?title=Our+Vision%2C+Values+%26amp%3B+Ethos&pid=18>

We are certainly excited by the new changes and have been able to do this through the initial environmental grant from the ODST Trust who have really poured a lot of time, effort and funding to help our school! In addition, we would like to acknowledge all the hard work our school business manager, Tricia Knight, has been doing behind the scenes setting all this up and even contributing to the design itself! Thank you!

Finally, I wanted to mention the importance of attendance at school and have noticed a drop in attendance for a few of the children and in some year classes. I will be making contact with families or following up from previous contact to help and support families with this. As we said before, the children are going to pick up little colds and coughs but they can still attend. We will make sure they regularly wash their hands and remain as hygienic as possible through the day. Any issues regarding attendance please do contact me via the office and I can help.

Otherwise, we hope you all have a lovely rest of the week,

Mr Mckrell

Deputy Head

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And I will always guide you and satisfy you with good things. I will keep you strong and well.

You will be like a garden that has plenty of water, like a spring of water that never goes dry.

(GNT Isaiah 58:11)





Year 5 Trip to Bentley Priory

Year 5 has a fabulous trip to Bentley Priory last week as part of our History topic on World War II. We learnt about the efforts of the RAF and the WAAF during the Battle of Britain and how this was instrumental in saving maintaining control over British airspace. The children had a go at manning the filter room. They had to predict the pathways and targets of planes approaching Britain just like men and women did during the war. They had a great time and have a greater appreciation of the efforts of the people during war time.





Growing Club Update - January

Even though Spring Term starts in winter, young gardeners are eagerly looking for possibilities to grow something. Sadly, it's mostly grass and weeds that grow in January! That is why the new members of our club need to learn to tell the weeds from the plants that we want to keep in our raised beds.

We can see some activity in a big pot with bulbs. First daffodils started growing leaves, so we hope for flowers before half term. To help them grow better, we will remove the weeds and add some straw as mulch.

There is a lot going on in our strawberry bed. Which ones are even strawberries? After careful examination, we have managed to identify specific strawberry leaves and pull out other plants, that started growing between them. Weeds take nutrients and space, so we don't want them around our berries.

We had a heated debate about the Calandulas (English Marigolds) that grow in the corner. Some pupils wanted to keep the bed for strawberries only, because the flowers take too much space. Others were enchanted by the sunshine-yellow flowers and voted for leaving them in the strawberry bed. Eventually, we have decided to prune the overgrown flowers a bit and leave the rest of them. The flowers add diversity to the mini ecosystem and they will help attracting pollinators, when strawberries are in bloom.





Other raised beds need our attention as well. Last month, we covered one of them with a thick layer of leaves, which have now decomposed. Some thick cardboard should protect the soil from erosion till spring, but we will have to keep an eye on them so not too many weeds grow.

In other beds, we are pulling the weeds that have grown in them and leave them as the soil cover. There are not enough of the weeds though, and we are looking for other organic matter to be used as mulch.

We have also noticed that it looks like there is less soil in the beds. It is because the bottom layer, which was sticks, dry leaves and weeds, have decomposed. Before we plant out new veggies in spring, we will have to top up the beds with compost.

The good news is the spring is coming! We have noticed flower buds on primroses and even some of our shrubs are in bloom. That's surprising in January!





As it is still getting dark early, we need to do some of our gardening indoors. Also, young and fragile plants prefer a warmer place to grow. Nights are freezing these days!

In December, we pruned mint growing in a raised bed and put the cuttings in water, on the windowsill. Now, they have roots and it's a good time to plant them in pots. The young gardeners are discussing how best to plant them and what to do to make the plants thrive.





Our last task is checking the jobs for January, that are recommended by RHS in their calendar. It's too soon to start any seeds, but we could order first early potatoes and begin chitting. That's what we will do!

Please follow us for an update and consider becoming our patron- we are desperate for compost!



As we all know, good attendance is vital for our children to ensure their learning journey is not disrupted and there is a nationwide push to raise attendance in schools. Congratulations to Class Attenborough for winning our attendance award this week, can you keep the crown for next week? We will see!

Going forward, our school's attendance coordinator will be Mr Mckrell who will be monitoring our school's attendance and any individual attendance cases that arise through the year. If you have any queries, please do contact Mr Mckrell via the office.

Weekly Attendance Table

Class	Attendance	Rank
Class Attenborough	97.67%	1
Class Hadid	97.33%	2
Class Owens	96.43%	3
Class Hawking	96.00%	4
Class Shelley	95.22%	5
Class Aquino	93.84%	6
Class Lindgren	92.41%	7
Class Lovelace	90.00%	8

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Class Hadid	96.97%	1
Class Shelley	95.96%	2
Class Lovelace	95.89%	3
Class Hawking	95.31%	4
Class Attenborough	95.30%	5
Class Lindgren	95.13%	6
Class Owens	94.41%	7
Class Aquino	94.41%	8



STAR OF THE WEEK	
3.1 - Shelly	Lila for her creativity in writing. Especially when writing her short burst write and using the features of our toolkit to create some brilliant suspense writing. Well done!
3.2 - Lovelace	Arlo has made great effort with his suspense story writing. He has used powerful vocabulary to describe a sudden noise and show how his character is scared. Well done!
4.1 - Owens	Jannat for her good understanding of fractions. She has learnt to convert mixed numbers to improper fractions with no trouble at all. Well done!
4.2 - Lindgren	A has been demonstrating excellent attitude to learning and setting high standards in his academic achievements. A also likes sharing his knowledge with others and contributes to class discussions.
5.1 - Aquino	A has given much greater focus to her work and learning. She has been making the correct choices and helping others to succeed. Keep it up!
5.2 - Attenborough	T has impressed us with his behaviour and attitude this week! He has been trying harder in all subjects and working on his independence. Well done!
6.1 - Hawking	D for his focus and accuracy in all subjects this term. He has applied himself to carefully reading questions and has demonstrated his skill in explaining his reasoning in maths. Well done!
6.2 - Hadid	A for her fantastic writing in our reading lessons this week! She wrote a wonderful, descriptive paragraph about the setting in our story, comparing and contrasting the before and after scenes. Well done!

Messages and Reminders

Pavements are for people

The RBWM Road Safety Officers have created this poster focusing on the impact on local communities and the implications of parking on the pavement with a reminder of the law.



PAVEMENTS ARE FOR PEOPLE



Would you like it if **YOUR part of the road was blocked?**

Obstructing the pavement can cause serious problems for pedestrians, people with disabilities, older members of the community and those with small children and pushchairs.

Rule 242 of the Highway Code states; "You **MUST NOT** leave your vehicle in a dangerous position or causing an unnecessary obstruction of the road."

You could be fined and your vehicle removed.



Lost Property



There is a lot of lost property items in school. We will be moving the containers to under the shelter outside Year 3, so please take a look in case something belongs to your child.

Afterschool Clubs - January 2024

There are still places available in the clubs below. Details on how to book a place are at the end of this newsletter.

Monday - uSport will be running a Gymnastic Club

Wednesday - Maidenhead Magpies football Club

Thursday - Sewing Club

Friday - uSport will be running Indoor Cricket

Current Clubs at All Saints Junior School

Spring Clubs 2024

ALL SAINTS JUNIOR SCHOOL CLUB INFORMATION – SPRING TERM 2024									
CLUB	DAY	TIME	YEAR	DATES	CLUB LEADER	COST	VENUE	DURATION	COLLECT FROM
Breakfast Club	Mon-Fri	7.45 – 8.30 am	Years 3-6	Mon-Fri	All Saints Junior School	£4.00 long session £3.50 short session	Hall	45 mins	N/A
Afterschool Club	Mon-Fri	3.30 – 6.00 pm	Years 3-6	Mon-Fri	Sports4kids	Contact supplier	Small Hall	2hrs 30 mins	Small green side gate
Gymnastics	Mon	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	8 th Jan – 18 th March	uSports	£65.00	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Netball	Tues	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 5 & 6	16 th Jan – 26 th March	Mrs Thompson	No charge	Playground	1 hour	Reception
Football	Wed	12.15 – 1.15 pm	Years 3-6	10 th Jan – 20 th March 2024	Maidenhead Magpies	No charge	Playground	30-minute sessions	N/A
Football	Wed	3.30 – 4.30	Years 3-6	10 th Jan – 20 th March 2024	Maidenhead Magpies	Contact supplier	Muga	1 hour	Reception
Music	Thurs	1.00 – 3.00 pm	Years 3-6		iRock	Contact supplier	Small Hall	2 hours	N/A
Sewing	Thurs	3.30 – 4.40 pm	Years 3-6	11 th Jan – 21 st March 2024	Dhaaga Creative Sewing	£85.00	Classroom	1 hour	Reception
Badminton Club	Thurs	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Year 4	25 th Jan – 7 th March 2024	Mrs Thompson	No Charge	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Growing Club	Thurs	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Year 4 by invitation	11 th Jan – 18 th July 2024	Ms Nowaczyk	No Charge	Outside Lindgren	1 hour	Reception
Indoor Cricket	Fri	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	12 th Jan – 22 nd March 2024	uSport	TBA	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Football	Fri	12.15-1.15 pm	Years 5 & 6	12 th Jan – 22 nd March 2024	Maidenhead Magpies	No charge	Playground	30-minute sessions	N/A

iRock

Dear Parent / Guardian,

September bookings are now open for rock and pop band lessons at your child's school! This letter will tell you how your child could experience being in their own iRock band every week.

Our band lessons are not only fun but they can massively help develop your child's life skills: boosting confidence, supporting wellbeing, developing social skills and even helping to improve their academic performance.

How it works:

There is no experience necessary to join and all of the instruments are provided by iRock.

Your child can choose from drums, keyboard, electric guitar or vocals (subject to availability). They'll play the same instrument every week and join their band mates in 30 minute weekly lessons.

Lessons are held during the school day and are led by one of our experienced band coaches who will guide your child through every session.

Lessons are available from Reception to Year 6 with children grouped by age. Children choose their band name and learn their favourite songs.

The band sessions build towards a concert at the end of each term, a great way to show you just how far they have come.

NEW Your child can achieve a brand new music qualification, regulated by RSL awards. More information about our new qualification coming soon!

NEW Access the iRock parent portal to see your child's band memories, song choice, manage your subscription and much more!

The highlight of your child's week for £38.95 per month (no payment in August). Our iRock subscription is designed to give parents full flexibility rather than having to commit to an entire year or term. The subscription guarantees a minimum lesson quota of 33 lessons in each academic year.

You can register your child's interest today by visiting www.irockschool.com, email info@irockschool.com or call **0330 174 2655**. Places are offered on a first come first serve basis.

Sewing Club



After school Sewing Club

Open for yr. 3, 4,5 & 6

Starting: Thursday, 11th January 2024

Hello children! Let's have some sewing fun! I am very excited to announce the sewing club for the Spring term. Children will be doing creative sewing using different techniques and various types of fabrics.

This term, children will be making:

Apron, wall hanging for Mother's Day and Bag charm for Easter.

Course Details:

Duration: 10 weeks (Starting 11th Jan to 21st March)

Time: 3.30 to 4.40pm

Fee: £85 (All materials included), you can also pay by following childcare vouchers

- ***Edenred***
- ***Sodexo***
- ***Care4***
- ***Fidelity***
- ***Computershare***

Places are limited and will be allotted on a first come first serve basis. If your child would like to join, **please text/WhatsApp me to book the place.**

Thank you.

Anita Kulkarni Mobile -07782253565 Email: anita@dhaaga-sewing.co.uk Follow us on [facebook.com/DhaagaUK](https://www.facebook.com/DhaagaUK)

uSport - Gymnastics & Indoor Cricket

Spring 2024

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All Saints Juniors School

B O O K N O W

<https://eastberkshire-termtime.classforkids.io/term/564>

Dear Parents and Guardians,

uSports are pleased to announce that we will be delivering the following after-school clubs at All Saints Juniors School in the Spring Term.

Gymnastics

Year 3-6 | Monday | 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Indoor Cricket

Year 3-6 | Friday | 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Prices | £6.50 per session Best Wishes,

Charlie Hiscox

uSports

How To Book

1. Click the 'Book Now' button or type in the link underneath
2. Scroll to find the right club and click 'Join Waiting List'
3. Add your child's details
4. Book your child's place
5. Pay for your session once we have confirmed and booked you on

Maidenhead Magpies - Football

**ALL SAINTS
FOOTBALL AFTER
SCHOOL CLUBS**




After School Clubs @ All Saints

Years 3-6	Every Wednesday	3.30– 4.30pm
Girls Years 3-6	Every Wednesday	3.30– 4.30pm

Starting W/C 8th January –Finishing W/C 18th March

Maidenhead in the Community, who are the community arm of Maidenhead United Football Club, are running weekly boys & girls Football sessions at All Saints These sessions will run after school from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. The club will be focused on developing ability, confidence and skill level in a fun environment. The sessions are run by coaches who have experience and are FA qualified.

CONTACT - MARK.NISBET@MAIDENHEADUNITEDFC.ORG
PLEASE BOOK THROUGH OUR WEBSITE
WWW.MAIDENHEADUNITEDFC.ORG

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Feedback Form:

To help continue our school improvement we would really appreciate any feedback regarding school life whether it is something for us to improve or anything positive that we are doing right now. If you could fill out the form below, your feedback will be important for us moving forward.

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From all the staff here at All Saints Junior School, we hope you have a great week ahead!
