



SAINT PETER AT GOWTS - 10TH FEBRUARY 2023

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear St Peter's Families

As our third term draws to an end we look back and reflect on the wonderful learning that has occurred within our school. Our Lower Key Stage Two children have thoroughly enjoyed their residential visits. Many of our Year 3 children showed great responsibility as they spent their first night away from home and family. Rand Farm was a wonderful opportunity to experience the great outdoors and life on a farm - the children showed much love and care for the animals. Our Year 4 children were courageous when attempting the many outdoor activities offered at PGL and embraced the opportunities that were presented to them! We are very proud of our children and they have continuously shown the values of St Peter's in everything they have completed.



Throughout the school the children have learnt and applied their DT skills to create products using the design, make and evaluate process. Technical knowledge has certainly developed and the children have shown great passion when creating their product.

One of the highlights of our term was a visit from the Lincoln Mayor to share birthday wishes with the children. She also took this opportunity to explain her role as both Mayor and Counsellor. This gave a great insight for the children - hopefully we have some aspiring politicians at St Peter's!

Next term sees us embrace a science STEM day (Friday 24th February) and Book Week (Monday 27th February). These planned curriculum events will allow the children to learn specific skills and also apply their knowledge which will consolidate their learning. During Book Week, we will be participating in World Book Day. From Monday 20th February, please bring any costume donations and we will run a preloved stall from Monday 27th February where you will be able to take any costumes for your child. We are extremely passionate about reading therefore we have decided to incorporate a recommended book section in our newsletter - please read on for the recommendation.

Although we have had a lot to celebrate at St Peter's, this week we have received the tragic news of the earthquake in Turkey. We know the earthquake has impacted on some of our families and community and we would like to take this opportunity to say that our thoughts and prayers are with you. If anyone needs any support regarding this tragedy please do come into school and we can signpost you to help and we will do our best to support.

Thank you for your commitment to our school and your continuous support,
Emily Mayer

RECEPTION

This week we have said 'goodbye for now' to our lovely Reception teacher Miss Budden. Miss Budden is now on maternity leave and we look forward to meeting her little one once she arrives! Good luck Miss Budden - we wish you well and we will miss you!

Mrs Brown will now cover Miss Budden's maternity leave and we would like to welcome her to the St Peter's team. Mrs Brown is an experienced teacher and school leader. Along with teaching our Reception children she will be the Subject Leader for maths and Design and Technology.

YEAR 4 PGL RESIDENTIAL



This week was Year 4's residential visit to PGL at Caythorpe. Mrs Thorne, Mr Magee, Mrs A and Mrs Murray were so impressed with the resilience, courage and team work that the children demonstrated whilst we were away.

It was such an exciting adventure being away from home and the children were able to experience so many new activities. Archery, micro scooters, the zipwire, climbing and the giant swing to name a few. When asked what their favourite activity had been - the giant swing was definitely a hit with all the children and staff! We were so proud of the determination the children showed when trying the activities.



As well as the activities to keep us busy, we also had so much yummy food to keep our energy levels going. We definitely didn't go hungry as there was so much to choose from.

All of our PGL adventures were shared on Twitter so if you haven't already seen what we got up to during our time away please follow [@mrsthornespag](#) and [@mrmageespag](#).



YEAR 3 RAND FARM RESIDENTIAL

Year 3 have had a brilliant time at Rand Farm! Although we were already very excited about visiting the farm, our excitement grew within the first hour as we saw a baby lamb being born and then before we knew it, there was a second! We had the delight of seeing so many animals, Charlie the donkey is infamous to our school as he usually wakes Mr Marshall up during the night with his very loud voice! Mr Marshall and all the children slept very well this year but we were treated to a few sound bites from Charlie during the day, as well as feeding a variety of cows, sheep and some very bouncy and escape



artist goats! We also got to bottle feed some lambs which were only a couple of days old as well as some very friendly calves! As well as feeding the animals, we had lots of jobs to do, including



mucking out their bedding and ensuring they had a fresh bed for the night. Although we worked very hard, we also had some lovely adventures on the playground where there were giggles galore! We especially enjoyed our tractor ride out to the local wood at Goltho where we enjoyed a scavenger hunt on our walk. As well as this, we learnt about the different types of cows and how we can use cream to make our very own butter, it was



delicious! We really enjoyed our time at Rand Farm and the delicious food we ate and the grown-ups who accompanied the children were all very impressed with how independent the children were able to be during this time!

YEAR 6 MAYA ARCHAEOLOGIST

Earlier this week, Year 6 were very lucky to virtually meet with Dr Diane, who is the only Maya archaeologist in the whole of the UK. It was very exciting to meet her after using so many of her videos and resources in class. Dr Diane has studied the Maya for over 20 years and has been a big part of many Maya discoveries, including the uncovering of some very famous artwork inside a temple in the depths of the rainforest.



Dr Diane was really impressed with the knowledge shared by the children and their questions. They really showed their expertise as they know their Maya from their Mayan! Did you know, you only say Mayan when referring to the languages spoken by the Maya? There are even books that get this wrong!

Year 6 are very much looking forward to continuing this topic after half term and sharing more learning with you as part of our wonder day celebrations.

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2023



This Tuesday was Safer Internet Day. Our JOSOs (Junior Online Safety Officers) started our celebrations with a very special assembly, where they shared key messages linked to this year's theme - Let's Talk About It!

Activities took place in all classes where important online safety messages were reinforced, as well as celebrating the wonderful World Wide Web!

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

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Whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films which you can use at home with your child.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do hesitate to speak to any member of staff.

MRS MAYER'S BOOK RECOMMENDATION



I enjoyed this book because it was full of mystery. I was gripped to find out who stole the jewels! Read on for a blurb...

First stop is *The Highland Falcon Thief*, a breathless train journey full of deceptions, puzzles and clues to solve.

Harrison Beck and his Uncle Nat are enjoying the final journey of the Highland Falcon, Britain's most famous steam train. But when a precious jewel goes missing, Harrison and his new friend Lenny find themselves at the centre of the investigation. Can they solve the mystery and catch the culprit before they reach the end of the line?

Hear whispers in the dining car, find notes in the library and unknown passengers among the luggage, as you help Harrison solve the mystery aboard one of the world's grandest trains.

PTA

Thank you for supporting the PTA by attending our disco last night - the children had a fabulous time! Also a huge thank you to the PTA for organising and planning the event. It was lovely to see the disco linked to the value of friendship! The profit from the disco was approximately £425! This is a fantastic amount which will go towards enhancing your children's learning and experiences at St Peter's.



PE, SWIMMING AND FOREST SCHOOL DAYS

Please note: the only changes from this current term are for Y2 and Y4.

The PE days for next half term are:

Reception - Thursdays - we ask for Reception children to bring their PE kit into school on Monday for the full week

Y1 - Wednesday and Thursday

Y2 - Tuesday and Thursday

Y3 - Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday

Y4 - Monday (Forest School) and Wednesday

Y5 - Tuesday and Friday

Y6 - Tuesday and Friday

Forest School days for next term are: Y4 - Mondays

Forest School starts on the first Monday back after half term (20th February) - please ensure your child comes to school on this day wearing appropriate clothing on this day.

Swimming days for next term are: Y3 - Tuesday

Children should wear their PE into school on this day.

DIARY DATES

Friday 10th February - Children finish for half term

Monday 20th February - Children return to school

Friday 24th February - Y2 SATs meeting after school in Year 2 classroom

Friday 24th February - Science Day

Week beginning Monday 27th February - Book Week (library visits, author meets and much more!)

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day - come dressed as your favourite book character

Thursday 2nd March - Photographer in school

Tuesday 21st March & Thursday 23rd March - Parents Evenings

TERM DATES

Please do take a note of these term dates and remember that every day in school is vital for all children.

Term 3 - Wednesday 4th January 2023 to Friday 10th February 2023

Term 4 - Monday 20th February 2023 to Friday 31st March 2023

Term 5 - Tuesday 18th April 2023 to Friday 26th May 2023

Term 6 - Monday 5th June 2023 to Friday 21st July 2023

