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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

31st January 2025

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to all of you who joined Mrs Tweddle and Miss Crabtree on Wednesday for reading in the hall. It was so great to see so many more children and parents sharing a book (and a breakfast snack). Any child attending this will earn a merit for their team.

P.E. - After half-term, we will be asking your children to come to school dressed in their P.E. kits. on their P.E. days. We hope this plan will save the children some time getting dressed in class so they have more time to do their physical activity. We also hope that less items of clothing will go missing. More details will follow next week.

Happy Weekend, Mrs Burgess



Dates for your Diary

Friday 7th February - NSPCC dress up day - numbers or a rockstar

Monday 10th February Anti-Bullying Week, Y4 walk to the Methodist Church and Bikeability

Tuesday 11th February - Internet Safety Day

Friday 14th February - Half Term

Year 1

PAINTING WITH PRIMARY COLOURS



Y1 had fantastic time using primary colours to paint. We discussed the parts of a paintbrush and how to hold it correctly.

Our learning is using inspiration from Piet Mondrian.

Great work Y1!

Year 2

Collage Skills

Year 2 have been practising their cutting and sticking skills this week by creating a dragon collage inspired by our literacy story, The Dragon Machine.

They did a great job!

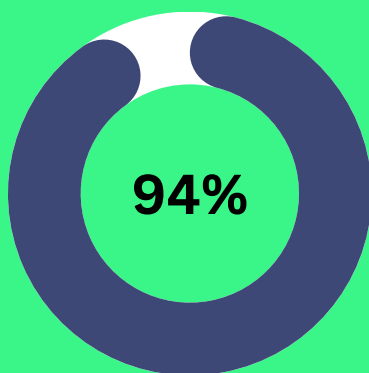
Over the next few weeks, we will work towards creating our own spring collage using a variety of materials.



ATTENDANCE



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

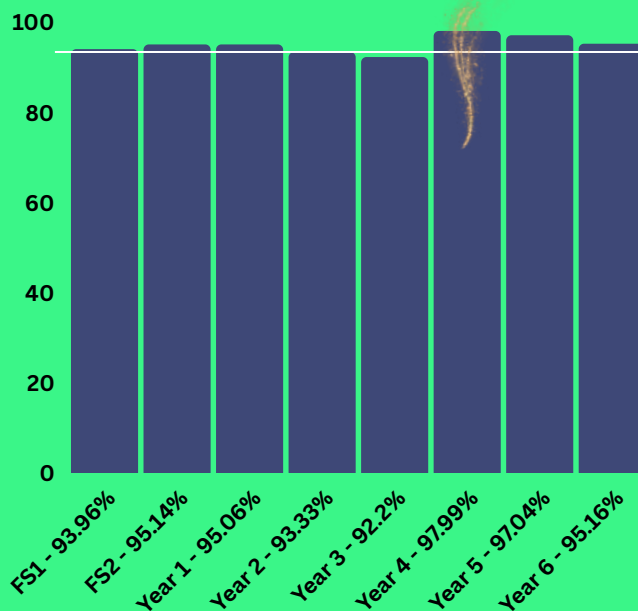


Our whole school attendance for the week (22nd - 29th Jan) is 94%.

All classes that achieved 96% and above will get an extra 10 minute break.

Year 4 are class winners with an amazing 97.99%! They have an extra break and can also choose an extra attendance treat... **WELL DONE!**

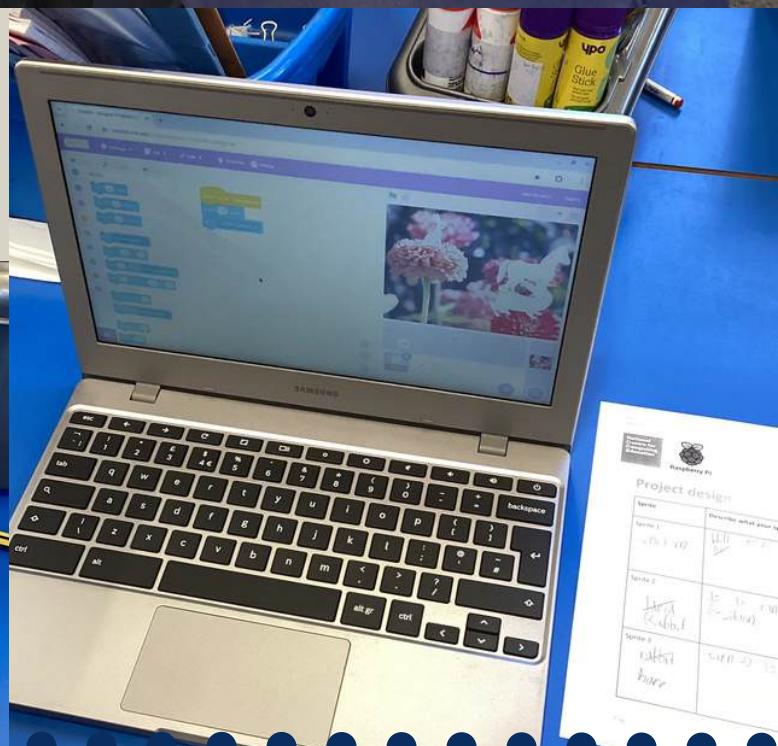
WELL DONE Year 4



Year 3

DIGITAL CREATIVITY

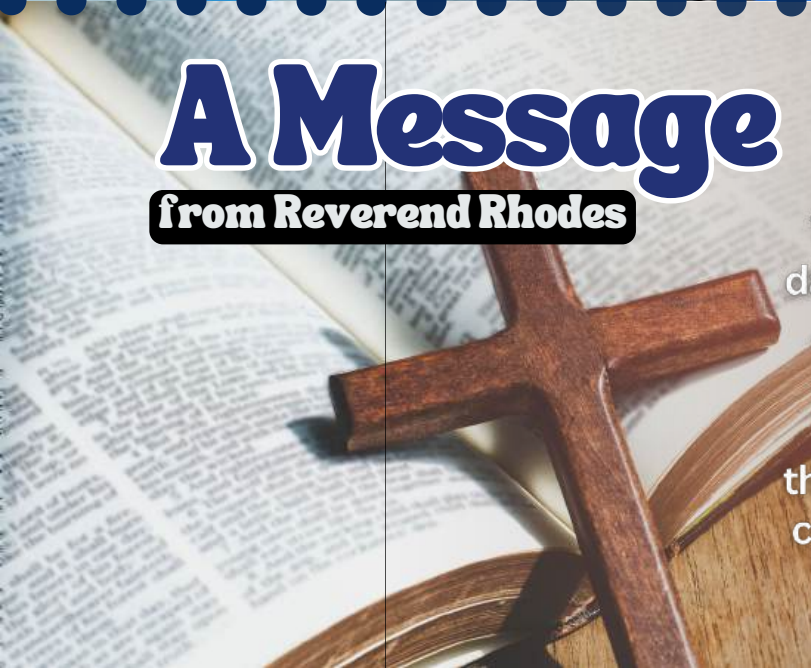
This week, Year 3 explored digital creativity by using the online editor Scratch. They skilfully programmed character movements, learning fundamental coding concepts through sequencing sprites and designing simple, engaging interactive animations.



A Message

from Reverend Rhodes

This Sunday, the Church remembers the day when Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the Temple. There they met the elderly Simeon and Anna who had been waiting to meet the Messiah. We give thanks for the different generations in our community and the ways in which we can support and encourage each other.





Nursery &
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INVESTIGATING ICE AND MORE!...

This week in FS children have been looking at ice, making ice mountains, feeling how cold it is and seeing how it melts.

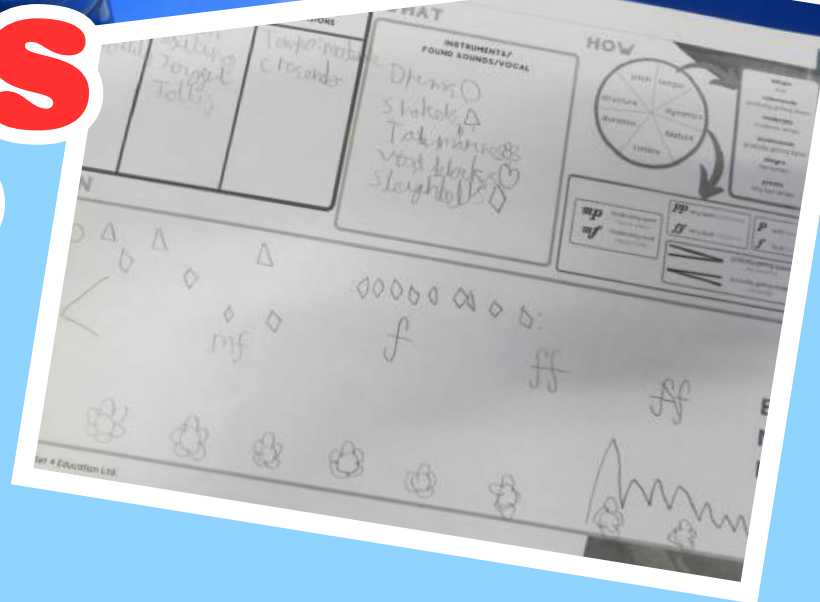
Children have also looked at measuring different objects, looking which are lighter and heavier and how they can balance.



Year 5

The Planets 'Rock'

Y5s composed and performed a short piece of music inspired by Gustav Holst's orchestral suite 'The Planets'.



OUT and ABOUT!

We will be taking part in the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch at Ruskin Park on Thursday 6th February from 8.00-8.30 a.m., and we will be joined by Mrs Solman, birding expert and RSPB volunteer. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Remember to wrap up warm and bring binoculars if possible.



The Walkley Wombles will be doing a litter pick at Ruskin Park at 11 a.m. on Sunday 2nd February.



Year 6

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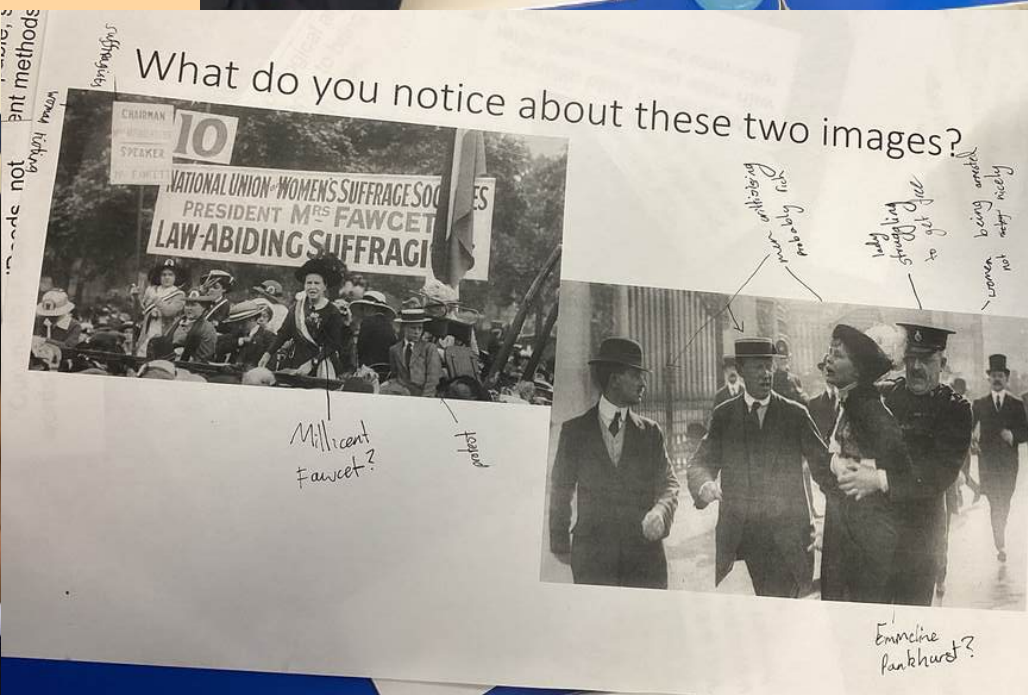
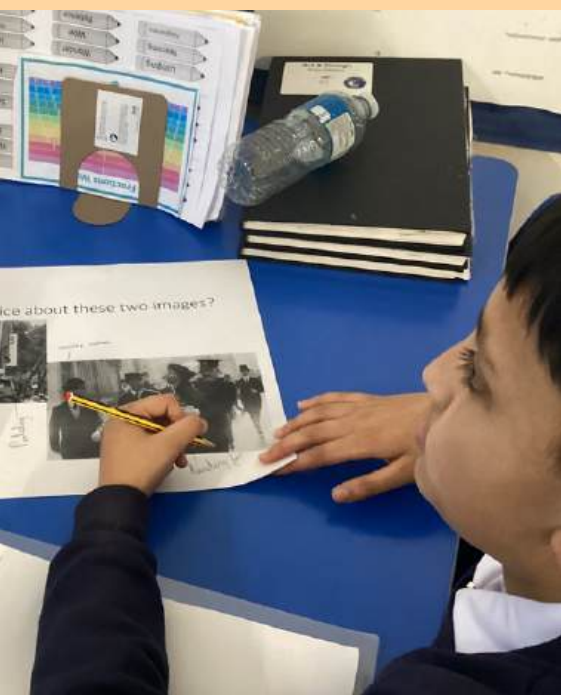
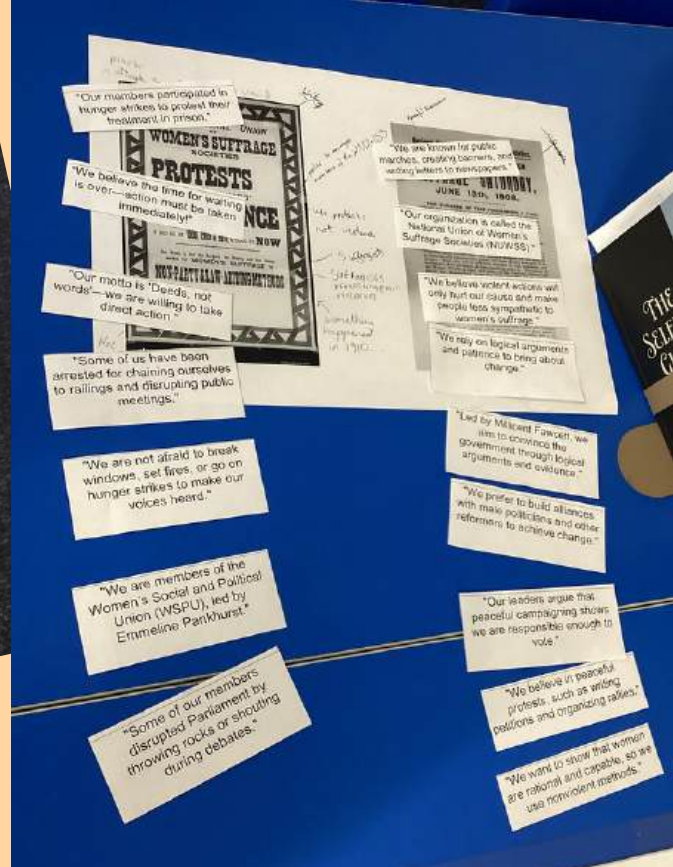


Y6 continued their studies of how gender roles changed throughout the years.

This week they answered the question: how were the suffragists and the suffragettes different?

We had a look at a range of images and talked about the different techniques employed by each group.

They looked at differing ideas and decided whether these were the thoughts and actions of the suffragettes or the suffragists. **VOTES FOR WOMEN! DEEDS, NOT WORDS!**



Charity Round-up!

Thanks you for your donations.

We have collected 44 plastic confectionery tubs which will be recycled to help raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Last year over 150,000 tubs were recycled raising £12,600 for the charity.

Please note that we are no longer collecting tubs.



Help buy a donkey for Alieu

Miss Ali is a volunteer in the school. She is currently fundraising for Gambia. If you can, please consider donating to this worthy cause. find out more by [clicking here](#)

Year 5

Experimenting with Friction

Year 5 enjoyed investigating friction this week. We timed ourselves moving jelly from one plate to another using chopsticks. We then predicted what would happen if we added oil to the jelly. Would it get harder or easier?

Would this create more friction or less? Would it take a longer or shorter time to move the jelly? We concluded that the oil made the jelly more slippery therefore there was less friction. In this case, friction was helpful to us.

Well done, Y5!





DON'T MISS OUT ON ST MARY'S AMAZING WRAP-AROUND CARE

As you know, our fabulous wrap around care offer led by Miss Waller is available to any child who comes to St. Mary's from the age of three. The specialist provision caters for all different age groups - come for a visit if you have any doubts. The provision is Ofsted Outstanding registered and has a five-star rating for food and hygiene (Dec 24) which means your children are in good hands.

All staff who work in after school club are first aid at work qualified and Miss Waller, Mr Webb and Mrs. Tweddle also have the full three-day first aid certificate. Miss Waller, Miss Fox and Miss Jacobs also have full pediatric first aid qualifications.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club starts at 7.30 a.m. - 8.40 a.m. and costs £3.00. Fantastic breakfasts are served and the children enjoy the full facilities of the provision.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

An After School Club part session is available from 3.15 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. and costs £5.00 and your child will be offered a drink and a snack of fruit.

The full session, which includes a light tea, and runs from 3.15 p.m. - 5.45 p.m. The cost of this is £7.50 a session, per child.

AVAILABILITY

We currently have spaces available in all sessions, particularly on Mondays and Fridays. Please book your children in for any of these clubs through Arbor or ring Miss McMahon. This ensures we have the correct staffing we need.

After Easter, to cover national insurance and minimum wage rate increases costs will rise.

Breakfast Club: £3.50 and After School Club - part session: £5.50 and After School Club full session will be: £8.00.