



Newsletter No: 19

25th January 2019

Weekly Merit Certificates

Butterflies: Alfie
Dragonflies: Oscar & Whole Class
Fireflies: Freya & Olivia
Ladybirds: Georgia & Zak



Weekly Attendance Award: Fireflies 99%

Dear Parents,

This week's focus has been lesson observations of each of our teachers and support staff. This involves spending an hour in each class to review the learning which is taking place; identifying what's working well and offering ideas to further enhance the lesson. It has been a pleasure to observe our staff and children. The children in our school are engaged, excited and working really hard! Teachers are providing a good range of challenges and practical lessons. The children are proud of their learning and can't wait to show us their work; have to say we are very proud too!

We have welcomed a number of trainee teachers to our school this week and we are delighted to be working with them. Over the years we have worked with lots of trainee teachers – some who have gone on to work with us permanently. Trainee teachers arrive at school with “up to date teaching methods and guidance” and teachers enjoy “stealing fresh ideas” to use in their own practice. Trainee teachers bring with them areas of expertise which enable them to contribute to curriculum development and sometimes lead clubs. By supporting a trainee teacher we are taking a crucial role in developing future teachers and supporting teacher recruitment in the area. An important aspect of teaching is that we are lifelong learners. Many teachers are clear that working with trainee teachers can improve their own teaching: Not only does it provide opportunities for individual teachers to further their own professional development, but class teachers comment frequently on how having a student has given them the “opportunity to work with specific children or a group” and “give more intensive support.”

Next Friday is ‘NSPCC Number Day 2019’. Each class will be marking this day by having lots of maths! Children will be accessing a range of maths learning including number, shape, fractions and measures in fun, practical ways.

An exciting week ahead!

Miss Hayes and Mrs Arrowsmith
Heads of School



KLA DT and Art Trip

On Friday 18th January the Ladybirds visited Kings Lynn Academy for a Design and Technology morning. Firstly, we were discussing what it means to make a good team and how teamwork can propel a task (or how a lack of it can hinder a task!) The children were then put into teams with children from Fairstead Community Primary School and set about making their race car. They were given card, art straws, pipe cleaners, wooden wheels (4 only), blue tack, rubber bands and colouring pens and had to create a car out of those things. The winning team contained 3 children from St Germans Ethan, Brandan and Ruby. They were judged on their team work, design of their car and also their ability to overcome problems they were faced with. Well done to all of the children who took part, it was a really lovely morning with some very inventive cars in the end!!

Board of Superhero Learners

This week the following children's work has been displayed on the Board of Superhero Learners:

**Joshua, Lorna,
Olivia L, Kelsey,
Luna, Mia
& Amelia**
Well done.



Next Week...

Green Week for Pupil Progress Meetings
Tues – Ladybirds Swimming



Welcome

Staff

We would like to welcome Miss Eleanor Hart, Miss Grace Hemeter, Miss Brittany Reeve & Mr Stephen Orlander to St Germans Academy. All are Bishop Grosseteste University Trainee Teachers. Miss Hart will be working alongside Miss Daboo in Butterflies, Miss Hemeter with Mrs Newcombe in Dragonflies, Miss Reeve with Mrs Shillings and Mr Dowers in Fireflies and Mr Orlander with Miss Burrell in Ladybirds.

School Uniform Orders

We have been made aware by parents of a couple of issues with school uniform orders. Please can you let the school office know if you are having issues ie missing items or long wait for a delivery. We are currently reviewing our school uniform providers to see whether there is an alternative provider we can use. We will keep you informed on any developments with this.



Afterschool Clubs

The Afterschool club brochure for next half term will be out on Friday 8th February.

School Website

Please remember to check out our school website, the address is; www.bridgesfederation.co.uk once on the website select St Germans Academy tab for lots of information on what is happening at school, along with the weekly class blogs and newsletter.



Parents as Partners

Diary Dates:

January 2019

Ladybirds swimming this half term on Tuesdays starting 8th January

Mon 28th ~ Shine Time Session for selected pupils

February

Fri 1st ~ Math NSPCC Number Day

Tues 5th ~ Safer Internet Day

Thurs 14th ~ Friends of the School Valentine Disco

Fri 15th ~ Break up for Half Term

Mon 25th ~ Back to School

Dragonflies swimming this half term on Wednesdays starting 27th February

Wed 27th ~ Friends of the School Meeting

March

Thurs 7th ~ Dragonflies Trip to Flag Fen

Mon 11th ~ Friends of the School Film Night

Fri 15th ~ Red Nose Day

Fri 22nd ~ Ladybirds Trip - Details to Follow

Tues 26th ~ HI5 Netball Event for Selected Pupils

April

Mon 1st ~ Tri-Golf Event for selected Year 1, 2, 3 & 4 pupils – Date Change

Thurs 4th ~ Friends of the School Easter Disco

Fri 5th ~ Break up for Easter Holidays

Tues 23rd ~ Back to School

May

Wed 1st ~ Friends of the School Meeting

Fri 3rd ~ Prêt-a-Portrait Class Photographs – including Caterpillars and Year 6 Leavers

Mon 20th ~ Friends of the School Film Night

Mon 20th ~ The Bridges Sportsday

Wed 22nd ~ Year 6 Leavers Trip to London

Fri 24th ~ Break up for Half Term

June

Cycling Sessions this half term for Selected Year 5 & 6 pupils

Mon 3rd ~ Back to School