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Our value this term is **JOY!**

We are all feeling very joyful and thankful this week as we come to the end of another busy term. It has been an action-packed few weeks with lots of rich learning opportunities, activities and events.

Yesterday, we joined Rev Pat for our Easter Service at Church. We came together to remember and reflect on why Easter is such an important part of the Christian calendar and that it is a time of forgiveness, celebration, thankfulness and new beginnings. Thank you to all the parents who came along to join us.

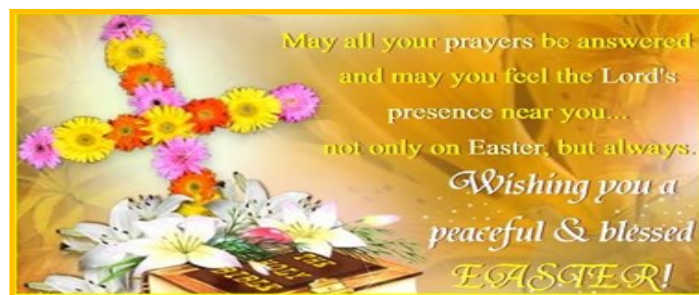
I would also like to say Ramadan Mubarak to all who are observing this for the next few weeks.

Everyone at St Paul's wishes you all a peaceful and happy holiday. We hope that you get some time to relax and spend time with loved ones.

We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 17th April.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bevan



Hellos and 'goodbyes'....



We would like to welcome Miss Emma Brown (Early Years Lead and Phase 1 Earth keyworker) and Miss Stacey Osmond (Phase 3 Earth keyworker), who will both be joining us after Easter. They have both been into school this week to introduce themselves to the children and meet with staff to ensure smooth handovers. They have both commented on how welcoming and lovely the children have been and look forward to meeting parents and carers next term. Also an official welcome to Mrs Collette Thomson, who has joined us as our Office Administrator.

We are saying a temporary 'goodbye' to Mrs Steph Matthews, who will be going on secondment to join HMI until January 2024. We wish her lots of luck in her new venture and hope that this new role is as exciting, eventful and rewarding as her 10 years at St Paul's has been so far; and look forward to seeing her in January.

Mrs Goode is leaving Phase 3 Earth, but will be starting her new role as MFL (Modern Foreign Languages) teacher after Easter and Miss Mak will be our specialist Music teacher. We are looking forward to developing our knowledge and skills in French and Music next term under their expert tuition.

Free activities and food in the holidays!

If you are able to claim free school meals, be sure to check out the HAF programme which is taking place in the Easter holidays. They are providing free activities and food to families over Easter – all you have to do is book yourself on. Follow the link below to find out more:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf/>

Our Wonderful Worship Crew



Our CREW is a group of children from Phase 2 and Phase 3. They work together to plan, organise, and deliver whole school worship. Sometimes, they act out a story, or read a passage from the Bible. The CREW research our value of the term and choose Bible stories that they feel express our chosen value. After our whole class worship they talk to the children about what the worship meant to them and allow them to have some reflection time, talking to a trusted friend. Next term, CREW are hoping to go into classes to talk to children about what they are learning in RE and to take part in Phase class worship, sharing and discussing views and opinions that they have gained from talking to children during reflection time, and leading debates.

What an amazing CREW!

Class Dojo Winners are:

Ph 3 Earth

Individual Winners are:

Ph 1 Earth— **Nuala**

Ph 1 Water— **Qiaoan**

Ph 2 Air— **Shalom**

Ph 2 Earth— **Maureen**

Ph 2 Water— **Riley C**

Ph 3 Earth— **Oliver**

Ph 3 Water— **Jayden**

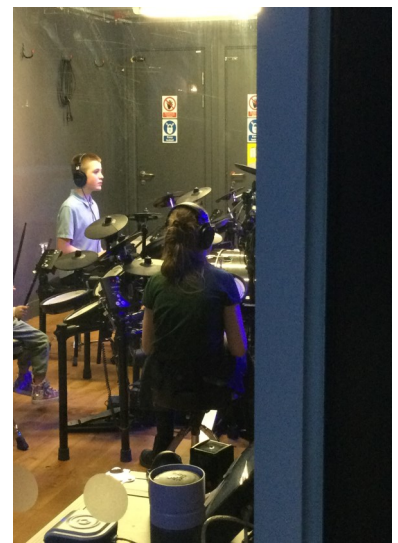
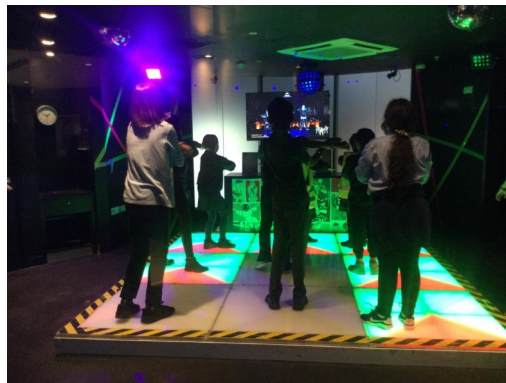


WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Kidzania!

What a brilliant day we had last Friday. We arrived into school early and headed to the Capital city of London. We felt it took a long time to arrive at Kidzania because we were so excited. When we were there we were given our very own debit card. This was preloaded with Kidzos - money we could spend at Kidzania! We had to decide which job we would like to do, some of us tried our hands at Police Officers, Secret Agents, Florists, Vets, Pilots, Mechanics and Shopkeepers. For each job we did, we earned money for our time. We could save our money or we could spend it to do different activities - some of us spent our money very quickly in the role play Pancake shop or in the vets, paying for our animals to be treated. At the end of the day, we were able to go into a real shop and spend our money on a little souvenir.

On our way back we had a tour of London, we saw Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, The Tower of London, the London Bridge and the London Eye. It was a really exciting day and gave us a taster of lots of different possible careers as part of our 'Learn, Earn and See A Return' big idea. We also had the chance to see where the King's Coronation will be held in May. So a really good day to be out and about!



Dinky Street

Phase One ventured all the way to Cheltenham Dinky Street to have a fun filled morning of role playing. We remembered all of our 'People who help us in the community' learning and were able to recreate jobs and help others. We explored working in a hair salon, selling fruit and vegetables in the supermarket as well as working outdoors, in a post office, a vets, doctors surgery, a police station and building site. We had a lovely relaxing drive back to school where we finished all of our yummy food. Wow! What a super end to the term.

'My favourite part was putting fuel in the cars' Riley D

'I liked being a hairdressers and playing with hair.' Shy'annah





Reminders:

- **Absence**

Please can parents and carers make sure that they contact the school office (01452 521872) on **each day** that your child is absent from school. The admin staff are currently spending several hours every week chasing up absent pupils. Thank you for your cooperation.

- **Change to the school timings**

Please remember that the school times are changing from the beginning of next term:

⇒ School will start at **8.40am** every day and end at **3.30pm** on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and **1.50pm** on Wednesdays.

Thank you to the parents who sent in comments regarding the proposed amendments to the school times. The vast majority of those who responded were happy with the changes. We appreciate that the early finish on Wednesdays can be tricky for a handful of parents but hopefully the rationale behind the Wednesday finish time explains why we are keeping this arrangement. We are looking into ways to help with this and have already facilitated one after school club on this day, to try to help.

We appreciate your continued support and cooperation.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 31st March— break up for the Easter holidays

Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th April—holiday club

Monday 17th April—return to school

Monday 1st & Monday 8th May—Bank Holidays (school is closed)

STARS OF THE WEEK! (31.3.23)

Phase 1 Earth Willow for joyful singing at the Easter service

Phase 1 Water Lydia for always singing with such joy

Phase 2 Air Calvin for always being considerate

Phase 2 Earth Vinusha—whose writing is a joy to read!

Phase 2 Water Jay for singing so joyfully at the Easter service

Phase 3 Earth Oliver for being joyful when he comes into school every day

Phase 3 Water Riley H for being so helpful on the Kidzania trip and bringing joy to Mrs Bevan

Jayden for working really hard on his writing

Well done everyone!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Almost ten years ago to the week, I sat upstairs in the Beehive writing my first newsletter to the parents and carers of St Paul's. It was my first interview task for the role of Headteacher! Today, I write my last newsletter for a while before leaving St Paul's to go on secondment to Ofsted until January. While I have had many opportunities over the last ten years to go out of school and 'dip in' to other things, such as school-to-school support and executive leadership, I have never stepped out of St Paul's completely until now.

Leading St Paul's has not always been easy, however, it has ALWAYS been a privilege. It has been made so by the people here; the children who love this place like their second home, our families who show a depth of gratitude for the care that is given, our governors who have encouraged and challenged us to achieve the best for our children and not least, the wonderful staff who consider this to be so much more than a job. The tireless commitment, love and humility of the team here over the last decade makes this place what it is, and for that, I am truly grateful.

Mrs Bevan has been my constant and anchor since she became Deputy Head in 2017. I have no hesitation in handing over the reins to her, and am absolutely sure that she will do an excellent job as Acting Headteacher until my return.

Wishing you a peaceful and happy Easter.

Mrs Matthews