



Love, learn and grow together

We Will Remember Them

Year 6 used green screen video to deliver an amazing assembly to the whole school on Wednesday.



Many thanks to Mr Quinn for his excellent choice of poetry and video, and to children and staff for their respect towards those who died in past conflicts.

The Magic of Theatre

We turned our hall into a performance space today and what a show we had. It was great fun.



A clever high-tech mix of live acting and on screen technology.



12 Days of Christmas Raffle

Instead of our Christmas fair this year, we will holding a grand Christmas raffle. There will be draws on each of twelve school days in December for hampers filled to the brim with goodies themed around the day taken from the famous song. In addition, The hamper on the twelfth day will also contain a £100 prize!

Raffle tickets are £1 each and can be bought using the School Money app.



A parent who pays £5, for example, will have 5 tickets placed in the Christmas drum. All tickets will be put into the draw on our first day and remain there until the twelfth day with one winning ticket being drawn on each of the twelve days.

Money raised goes towards special events and equipment for children in school.

A non-uniform day will be held on Friday 20th November to collect donations for some Christmas goodies for the hampers - items such as: Boxed Christmas Cake; A Christmas Pudding; Bottle of Wine or Spirit; Bottle of Sherry or Port; Boxes or tins of chocolates; Selection Box or tin of sweets; Chocolate Santa or bag of chocolate coins; Bottle of Prosecco; Christmas themed cuddly toy; A Partridge in a Pear Tree!

Please leave all donations at the school gate, in the crates provided, on arrival at school.

Tickets go on sale on Monday 23rd November on school money. Good Luck!

Diwali begins this weekend

Diwali is the five-day festival of lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. It is a festival of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. People celebrate with fireworks and dancing, have feasts and meet up with family and friends. This year will be very different as many countries are in lockdown but families across the world will still celebrate by asking Lakshmi for blessings on their family in the coming year. They will light diva lamps, make and eat special foods and give and receive presents. Happy Diwali to all who are celebrating in St Helens and around the world.



The Art of Graffiti

Year 5 have been studying the work of Graffiti artists and tried their hand at some free style work themselves.



The playground looked so colourful on Thursday and it was lovely to see the reaction from the rest of the children at home time.

Cheery Lockdown Theme Nights

Every Wednesday until Christmas our after-school club will be holding theme nights.

Wed 11th Nov	Movie Night - Frozen
Wed 18th Nov	Movie Night - Frozen 2
Wed 25th Nov	Movie Night - Superheroes
Wed 2nd Dec	Christmas Bingo
Wed 9th Dec	Christmas Cookery

Those who want to book childcare should do so using School Money.

3.30pm - 5.00pm	£5.00
3.30pm - 6.00pm	£7.00

Places are limited, first-come-first-served, due to social distancing.

Christmas Plays

We will be making short films instead of preparing live performances this year. Infants will film the nativity story through music and movement and the juniors will celebrate all that is good about the Christmas season. Rehearsals will begin next week!

	Star of the week	Good Manners	Gospel Values
Reception	David	George	
Year 1	Claudia	Harry	
Year 2	Charlotte	Erin	
Year 3	Francesca	Jack	
Year 4	Nathan	Laila	
Year 5	Pheobe	Owain	Owain
Year 6	Jacob	Noah	

Dates for your Diary

Monday 16th November

- Phonic Testing begins for all Y2 and any Y3 children who missed their top-up test

Wednesday 18th November

- Movie Night at after-school club 3.30pm

Friday 20th November 2020

- Own clothes day for Christmas hampers

Friday 11th December 2020

- Flu immunisations

Wednesday 16th December 2020

- Breakfast with Father Christmas 8am
- Christmas Dinner Day followed by a movie!

Thursday 17th December 2020

- Christmas Party Day

Friday 18th December 2020

- Mass live streamed to all classrooms

Friday 18th December 2020

- Autumn Term ends 1.30pm

Pupil Surveys

In September children filled in questionnaires. Many reported how worried they were about returning to school. Many felt that they had fallen behind in their learning and were worried about the future. We repeated the survey this week and there has been a real improvement in all areas. Most children now say that they feel happier, safer and more positive. Nearly all feel they have caught up in most areas and all had plenty of ideas about how school could make Christmas extra special this year!

Governors Visits

We welcomed two of our governors into school this week. Mr Peter Chapman visited to discuss the school development plan and see the children hard at work. He commented on the excellent behaviour in all classes and the beautiful displays in the classrooms and corridors. Mr Danny McGarvey also visited to check that the school is Covid Secure. He looked at our stocks of PPE, the cleaning equipment in use, signage and bubble procedures.

House points	previous total for this half-term	points this week	new half-term total
Matthew	180	190	370
Mark	185	181	366
Luke	173	188	361
John	179	173	352