

St. John the Evangelist Church School

NEWSLETTER



Term 5.3 Thursday 26th April 2018



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'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a quieter week, but there has certainly been a great deal of hard work going on in the classrooms. I had the privilege of visiting Owls Base yesterday and was extremely impressed by the wonderful writing that I saw. The children have been enjoying learning about different animals and recently welcomed a hedgehog into the classroom. They have written some very impressive accounts of this and produced very detailed pastel pictures. I had to look twice at some of them as they are particularly advanced for Reception aged children! I know Mrs Callow and her team are very pleased with the results of the children's hard work.

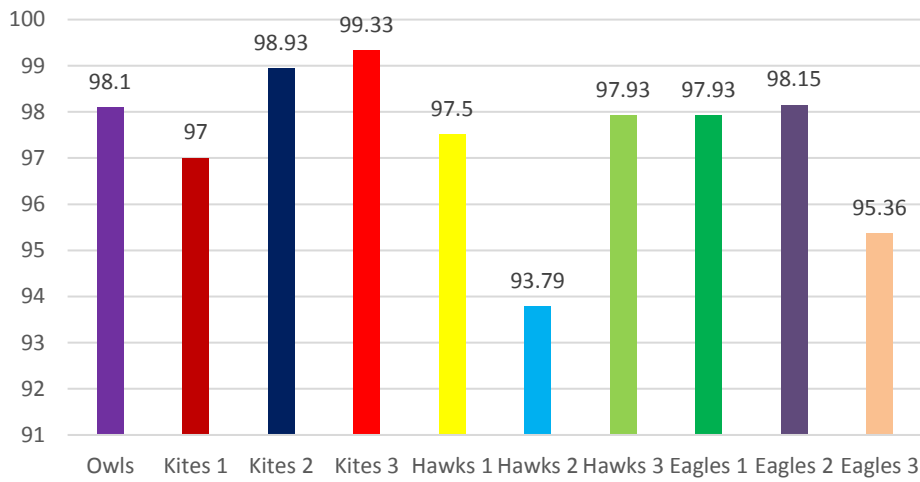
Elsewhere, the children have been immersed in their learning and there has been a real sense of focus as I have visited classrooms around the school. Kites Base are certainly enjoying their current Dinosaur project and their clay models are very accurate. In Hawks Base, I watched the children engrossed in getting to grips with ordering fractions with different denominators, whilst in Eagles Base I enjoyed watching the children learn about Earnest Shackleton and write reports about his adventures.

As we move through this term we become more aware of assessments that will take place before the end of term. It was good to see many of our Year 2 parents attend the SATs drop in sessions yesterday, which gave the teachers a chance to explain more about the work that the children will be doing for these tests. Year 6 continue to work hard in preparation for their SATs tests, which take place during the week beginning Monday 14th May 2018. Mrs Tossell will be sharing more information with Year 6 parents shortly.

Thank you to everyone who has come in to school this week to support our book fair. The book fair is always popular and helps to promote the enjoyment of reading, along with supporting the school in providing new books for our classes and the library.

In last week's newsletter I told you about the Year 5's fantastic performance at the North Somerset Dance Festival. Brooke and Conor have written a detailed account of the event, which has been included in this week's newsletter. My thanks to them for their hard work in producing this.

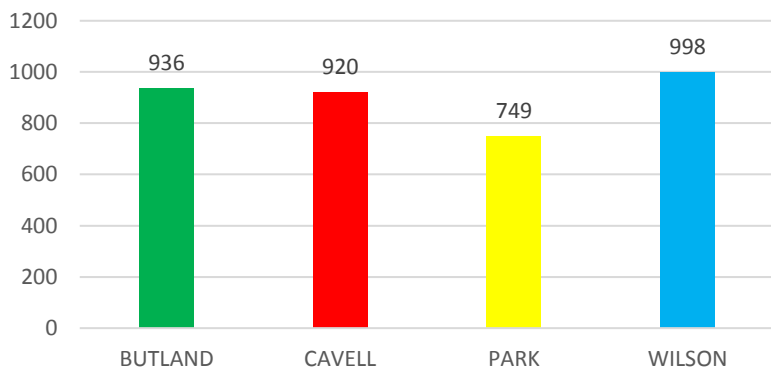
Attendance w/b 16.04.18



Attendance for last week was an impressive **97.48%**. Well done everyone – let's keep this up.

Well done to **Kites 3** for their excellent attendance of **99.33%**

Housepoints - w/b 16.04.18



Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful week ahead,

Ian Doswell

Head teacher

Thursday 19th April

ST JOHN'S NEWS



St John the Evangelist News Report

Dazzling Dancing Impresses

700 people!

The North Somerset Dance Festival took place on the 17th April 2018, at the Weston Playhouse. Twenty-four St John's students took part in this annual event along with nine other schools where they had the

I was extremely nervous because it was the first time I had been on stage in front of so many people. It was a relief not to mess up saying 'Choreographer', which I had to practise saying over and over again.'

Riley from Eagles 1

opportunity to perform on stage in front of about 700 friends and family.

All the children had been practicing for about three months. The children worked extremely hard to produce two phenomenal dances. Each dance had its own storyline, one dance was about life on a ship and travelling the seas. The other was a song from Elvis Presley called 'Burning Love' and the performance was about On the day of the show, the children missed some school to get a chance to watch other dances, as well as rehearsing their songs on stage. After the first dance, the children got to see the dressing rooms at the top

We spoke to Ben, who started our first dance, and here's how he felt: 'It was very nerve racking when you were in the wings at the side of the stage but being up there on stage was amazing. I felt so proud of myself and I wanted it to go so well and I was under pressure starting the dance. It was absolutely amazing and I would love to do it again.' He gave us some advice: 'Don't imagine it will go wrong, if you think of 700 people watching you, it will make you much more nervous so try your best to think

of the building and were sharing with St Nicholas and St Anne's. It was a small space but everyone managed to squash in and get changed (very quickly!)



The children working hard in school during dress rehearsals.

It took two months to perfect the dances and the children were surprised when Sue, one of the organisers, said that some of the children performing were only four years old.

Riley and Brooke opened St John's performances and were brave enough to read a speech in front of a fully booked playhouse.

Year 5's want to give huge thanks to Mrs Williams and their choreographer Naomi for making these amazing dances come to life. Everybody who did it enjoyed doing the performance. Mrs Williams and Naomi made it all happen. Also, Mrs Williams helped the MAWS children put on a fabulous display, so all of the year 5's are thankful for her dedication to these spectacular performances.

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