

Note from Mrs King and Mrs O'Connor - As we move on through the Spring term of this academic year, we are delighted to share some updates from our school community. Each half term, there is a particular focus on one of our school values. Achieve and Inspire are the latest values the children have thought about during check in sessions in class and also through lower and upper school assemblies. Thinking about achievement, the children reflected upon how each person's achievements are very different; what one person finds easy, another may find difficult and that it is important to not compare yourself to others.

<u>Safer Internet Day</u> - The children have been learning lots about staying safe online during every computing lesson but in addition to this the whole school participated in Safer Internet Day on 6th February. 6A children focussed their assembly on Safer Internet Day and shared important messages about how to stay safe online. All year groups also completed activities during the week based on online safety, how the internet influences us, understanding what Artificial Intelligence is and how it may change people's lives now and in the future. The children also had the opportunity to take part in a whole school competition to design an online safety poster. The winner of this competition will have their design as the screen saver on every computer in the school.

Pet Therapy for years 3 and 4 - We were delighted to welcome Mrs Lamb, mum to Daisy and Mollie, in school with her colleague Debbie from Browells Wood Pet Therapy company. The children in years 3 and 4 absolutely loved meeting and petting the animals. They had the opportunity to meet Kevin the Shetland pony, rabbits, guinea pigs, a goat, two chickens (one of whom laid an egg) and Bora the dog!

Year 3 - Wisley Gardens - linked to Enchanted Wood topic - Year 3 had a wonderful trip on Wednesday linked to their Enchanted Wood topic. Thank you to all the parents that helped on this day, it was a great success. During the day, the children learned all about the different climatic zones, they visited the Alpine house and went on a nature walk. Whilst on the visit, the children and adults enjoyed spotting birds that they recognised.

<u>Staying connected</u> We do encourage you to stay connected with our school community be reading communications sent out by the school, attending events, volunteering and actively participating in your child's education journey. By schools and families working together, we can continue to nurture the children in our care.

<u>FOSAH discos on Friday 1st March -</u> Thank you for your continued support as we look forward to the remaining weeks of the spring term. We hope to see lots of children at our school disco tomorrow evening. Please, where possible, park off site and walk into school when dropping your child off to the disco as we know that the school grounds will be busier than usual.

Our next FOSAH Teams meeting will be on **Tuesday 23rd April** where we will be discussing further events for the summer term, again, we'd love to see as many of you as possible.

# SCHOOL ATTENDANCE Start of the school year is 94.6% across the whole school. How is your child's class doing? 3M 95.9% 4V 94.0% 5G 96.6% 6A 94.5% 3S 92.8% 4M 94.7% 5A 92.7% 6PH 94.0% 3FP 96.4% 4PM 94.3% 5D 95.0% WHOLE SCHOOL 94.6%

#### NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Full list of events on the last page of this newsletter

Governors' Parent Survey - please click

HERE if you are able to help by

completing this survey.

SAH Music Questionnaire - please click

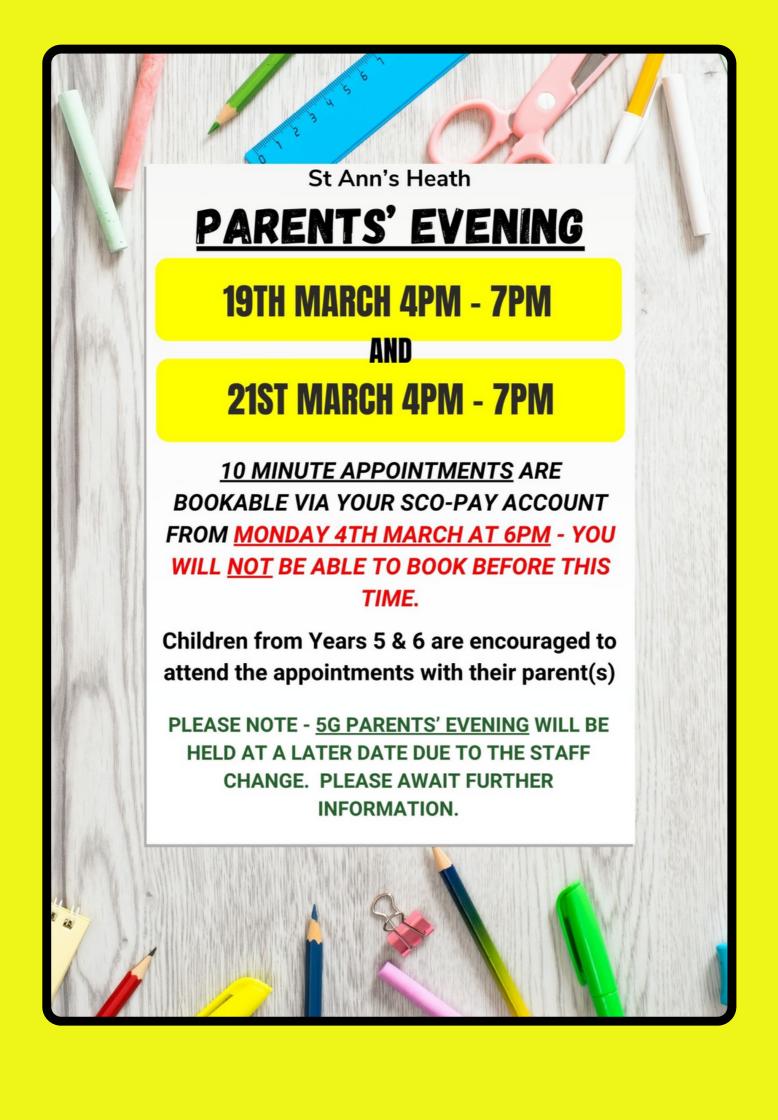
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WORLD BOOK DAY EVENT on Friday, 8th March - please refer to the letter sent on 26/02 for all the information needed

- <u>BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT COFFEE MORNING</u> Thursday, 7th March. Please refer to the email sent home on 16/01 regarding the re-scheduled coffee morning from December. Please click <u>HERE</u> if you would like to attend
- Year 5 Hooke Court Trip NEXT WEEK Hooke Court Trip leaves on Monday mornning (04/3) please ensure you have read all the information needed and paid any outstanding money via Sco-Pay. We hope all the children & staff have a great time.
- Year 6 Condover Hall Trip June 2024 Please can we remind you that
  another payment for this trip is due at the end of February. Thank you to
  those parents who have been maintaining regular payments or have paid in
  full.
- WHOLE SCHOOL PATH TO PARIS Don't forget to log your child's daily exercise on the Path to Paris website. Please refer to a previous Bulletin (No.15) which gave you all the instructions to log on to the website. All previous bulletins can be found on our website.





# World Book Day 'Book in a jar' competition

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we are hosting a 'Book in a jar' competition.

The idea is simple:



- Pick your favourite book
- · Represent the book in jar



Make sure the following information is on your jar:

- Your full name
  - Year group
- Title of the book you have represented

Prizes will be given to the most creative and imaginative jars in each year group.







Your paragraph text







Refer to letter emailed home on 26/02 for all our World Book Day events taking place.

Community News



School Uniform Direct

FRIDAY 1st TILL SUNDAY 3nd

SAVINGS IN-STORE AND ONLINE!





OFFER ENDS



NO CODE NEEDED, DISCOUNT AUTOMATICALLY APPLIED AT CHECKOUT. EXCLUDES RAINBOW, BROWNIE,
GUIDE, SCOUT WEAR AND SALE/CLEARANCE GARMENTS. SALE ENDS MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY.

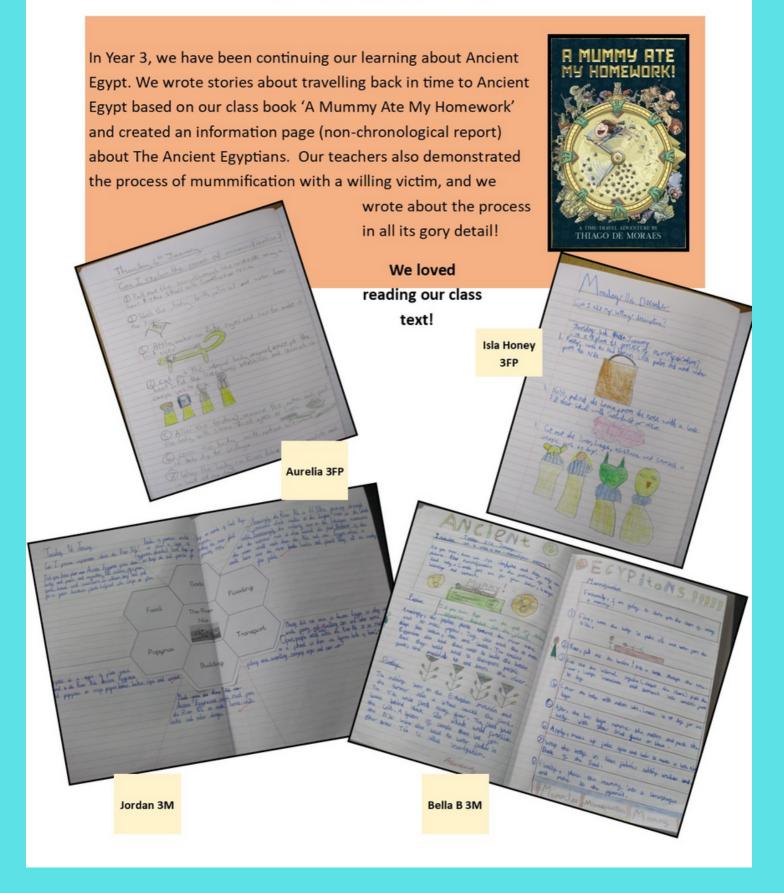






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## Ancient Egypt Year 3

















We have had a very exciting time in year 4 this last term. Our theme has been Narnia, and we have had a lot of fun making new book covers for our books. We also went on a super exciting trip to visit the Narnia garden down the road from school.

Our Cultural Capital theme was Chinese New Year, and we celebrated this by learning how to write Happy New Year in Chinese lettering. What fun that was! Thank you to Mrs Yang-O'Connor who came in to teach us this.

In Maths we have started learning about length, and so we measured ourselves and made mini-me skeletons of us. We had so much fun doing this, and look forward to taking our skeletons home soon.

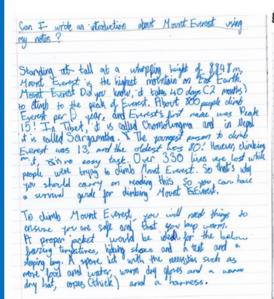


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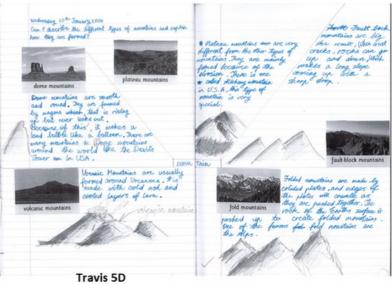


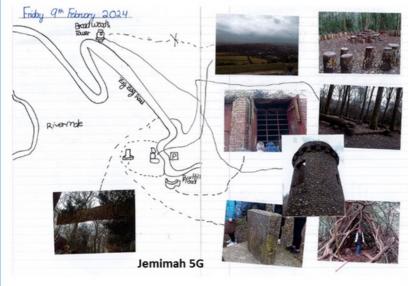
This term, we have been keen geographers studying Mount Everest and how it compares to other mighty mountains. Throughout the topic, we have learnt about different types of mountains and how they are formed. We also looked at Mount Everest's climate and what danger this brings as well as tourism of mountains and its impacts. We have been reading extracts of the book 'Everest: The Remarkable Story of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay' and learning about the first two people to reach its summit. All of these fascinating facts were used to create a Mount Everest survival

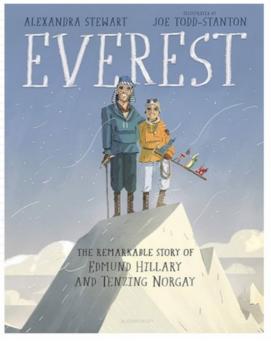
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Keira 5A







### Year 5 - Box Hill

As part of our Geography this unit, we went on a field trip to Box Hill where we went on two walks, created our own map and key and took photos of landmarks we saw on the way. We also spoke to members of the public and staff at the National Trust about the use of Box Hill and its visitors. We also did some drawing of a landmark and evaluated and improved these when we came back to school.









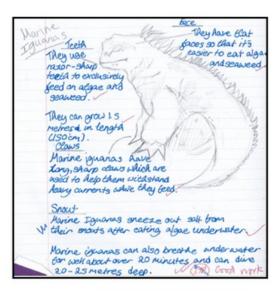


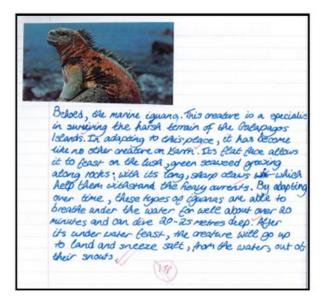






In Year 6, we have been continuing our Planet Earth learning with a focus on the Galapagos. This unit combines our science 'evolution' learning with writing. As part of the scientific element, we learnt about adaptation. We did this through studying the marine iguana which is an animal native to the Galapagos Islands. Once we had learnt about the adaptations, we turned these into a descriptive 'David Attenborough' style voice over.





#### Drawn and written by Ayah

As part of this unit of learning, we also combined some geography learning and thought about the different islands within the Galapagos and their contrasting features, the different types of settlement and land use. We finished this unit by writing a 'David Attenborough' style descriptive voiceover about life in the Galapagos.

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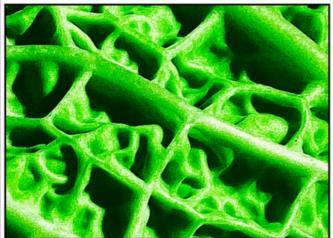


Written by Nishtha

### Year 6

In Art, we have been looking at photo realism. As part of this, we learnt about macro photography where we had to apply an understanding of abstract art through photography.

Take a look at some of the photos —can you guess what they are?





Taken by Drew

Taken by Lily Ella

We also learnt about digital art and how to edit our photos.



Photo taken and edited by Ezra and Jack

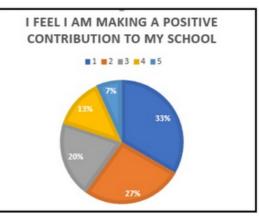


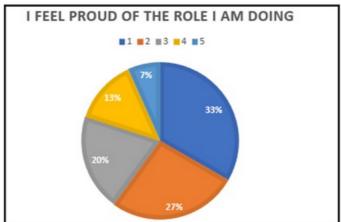
Photo taken and edited by Romisa and Khushi

### Year 6 Leadership

This half term, our Y6 leaders answered a questionnaire to help us to understand how well our new leadership programme is going. The children were asked a number of questions where they had to answer on a scale of 1 (being the lowest/least) to 5 (being the highest/most). Please take a look at the results.







The children were also asked what they enjoyed most about their role. Here are a few of the responses:

- Helping people
- Teaching other children
- Leading pupil voice
- Working with different year groups
- Leading the poetry competition
- Helping with the mental health assembly
- Looking at different inter-house competitions
- Showing parents around the school
- Collecting team points

The children were also asked what else they would like to do in their roles. Here are a few responses:

- Read to other children
- More meetings
- More leadership time
- More inter-house competitions
- Work with other leadership roles

| Dates for you                           | diaries Event   |
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| Friday, 1st March                       | FOSAH Disco - see flyer inside this bulletin  |
| Monday, 4th March                       | <b>Parents' Evening Bookings</b> can be made today <u>from</u><br><u>6pm</u> via your Sco-Pay account |
| Monday, 4th - Wednesday, 6th March      | Y5 Residential Trip to Hooke Court  |
| Thursday, 7th March                     | <b>Behaviour Support Coffee Morning at 9am</b><br>(see email sent 16/01)                              |
| Friday, 8th March                       | World Book Day Events in School<br>(see email sent 26/02)   |
| Tuesday, 12th March                     | <b>Year 4 Trip to Gurdwara Temple</b> please refer to email sent 28/02                                |
| Tuesday, 19th March                     | ** New Date** for Class Photos  |
| Tuesday, 19th March                     | <b>Parents' Evening - 4pm - 7pm</b><br>Bookings can be made via Sco-Pay from 04/03                    |
| Thursday, 21st March                    | <b>Parents' Evening - 4pm - 7pm</b><br>Bookings can be made via Sco-Pay from 04/03                    |
| Friday, 22nd March                      | Break The Rules Day - (more information to follow)  |
| Week Beginning 25th March               | Year 4 - Bikeability Level 1  |
| Wednesday, 27th March                   | Rocksteady Concert for Parents - (more info to follow)  |
| Thursday, 28th March                    | 1.30pm Break up for Easter!   |
| Friday, 29th March - Friday, 12th April | EASTER HOLIDAYS   |
| Monday, 15th April                      | INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED   |

Tuesday, 16th April Children return today - First day of Summer Term

All future dates & events can be found on our website - www.stannsheath.org