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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been a very busy week with some significant and very positive events!

Tuesday was an important day for us as we had our Rights Respecting Schools assessment for the Gold level. Gold is the highest award given to schools by UNICEF a leading organisation for children and their rights. We presented our evidence to the assessors. They spoke to SLT, children, staff and Governors and Mrs Capper and Miss Simmons completed a comprehensive document which explains how we believe we meet the GOLD criteria. The assessors were very impressed with how articulate and knowledgeable our children were. We are keeping our fingers crossed and will find out in a few weeks' time if we have successfully achieved GOLD status.

On Wednesday, our Y5 and Y6 classes visited the Liverpool World Museum and the Maritime Museum. Y5 are studying Ancient Egypt and enjoyed finding out about Primary and Secondary sources. Whilst Y6 have recently finished the topic of Titanic and enjoyed finding out even more from the Maritime Museum. My thanks to the parent volunteers who helped out on this trip.

Yesterday, we held our first Governor Review morning in 2 years. The Governors were keen to observe lessons, interview pupils and look at books to find out first hand the impact of our new Dimensions Curriculum. They were hugely impressed with what they saw. The children's knowledge of their topics was fantastic. They enjoyed the lessons so much that many of them didn't want to leave when it was time to move on! Our CEO, Sacha Humphries, also joined us for the morning and could clearly see the consistency across school. She commented about the exceptionally high standards of learning behaviours and how enthusiastic and engaged the children were in their learning. As usual, I felt extremely proud of all staff and children.

*Have a lovely weekend!*

*Mrs Kelly*

### Congratulations to our Gold Award winners!



## Poppies for remembrance

Scarlet poppies can flutter  
like fragile butterflies  
in the dry yellow corn  
of summer.

And they can dance  
like graceful ballerinas  
among the feathery stalks  
of barley.

Red poppies can glow  
like bright little lamps  
on our warm winter coats  
in November.

And they can whisper,  
like long-lost voices  
from the forgotten fields  
of Flanders.

Melita Andrew



## In the Spotlight: Year 5

What a busy start to the new half term for Year 5!

We were lucky enough to embark on an exciting trip to the World Museum in Liverpool! Here we explored the Ancient Egyptian exhibit, finding out fascinating facts and consolidating our learning from our current topic 'Pharaoh Queen'.

In our Art lessons, we have been working with Andy the artist looking at Egyptian artefacts and images, exploring line, tone, colour and shape. The children have produced some beautiful and unique pieces of work so far. Well done to all of them but particularly to our artists of the week Michael and Theo!

In Maths, we have begun statistics, looking at different types of charts to interpret and represent data. 'Barvember' is also the month of the bar model! We have enjoyed practising solving tricky problems using the bar model to help 'see' the Maths.

Linked to our Egyptian topic, in English we have been analysing the features of biographies of well-known Pharaohs and we will be using these skills and knowledge to write our own.



## Rights Respecting

### Article of the Fortnight

Next week is anti-bullying week and our rights respecting rangers will be reminding the children of which article link to anti-bullying and why.



### Debate Mate

Debate mate started this week. Each Tuesday 12 Year 5 and 6 children will be coached by a Manchester University Debate Mate Mentor. Vince said, "It was fun and exciting because we could actually start to understand how to debate properly."



Jasmine added, "Debate mate gave me a deeper insight into debating and now I realise debating can be about simple issues not just more mature, complicated issues."

### Anti-Bullying Week

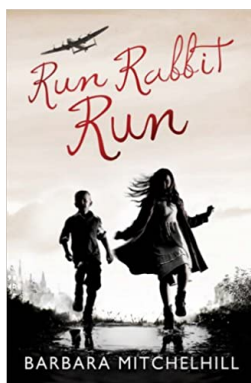
To celebrate what makes us unique in Anti-Bullying Week children are invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November. This year's theme is 'One Kind Word'. We're very proud to be a part of the 'One Kind Word' music video which you can find on YouTube.



## Library Corner

This week Librarian and budding Historian Oscar Walker recommends 'Run Rabbit Run' by Barbra Mitchelhill.

"The story is about a girl called Lizzy who's dad refuses to fight in the Second World War. The police come looking to arrest him so he takes Lizzy and her brother on the run. If you love history as much as I do you'll enjoy reading this story."



## Polite Reminder



Please can I remind you that the children **MUST bring a coat every day to school**. The weather is changing every day and we will try to get the children out as much as we can, even if it is drizzling.

## Parents Evening

Next week you will receive an email with a link to book a Virtual Parent's Evening with your child's class teacher on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November. We are also hosting a Coffee Afternoon for Year 1 – Year 6 Parents/ Carers for you to come into school and view your child's books.

Year 1 – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2:15pm

Year 2 – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2:15pm

Year 3 – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2:15pm

Year 4 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2:15pm

Year 5 – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2:15pm

Year 6 – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2:15pm

LIBRARIAN

Speak to one of our Librarians if you have any suggestions to improve our school Library.

## Attendance WC 8<sup>th</sup> November

Year	%
Nursery	99.5%
Reception	90.4%
Year 1	96.6%
Year 2	99.3%
Year 3	91.0%
Year 4	94.7%
Year 5	88.6%
Year 6	84.0%

## Attendance Matters



Well done to Nursery with 99.5% attendance!

Whole school attendance this week was **92.8%** which is below our target of 97%.

There are **163** pupils with 100% attendance this week. Well done!

This week we only had 9 children late! Congratulations to Year **2,4,5 and 6** with the best punctuality, as no children were late!

## World Kindness Day

World Kindness Day is a global day that promotes the importance of being kind to each other, to yourself, and to the world. The purpose of this day, celebrated on November 13<sup>th</sup> of each year, is to help everyone understand that compassion for others is what binds us all together.



## Special Shoutout

Congratulations to Frankie Ramsden who has been nominated for a special mention; by Jenny one of our cooks. Jenny informed me that everyday Frankie is always polite. One particular day, when a child was unable to get his first choice for school dinner, Frankie instinctively gave him his and settled for second choice. Well done Frankie, you have truly 'Let your light shine'.

## Top Tweets



Please look at the tweets below, they give a great sense of what St. Elizabeth's is all about! If you don't already follow us on Twitter, you'll find us at @stelizabethsm22.

A live feed also appears on the front page of the website.



**St. Elizabeth's MCR** @stelizabethsm22 · 6h

We're working on a special project with artist Andy Leigh.

The final piece of art will take a number of weeks to complete as we're using relief collage.



#LetYourLightShine



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You Retweeted



**EdStart Stockport** @EdStartS · 4h

Another Fantastic Jag-Tag After school club @stelizabethsm22 🏈

This week was all about the routes and how to handle the ball whilst running!

We've made massive progress by going into 3v3's & 4v4 plays 🙌

Well done to our ★'s of the day!

@JaguarsUK

#JAGTAG



You and Jaguars UK



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**St. Elizabeth's MCR** @stelizabethsm22 · 10 Nov

Congratulations to our Year 4 boys who finished third at the Manchester United PowerPlay Tournament

#Proud

#LetYourLightShine



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**St. Elizabeth's MCR** @stelizabethsm22 · 6h

Year 6 blew us away with their knowledge this morning!

Today they sorted primary and secondary sources, ordered events on a timeline and wrote a diary entry as Captain Edward Smith.

#Titanic

#TheRescuers

@DimensionsCC



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**St. Elizabeth's MCR** @stelizabethsm22 · 4h

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn;  
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,  
We will remember them.



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**St. Elizabeth's MCR** @stelizabethsm22 · 10 Nov

Year 6 have had a wonderful time at the Maritime Museum in Liverpool today. They have learnt lots and lots about the Titanic.



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**St. Elizabeth's MCR** @stelizabethsm22 · 5m

We're very impressed with our Year 1 home learning projects.

Can you guess which capital city we've been learning about? 🇬🇧

#PaddingtonsPassport



**St. Elizabeth's MCR** @stelizabethsm22 · 41m

Thank you Nursery for helping to keep our playground clean and tidy.

I think we've got some future Mini Wythenshawe Waste Warriors!

@WarriorsWaste  
#LetYourLightShine  
#CareForOurPlanet



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**Dates for your diary,**

**November**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>** Wear odd socks to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** – Girls Football 3:15pm – 5:30pm at St Paul's High School

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** – Year 2 Parents Coffee Afternoon at 2:15pm

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** – Year 6 visit to the Marist Centre

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** – Year 4 First Forgiveness at 2pm

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** Year 4 & 5 Swimming

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** – Year 4 Parents Coffee Afternoon

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Year 5 Parents Coffee Afternoon

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Year 5 visit to the Marist Centre

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Year 1 Parents Coffee Afternoon

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>** VIRTUAL PARENTS' EVENING

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** - Year 1 & 2 trip to Eureka

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** - Year 3 Parents Coffee Afternoon

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** Year 3 & 4 trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** – Year 6 Parents Coffee Afternoon

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** Year 4 First Holy Communion



**kindness**

IT COSTS NOTHING, BUT  
MEANS EVERYTHING.

