

St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

Jesus said, 'I am the vine and you are the branches'



Friday 4th October 2024

This term, we have been introducing Space Makers, a contemplative toolkit to encourage mindfulness and reflection. Children have already tried out the rituals of 'stilling' and 'dwelling' in their classes, and on Wednesday Reverend Jane led our first whole school 'stilling' session in her weekly assembly. It was powerful and moving to see so many children fully absorbed in the moment, and other children trying hard and beginning to find a way into spiritual reflection. It was easy for children to connect to the metaphor of a shaken up bottle of water and soil as busy thoughts which can become less cloudy, and more clear if given time to settle.

Pupil quote of the week

"I love Open the Book, it's my favourite assembly. Everyone works so hard!"

Year 6 pupil

100%	Perfection
98%	Impressive
97%	Very good
96%	Good
95%	Nearly there
94%	Needs to improve
<94%	Poor

Attendance matters

Attendance for this week was a **95.8%** nearly there

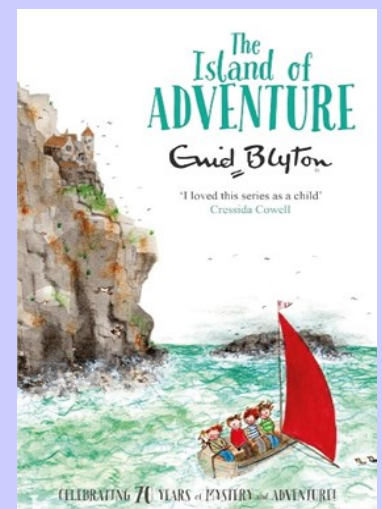


Reading at St Nic's

'The Island of Adventure' by Enid Blyton. This book is about a group of kids on their summer holidays.

They discover a secret passage from their house to the island.

By Theo, Y2.



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House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
271	223	248	194

Congratulations to the Jaguars

Busy Bunch

This week at Busy Bunch we painted autumn leaves.



Coming up:

Next week's theme is Harvest

Parents Evening

Parent consultations will be on Wednesday 23rd October from 1:30-7.30pm, in the hall. School and Busy Bunch will be open for children as usual.

[SchoolCloud - St Nicolas' CE Combined School, Taplow](#)

Office Hours

The office closes at 4pm, please choose the Busy Bunch option to speak to a member of staff after this time.

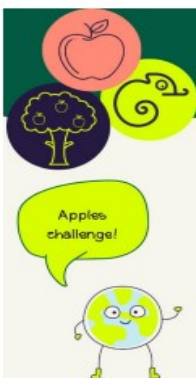
Please note that the office is not staffed between 12.30-1.00pm

Young Climate Warriors

Worldwide there are 7,000 varieties of apple, however most UK supermarkets sell only 10-12 varieties. Astoundingly the UK actually imports 55% of its apples!! Check out these ['British' apples](#).

The UK 'start of the harvest' is now almost a whole month earlier than it was 60 years ago.

Climate change is having devastating impacts on African harvests. Learn how this World Food Programme project is bringing degraded land back to life - [Greening the Sahel: Healthy eco-systems for healthy diets](#)



Oaken pip, core blimey, pearmain, orange pippin...

Can you guess what this week's challenge is about? ... choosing local fruits - apples or pears - instead of imported fruits.

How many different varieties of British-grown apples can you try? Be brave try something different?

Eating local, seasonal produce reduces carbon emissions related to growing out of season - such as heated greenhouses, cold storage units, or transportation.



When you've completed this challenge ... Remember to hit the red button!



**Apples or pears ...
Eat local, seasonal fruit this week.**



www.youngclimatewarriors.org

Harvest Festival

Parents and families are invited to join us in the church for our harvest service, on Thursday 10th October at 2.15 pm.

Please bring gifts of packets and tinned food for Burnham Care and Share. Items always needed include rice, long life milk, tinned meat, tuna, soups and tinned fruit or toiletries like shower gel or deodorant. Please no pasta or porridge as they have plenty of these.

At our harvest service on Thursday there will be a **cash collection for Beautiful Gate in Lesotho**. Mrs Dobson will tell you more about this at the service as she is going out to visit over the half term break. The children and staff at the Beautiful Gate orphanage and care centre really appreciate our support and our fundraising at school goes a long way to help them provide essential needs for the children of this incredibly poor country.

PTA



<https://stnicolaspta.sumupstore.com/product/panto-ticket-2024>

Seating plan for info

<https://theatreroyalwindsor.co.uk/whats-on/seating-plan/>

Headteacher Awards



Chestnut: **Leo** for always following the rules and being ready to learn. **Jensen** for being such a kind helper and friend to others .

Elm: **Megan** for lovely listening and calm behaviour. **Bailey** for great participation in lessons.

Ash: **Hugo** for always demonstrating wonderful manners when talking to others. **Oliver** for his excellent questions and thoughts he shares with the class to further his understanding.

Oak: **Ronan** for always asking and answering questions enthusiastically and in detail. **Ayva** for always trying her best and being a wonderful member of Oak class.

Pine: **Thomas** for always being the most amazing role model and following instructions promptly. **Nikolas** for noticing patterns in sounds and spellings to help him to extend his counting in French all the way to 100.

Willow: **Conrad** for great work on a considered and well-planned Ancient Greek myth. **Ruby** for pushing herself to be a master mathematician with place value this week.

Fir: **Zain** for excellent reading at home and logging it clearly in his Planner. **Lateef** for pride and effort in producing a high standard of home learning.

And finally...

We say farewell to Miss Cork and Mrs Stacey who will be leaving us next week, and we wish them both all the best for the future.

Enjoy the autumn sunshine,

Ms Holmes





PTA and Community News

Get Delicious Doughnuts & Support the PTA!

Enjoy Krispy Kreme's famous glazed doughnuts at a super sweet price while raising funds for our PTA!



Fresh Doughnuts, Big Savings! Please PRE ORDER by Monday 14th October!

Grab a box (or two!) of Krispy Kreme's signature original glazed doughnuts

Box of 3 = £3

Box of 6 = £5

Box of 12 = £10

HOW TO ORDER

1 **Pre-order** your doughnuts today! <https://stnicolaspta.sumupstore.com/product/krispy-kreme-doughnut-sale>



2 **Pick-up** your fresh treats on **Friday 18th October from 2.45pm on the green by the school**

3 **Enjoy** your yummy doughnuts while supporting a great cause! There is an option in the delivery section to tell us if your child is in Busy Bunch or at an after school event.

Orders and payment must be completed by **Monday 14th October by mid-day.**

ORDER NOW so you don't miss out on the day!

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Drinkers, Sailors, Soldiers, Spies:
*Stories of the British servicemen
buried in the UN Cemetery
in Korea*

...the next Friends
of St Nicolas
Church popular
Taplow Talk

A Talk at a time of Remembrance by Martin Uden who was British Ambassador to Korea and assisted the revisits to Korea by British veterans that started in 1981. He is compiling biographies and collecting photographs of the servicemen who are buried in the UN Memorial Cemetery Korea in Busan.



Over 1,000 British men died in the Korean War and over 800 of them are buried in Busan. Martin will talk about the Hollywood-worthy stories behind many of the burials and explain the historical context of how they came to be there.

Thursday, 14th November
Join us at 7:00pm for coffee
and dessert: the talk begins
at 7:30pm

Tickets £10
available on
the church
website





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Brunel
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Are you a parent/guardian with a child between the ages of 5-11?

We want to learn more about the challenges and difficulties when feeding your children healthy foods during the Cost-of-Living Crisis



If you are interested in taking part in an interview, please email:

Hannah.froome@brunel.ac.uk

£15 voucher for taking part!

This study is being conducted by a doctoral researcher and has been approved by the College of Health, Medicine, and Life Sciences Research Ethics Committee (Brunel Research Ethics Approval: 44814-MHR-Jun/2024- 51239-3)