

Atherton St George's C.E. Primary School & Little Dragons' Nursery



NEWSLETTER, 17TH January 2020

We have had a wonderful week at St George's this week. Our sign of the week is 'January' and I can't believe we are already half way through the month! We began with a celebratory visit from the Bishop of Middleton who came to congratulate the school on their 'Excellent' SIAMS inspection. He presented the certificate to Matthew and Jessica (our Pupil Heads of School) during a special worship in the hall with the whole school, governors and trustees. The children from the Ethos Group then had snacks with him whilst they shared all the good work which was recognised throughout the inspection.

We have had several staff development sessions such as; PE, Early Years, Data, Pastoral and staff training on dance within the PE curriculum (led by a specialist called Miriam Bowyer), we have two more sessions in the coming weeks and staff are very excited to put their learning into practice. These sessions are extremely valued by staff and the impact on pupils always proves extremely positive.

SNIPPETS...

- Little Dragons have had numerous activities taking place from cutting and sticking (to develop their fine motor skills) to acting out role play in the jungle themed area and moving like various jungle animals... what a talent!
- Reception have been writing a letter to Baby Bear from the story 'Whatever Next'. They have also been drawing and labelling the space helmet for Baby Bear who sets off into space.
- Y1/2 have been retelling the story of Jesus and his disciple Simon Peter using role play in RE. They have also been showing off just how flexible they are in their PE lesson. They are covering the gymnastics unit at present and have been using their bodies to make different shapes.
- Miss Grayken and Miss Brookes, who are in their final stages of their teacher training, have started their teaching placements in Y3/4 classes. They will be continuing until March alongside the current staff and have thoroughly enjoyed their first week. They have been looking at concrete and pictorial resources in maths to help them multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers and had lots of practical science investigations to support their unit on 'Plants'.
- Y5/6 have been focusing on adventure and science fiction in their English sessions. In PE they have been holding a variety of different balances and transferring their body weight when doing forward rolls.

Please see our Facebook page for more 'snippets' and photographs.

We had our termly visit from Derek Barnes who works within Leigh, Lowton and Golborne school groups who had an amazing day on Thursday. He focused on Early Years, PE and Science during his visit this time. He was overwhelmed at the excellent practice that is taking place and the impact this is having on the children's learning. He spoke to several groups of children from across the school about these areas and he was extremely impressed with their knowledge and understanding, he was also extremely complimentary of the children's behaviour and attitudes which we are very proud of.

Some of our KS1 pupils are at a Y1 football festival today with the ATSA group, keep an eye on the school Facebook page for photographs. I am sure that they will really enjoy their experience.

Have a lovely weekend!

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