

The Saughall Star



Bringing you the term's news

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Double Sporting Success

After weeks of practise, the athletics team and dance squad have made Saughall proud as they performed their way into two finals.



On Thursday 2nd February, Saughall All Saints became Chester Schools Sportshall Athletics Champions after an amazing performance on both track and field. Saughall athletes team sprinted, jumped and threw their way into the County Finals with some outstanding individual performances and an all-round great team effort.

Then on Thursday 9th March, the #SAS dance competition team performed in the North West Regional Heats of The Great Big Dance Off Competition in Parr Hall, Warrington. The children not only performed on a professional stage but also enjoyed watching 19 other schools compete in a high quality competition. Saughall's performance was outstanding and had the audience on their feet clapping and cheering.

Fortunately for Saughall All Saints it was amazing news...they had been placed in the top 3 by all 3 judges with one judge placing them in first place overall. This meant only one thing - a place in the National Dance Final of 'The Great Big Dance Competition 2017.'

The children, parents and staff at Saughall All Saints can now look forward to competing in the Athletics County Final and the National Dance Final . As always, we wear our badge with pride.



Link with Ugandan School

In November, Mrs . Christine Pike, who works for B.J.L.M, (Because Jesus Lives Ministries) came to our school to tell us about her school in Uganda. In a collective worship, she told the children that it started with 6 children in a mud hut before missionaries raised money, across the world, to help build a school. In the school now, there are over 300 children, some without parents or guardians, who come daily, some times walking 8 miles to school and back.

Following the collective worship with KS2, year 3 and 4 started writing their own letters to the children in Uganda to find out how their life and school differs from ours. They are now awaiting their reply.



World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March, the staff and children all dressed up as a book character for World Book Day. The day was a celebration of authors, illustrators and (most importantly) it's a celebration of our love for reading. Our chosen theme for the day was nonsense poetry. Each year group had a different poet to base their work on: Year 5/6 focused on Lewis Carroll; Year 3/4 focused on Edward Lear and Year 1/2 focused on Spike Milligan. Reception read some Nonsense Nursery Rhymes. Also as part of the celebrations, in the afternoon, the older children paired up with the younger children for some buddy reading.



School Council

The school council have been making some big decisions over the last few months with the hope to improve our school.

One of the projects they decided to promote is 'Waste Week'. The focus of this week was to highlight the amount of waste that we produce and inform the children where our waste goes; is it recycled or incinerated? This week was also to educate on the importance of recycling in and out of school or upcycling - where items are transformed to make something new. The school council led a whole school assembly and this was followed up with activities in the classrooms.



The school council are also hosting an Easter competition. For the younger children, they are being asked to decorate the template of an egg and for the older children, they have to use their imagination to decorate a hardboiled egg. There are prizes for those in 1st and 2nd place.

School Shop

We have also got all new stock for 2017. The school shop is open every Friday and has low affordable prices. All money raised is used to buy equipment for school. So far this year, the shop has raise an impressive £153.

Termly Debate

Should children get homework??

There is an on-going debate as to whether children should or should not have homework.

There are many pros and cons to having homework, here are some of them:

Pros:

- ♦ It helps to practise the learning done in the classroom
- ♦ Sometimes it helps to prepare for the next lesson
- ♦ Gets children ready for the amount of homework in High School
- ♦ Prepares children for working independently which is an important life skill
- ♦ Allows parents to get involved in their child's learning

Cons:

- ♦ It takes up spare time that could be spent with family and friends or doing hobbies
- ♦ Puts lots of pressure on children
- ♦ Increases conflicts between children and parents
- ♦ Children can rely too much on parent's help so is not their own work

Here are some of the views of children and adults from around the school:

Eden Andrews Yr6: " I don't think we should because we should be with our families."

Millie Stevens Yr5: "We should because homework is fun and I like learning."

Emma Shaw Yr5: " We shouldn't because people don't like homework so it won't really sink in."

Mrs Higgins: "I don't think children should get homework in the holidays."

Mr Amesbury: "Yes because it wouldn't be fair if we sent you to high school and you got 8 pieces of homework for one night. You wouldn't be prepared. It also teaches responsibility."

What's your opinion?

World News



A huge snow storm called Storm Stella hit the East coast of America on the 15th March, which caused a state of emergency being called in several states.

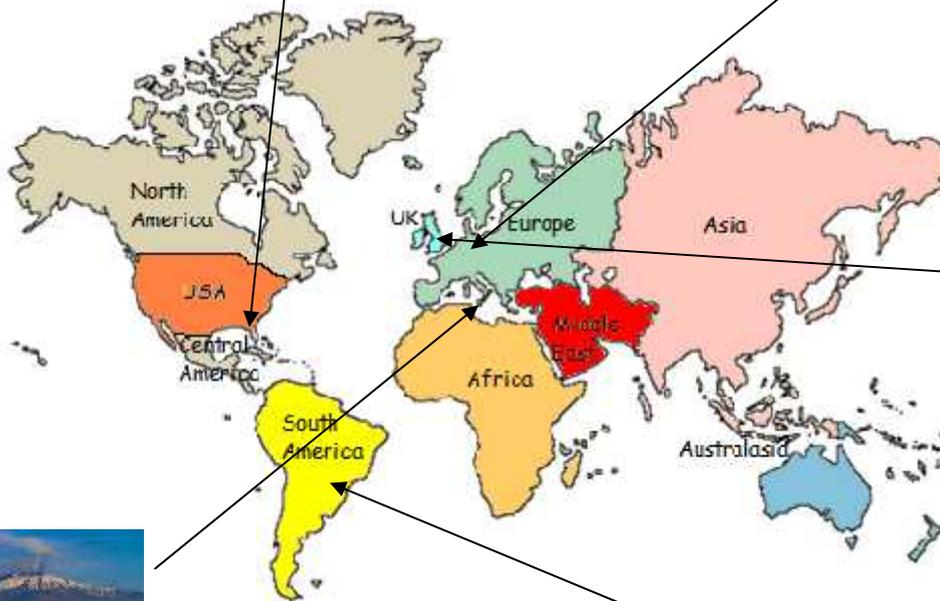


A rhino was shot dead by poachers at a zoo in France in what is believed to be the first such incident in Europe. It was killed for its horn.



Prime Minister Theresa May has said that she will trigger Article 50 on 29th March.

That means that a club of countries called the European Union will officially be told that the UK is leaving.



Mount Etna on the Italian island of Sicily has erupted. Mount Etna is one of the most active volcanoes in the world. Mount Etna erupts a few times a year.



The world's first fluorescent tree frog has been discovered in the Amazon basin in South America. Scientists believe the frogs glow as a way to communicate with each other.



Cultural Celebrations



Easter is a Christian festival that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. They believe that, through his resurrection, Jesus defeated death and sin and offers people the promise of eternal life if they follow his teachings. For Christians, the custom of giving eggs at Easter celebrates new life.



Holi is a Hindu Spring festival lasting one to five days. It is the most colourful festival in not just India but the entire world. It is a festival of not just colors but unity, peace and love. Holi celebrations include lit bonfires and coloured powders and dyes are thrown over each other. It is a festival that signifies a victory of good over evil.



Chinese New Year, also known as the "Spring Festival", is the most important Chinese festival marking the beginning of the first lunar month. The festival is colourfully celebrated with fireworks, dances and the giving of gifts, flowers and sweets. Gold symbolises prosperity and red for luck.



Purim is a Jewish holiday that commemorates the saving of the Jewish people from Haman, who was planning to kill all the Jews. The story is told twice in the synagogue where the name Haman is drowned out with rattles by the congregation. Many people dress up and bake and eat cakes called Hamantashen (Haman's pockets).



St David's Day falls every year on March 1. This was the date patron saint of Wales, St. David died in 589. It wasn't until the 18th century though that St David's Day was declared a national day of celebration in Wales. Many people attend special church services, wear traditional costume, pin a daffodil to clothes and eat the traditional meal of cawl, a soup made with leeks. a soup.



St. Patrick's Day is the national holiday in Ireland celebrating their patron saint and is usually celebrated on March 17. People wear green and eat traditional Irish food including corned beef and cabbage.



Shrove Tuesday (also known as Pancake day) is the day in February or March immediately before Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent). Christians traditionally use up rich foods in preparation for fasting during Lent (where Christians remember the forty days and nights that Jesus spent in the wilderness and the temptations he faced during this time) and this is why pancakes are made.

This Term in History

Martin Luther King

Martin Luther King was born on the 15th January 1929. Martin Luther King was a civil rights leader for African Americans.



Egypt discoveries

On January 3rd 1924, British Egyptologist Howard Carter found the sarcophagus of Tutankhamen in the Valley of Kings.



Charles I beheaded

On the 30th January, in 1649, King Charles I was beheaded in Whitehall for treason. It was reported that he wore two shirts to prevent the cold weather causing shivers that the crowd may have mistaken for weakness or fear.



Titanic sinks

On the 15th of April 1912, the RMS Titanic sank on her voyage after hitting an iceberg.



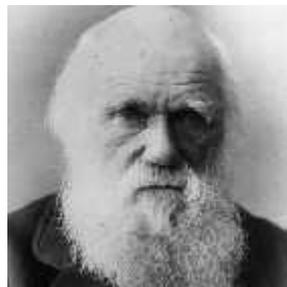
Charles Dickens

On 7th February 1812, the famous British author and novelist Charles Dickens was born.



Charles Darwin was born

On 12th February 1809, Charles Darwin, the naturalist who first described the process of evolution, was born.



First London Marathon

On the 29th March 1981, the first London Marathon was run. Since this day, the popularity of the race has grown and now thousands of professional and amateur runners run the 26 mile race.



Australia day

January 26th marks the date on which the first British fleet landed in Sydney cove in 1788.



Meet the Teacher

Meet Mr Fuller:

Favourite food: This has to be lasagne! I once ate a whole, homemade, family-sized lasagne myself in one sitting for a 'Man vs Food' challenge - and I won! I also love chocolate. Maybe I could make a chocolate lasagne one day?!!

What is your favourite subject to teach? I guess I am really lucky because I get to teach every subject, and I like teaching them all. However, if I had to choose, my favourites would be probably be Science, Maths and PE.

Where did you work before coming to Saughall All Saints? I used to teach at a school called Broomfields in Warrington although I haven't always been a teacher. I used to work in different manufacturing industries making cereals and beer. I have also been a waiter and a cricket umpire.

What are your hobbies? My main hobby now is cycling although I have previously run 2 London marathons and 10 Great North Runs; completed the National Three Peaks Challenge (climb Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon in less than 24 hours) twice and walked 85 miles around the Isle of Man, non-stop in under 24 hours. So you could say I like a challenge. Whenever possible, I like to get out on my road bike and cycle the lovely lanes around Cheshire and North Wales. I've ridden indoors at the magnificent Manchester Velodrome on the banked track.

Describe your personality: I am cool, calm, considerate and cheerful.

What is your ambition?: I want to be the best teacher I possibly can and hopefully inspire children to love learning and make the most of their time in school. I would also love to one day complete a stage of the biggest and best bike race in the world—the Tour De France. Sounds like another challenge!



Competition

Our Autumn term competition was a cultural art competition. We had some great entries. The winners were: Alannah from Year 6 (left) who sketched and coloured a Hindu rangoli pattern; Josh from Year 4 (middle) baked a cake and decorated it with a Roman sword and shields and Madeline from Year 2 (right) painted an African elephant walking during sunset. Well done - very creative ideas.



Our Spring term competition is a photography competition with the theme of 'First Signs of Spring'. Get out your cameras to capture the signs that the season is changing. These photos should be printed out and have your name and class written on the back. Entries should be handed to Mrs Mitchell by 24th April. Winners will be announced 3rd May. We hope to see lots of your entries!!



Book Reviews

We chose David Walliams for this term's reviews because he is a great author and has written lots and lots of books. He was a brilliant comedian and he uses a lot of comedy in his stories.

Older Juniors

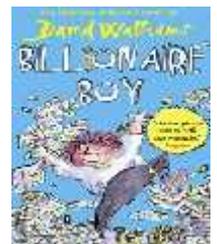
'The Midnight Gang' is a great book because it is really good as it leaves you thinking after every chapter. It also uses great language. It is about a boy who goes to hospital and wants to leave, but later changes his mind after joining a special, secret club...The Midnight Gang!!!!



Younger Juniors

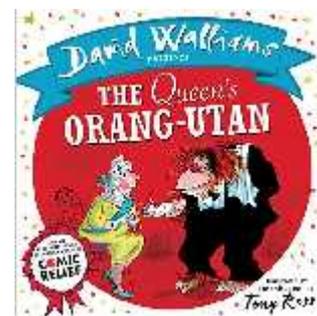
This book is about a rich boy who moves to a new school and wants to have a normal life. But it doesn't stay like that for long....

The moral of this story is not to pick your friends for how much they have, but for the way they act.



Infants

This book is about a bored Queen who makes a birthday wish for an Orang-utan. Will it work out, or will she go bananas??????



MINI CHOCOLATE CRISPY CAKES

What you need:

300g dark chocolate,
broken into chunks
100g butter, diced
140g golden syrup
1 tsp vanilla extract
200g biscuit, roughly
chopped
100g sultana
(OPTIONAL)
85g Rice Krispies
100-140g mini eggs

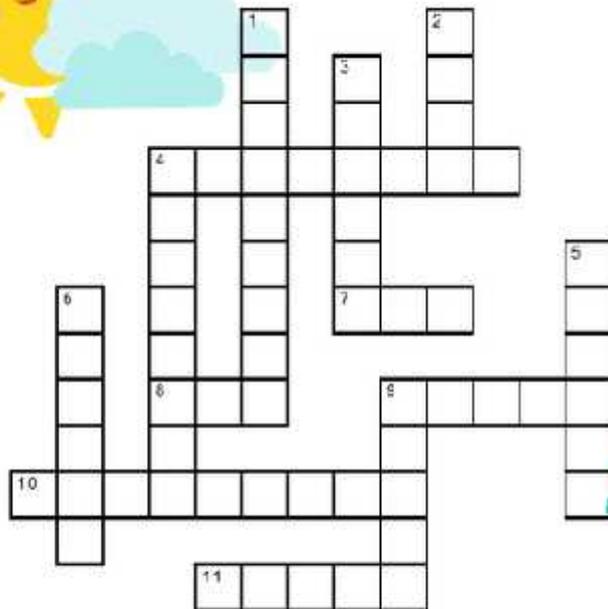
Method:

1. Line a 20 x 30cm tin with baking parchment. Melt the chocolate, butter and golden syrup in a bowl set over a pan of simmering water, stirring occasionally, until smooth and glossy. Add the vanilla, biscuits, sultanas and Rice Krispies, and mix well until everything is coated.
2. Tip the mixture into the tin, then flatten it down with the back of a spoon. Press in some mini eggs, if using, and put in the fridge until set. When hard, drizzle all over with the melted white chocolate and set again before cutting into chunks.



Puzzles

Easter Crossword



ACROSS

- 4. You might do this to eggs for Easter
- 7. A hen makes this
- 8. Used to color eggs
- 9. The hen's baby
- 10. Colorful candy you might find in an Easter basket
- 11. Peter Cottontail is one

DOWN

- 1. Eggs might be made from this
- 2. Look for eggs
- 3. Easter Day event
- 4. Yellow or white spring flower that grows from a bulb
- 5. What the Easter Bunny brings
- 6. A pretty hat worn on Easter
- 9. Don't eat too much of this or you might get a belly ache

Jokes

a) What goes up when the rain come down?



c) What do you call a bunny with fleas?

b) When do people use a trampoline?



Playground Leaders

Each day, two Year 6 children give up part of their lunchtime to go onto the infant playground to play with the infant children and teach them different games, encourage teamwork, help them keep fit and build friendships. Games can include: tag, football, hide and seek and much more. Other things we do include: sports, obstacle courses, competitions (hoola hooping, skipping) and much more! Lucy O' Brien, one of the playground leaders, said: "I enjoy being a playground leader as it gives us chance to teach new games as well as helping the infants to bond and become better friends."

Layla, one of the reception children, said: "I love the playground leaders because they teach us new games and it is fun."



Sports Ambassadors

In the Autumn term, the school teachers selected 10 sports ambassadors from Year 6 (five boys and five girls: Alfie, Oscar, Hayden, George and Kai; Polly, Eva, Emily, Alannah and Madison.) Their job is to raise the profile of sport within school by organising sports activities for the children to take part in. As a team, they have been very successful by organising competitions with each year group. These have included: kiddy keep fit, invasion basketball and dodgeball. Eva and Alfie have been appointed to be the lead sports ambassadors and have attended two courses which have helped them understand their role. Upcoming events that are being planned are invasion football for Yr 1/2.



Basketball

Saughall All Saints year 5/6 basketball team put up a great performance at the recent Chester Schools competition winning their group having been undefeated at this stage of the competition.

The team then faced a determined Waverton side and the lead changed hands several times throughout the semi-final. Unfortunately for Saughall, Waverton took a late lead and time ran out with the final score leaving Saughall one basket short of the Grand Final.

A superb effort by all!



Netball

The Saughall All Saints netball team have continued their fantastic run of league games into the Spring term. At the beginning of February, the team played Hoole. Saughall got off to an early lead, scoring two goals. By half time, they were winning 5 - 1. They maintained their lead through the second half; both teams having to step up their defence. Although each of the teams played really well, Saughall won overall 6 - 2.

Saughall then hosted their next match against Delamere on the 2nd March. Once again, they had an impressive lead by half time, winning by 7 - 0. Both teams improved throughout the game; the final score being 11 - 2 to Saughall. Well done - keep up the hard work!



Water Polo

On Monday 13th February a very excited Saughall All Saints year 5/6 water polo team ventured off to Chester City Baths to compete in the Chester Schools Water Polo Competition.

For some children it was the first time they had ever played water polo so nerves mixed with excitement were definitely apparent.

The competition was soon underway and Saughall watched with great anticipation as the first games were played. The atmosphere was terrific as all the children, teachers and parents were cheering each other on.

We had 4 games in total and grew in confidence with each passing game to finally pick up a well-deserved 3rd place position and a bronze medal.

All of the children did extremely well and 'wore their badges with pride!' Well done Abbi, Daisy,C, Daisy B, Oscar, Katherine, George, Hayden, Alfie C and Jaxon.

Cross Country

On the morning of Saturday 11th February, our dedicated runners turned out for round 3 of the West Cheshire Athletics x-country series.

A massive well done to our year 3,4 and 5 runners who put in a brilliant performance in the biting cold conditions in Ellesmere Port. There were some superb individual performances and many top 10 and top 5 finishes. A brilliant race saw Ben Hackett collect his first medal of the season finishing in an amazing 3rd place picking up a bronze medal.



More Cross Country

On Friday 17th March, Saughall All Saints Cross Country team consisting of runners from Year 3 - Year 6 ventured out to Ellesmere Port Sports Village for the annual Chester Schools Cross Country event. With 22 schools competing and over 300 runners, the children were up against some really tough competition.

All of the children rose to the challenge incredibly well and showed outstanding commitment, teamwork and camaraderie in each race. There were some outstanding individual performances with the top 4 runners in each race for Saughall gaining a top 25 finish out of approximately 80-90 runners in each race.

A special mention needs to go to one of our year 3 boys, Ben Hackett, who showed incredible sportsmanship in helping and encouraging one of his team mates in the finishing stretch of the race. This was a superb moment to watch and one that made all parents and teachers unbelievably proud.

The children's talent and commitment was rewarded when the results came in and we found out we had come an amazing and very worthy second place overall with only 'The Kings' beating us to 1st place.

Points are given on the position of each runner. 1st place receives 1 point, 10th place receives 10 points and so on. The school with the lowest points win - the results were as follows:

1st Place - The Kings = 129 points

2nd Place - Saughall = 246 points

3rd Place - Overleigh and Oldfield = 505 points.

What a team effort - this is an outstanding achievement and one that we can be very proud of.

Well done to all of the runners - you certainly did all 'Wear your badge with pride'.

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