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Springtime Celebration



Reception, Year One and Year Two gave a wonderful performance, including 'Caterpillar Boogie' and 'Spring Chicken', in their Springtime Celebration Assembly.

The children's enthusiastic singing and poetry recitals were greatly appreciated by all the parents and grandparents who attended. It was a fitting end to an exciting and challenging term.

Masterclass Trip to London



To enhance their Masterclass work on Renoir's The Umbrellas, Years 3 to 6 travelled to London on Monday 22 March to see the picture at the National Gallery.

We walked through Green Park to Buckingham Palace, then through St James' Park to Parliament Square and up Whitehall to Trafalgar Square and the Gallery. The gallery guides showed us The Umbrellas and two other paintings.

Design Technology Winners

Congratulations to Shannon Allen, who won first prize in the Graphic Design category of Bedford College's Sustainability Competition, and to Amélie Tribe who was placed second.

Shannon and Amélie attended the presentation ceremony at Bedford College where the prize was awarded by the major.



Hannah Purbrick, Kiarni Buddery, Charlie Hawkins and Renie Scott were highly commended.

Thanks to Ms Scorer for supporting the girls with their entries.

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Our Nursery, **Jumping Jacks at St Andrew's** has won two national awards for excellence; the 'I Can' Award and the Healthy Under Fives Award. Congratulations to all the nursery staff.

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Year 11 Enterprise Initiative



On the 12 March, 11GJ held a fundraising event as part of their enterprise initiative to raise money for The British Heart Foundation.

We chose to get the school to break a world record and hopefully get our name in the Guinness Book of World Records. The event was held in the New Hall of the Senior School. There was music, crazy jelly, drinks, tasty cakes, fizzy sweets and lots of balloons.

We were going to attempt to break the record for the biggest number of people rubbing their heads and patting their belly and also create a record for the largest gathering of people dressed as Einstein.

Everyone had great fun and we managed to raise over £500, which was a great achievement for an initiative enterprise event.

Kimberly Ambrose

The 11CJ event, a Beach Party, was held on Thursday 4 March.



The New Hall was transformed into a tropical paradise with drinks, fruit, limbo dancing and a coconut shy.

In return for a contribution to 11CJ's charity, pupils were encouraged to attend wearing an item of beach clothing.

Over £200 was raised to support people suffering from M.E.

More Design Technology Success



On Friday 5 March three teams from St Andrew's travelled to Luton to take part in the Beds and Luton Rotary Technology Tournament.

In the intermediate competition our Year 11 team of Ellie, China, Laura and Kim were placed second. This was a great achievement in the face of strong competition.

In the basic competition one of our Year 10 teams, Olivia, Hannah, Shannon and Sara, were placed second. Our Year 9 team of Helen, Isabella, Lara and Natasha, were placed fifth. These were both great performances in a field of twenty school teams.

Year 8 BBC News Day



On Thursday 11 March, Year 8 took part in the BBC School Report Day, which encourages pupils to research and report news stories.

The girls produced written reports on a current news item. They completed research and interviews on the story and worked to a tight deadline. At the end of the day a producer from BBC local radio helped them to create a radio news bulletin. All of their work can be seen at,

www.st-andrews.beds.sch.uk/schoolreport10.htm

Thanks to Mr Jones, who led the project.

Junior School News



Masterclass Exhibition

On Wednesday 24 March the Senior School was buzzing with a celebration of the work completed by the girls in Years 3 to 6, as part of their Masterclasses.

The focus was Renoir's painting The Umbrellas. This inspired work in Literacy, ICT, Art, Design Technology, Food, Dance and Music.

The range of skills and talents on display was very impressive and there were many positive comments from parents about the way the girls had been inspired by the whole Master class experience.

Science Week



Science week in the Junior School was a roaring success.

Pupils studied all aspects of the Earth and discovered so many new facts. We invited three Scientists to talk to

the children in our assembly and we created a wonderful display for everyone to see on Thursday evening.

Our Science Quiz was won by the Sivill's family.

We asked the children what they had enjoyed, here are some of their responses:



I learned all about owl's eyes and why predators have their eyes at the front and the prey have eyes to the side of their heads. Hannah, Year 6

Reception Visit Bromham Mill



Our Reception class visited Bromham Mill on a beautiful spring morning, during Science week.

Adrian, the miller, showed the children how wheat is ground into flour by the force of water from the river. Greta, the baker, explained how yeast works and the children used the whole-meal flour to make delicious bread rolls.

The children also met and fed the mill's three resident sheep, Shaky, Stroppy and Shaun.

Mrs Watt nominated the whole class for a Headteacher's award for their exemplary behaviour.

Year 1 Visit St Andrew's Church



The children in Year One recently visited St Andrew's Church to find out more about the Easter story.

They had a very interesting and enjoyable time and at the end of the story they were given the opportunity to create a miniature Easter garden to complete the Easter display .

I learned about the amount of rainfall in the rainforest. Isabelle, Year 4

It was really fun. We learnt lots about the dinosaur. I enjoyed making dinosaur footprints. Mia, Year 1

I like Science Week because you get to learn new things. Fleur, Reception

Stuart House Win Shakespeare Festival



Grace, who played Beatrice in the winning performance, with the trophy.

The final of the House Shakespeare Festival was held on 23 March.

Each House performed in front of our judges and an audience of family and friends. Girls in Years 8 and 9 acted and Year 10 girls directed and produced.

Tudor gave a dramatic performance of *The Merchant of Venice*. Windsor presented a magical *Tempest*. Stuart gave us a clear and funny *Much Ado About Nothing*.

At the end of the evening, Stuart were judged the winners, with Tudor and Windsor in joint second place.

Our thanks go to Mrs Williams, who had the original idea for the festival and supported all of the girls through their preparations and rehearsals.

Bedford Festival Celebration



To celebrate the huge range and high standard of work that St Andrew's girls presented in the Bedford Festival, a breakfast was held on the last day of term.

The girls and their teachers were treated to hot chocolate and breakfast pastries in the Senior School Library.

The girls thanked Mrs Williams, Mrs Curzon, Mrs Lesley-Green and Miss Halsey for their support.

Details of the festival results will be in the next e-newsletter.

Dance Showcase at St Andrew's



Great Houghton Prep School

On Friday 16 March, St Andrew's hosted a number of local schools for our Dance Showcase.

This celebration of dance, organised by Mrs Bassett-Gilham and Mrs Young, was an opportunity for St Andrew's girls to show their talents to a wider audience.

It also gave local schools the chance to show us the wider range of dance work on which they have been working.

Thank you to the many parents who supported the event.

Year 11 Study Skills and Revision Day

As part of their preparation for the final GCSE examinations, we organised a Study Day for Year 11.

Led by a presenter from Learning Performance, a company with a national reputation, the girls were taught about memory and ways to memorise effectively, such as image chains and association maps. They also learnt about revision and how to organise it.



The feedback from the girls was very positive, as these sample comments shows.

I really feel like I can start revising properly now. Thank you!

I enjoyed the day very much and learnt new ways to succeed.

Maths Challenge Success

Congratulations to the following girls who were awarded Bronze Certificates in the Intermediate Maths Challenge, a national competition.

- Kim Ambrose
- Helen Astle
- Charlie Hawkins
- Sophie Hillier

April Baker has letter published

April's letter to The Newspaper, a national paper aimed at school pupils, was published in their latest edition.

April's letter was about Miep Gies, who helped Anne Frank and her family.

Sports News

The Year 5 Netball team took part in the district Netball Tournament. They played three matches

V. Westfield	lost	3-0
V. Daubeney	lost	2-1
V Goldington	won	5-0

Well done girls. Lots of good netball played and you all learnt a great deal.

Mrs Bassett-Gilham

The St Andrew's School Development Fund

present a

Holistic Health and Wellness Festival

Saturday April 24 - 09.30-17.00

Free entry—Refreshments

Book the date in your diary!

Art Exhibition

Below is a selection of recent Art work.



Cubist inspired work by Year 10



Observational drawing with ink and wash by Year 9

