



Hi all and Happy New Year,

From Spring onwards we have been slowly renovating our library. Our amazing WASPs raised £10,000 towards this, which we have used for new carpet, decorating and exciting new furniture. The library looks so much better, and we aren't finished yet. We are now looking at how to make the walls even more reading-inspired for the children. I would just like to say a heartfelt thank you on behalf of the whole school community to WASPs for their work on this! They are incredible (and always happy to have new members...)

We had a really positive Governors meeting last week (we have vacancies if anyone is interested!) One of the points raised was linked to parental knowledge on E-Safety. Some parents had expressed concerns that they didn't know enough about the topic.

Therefore, please find below some links to good websites with lots of information.

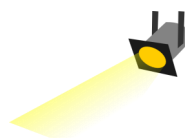
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<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

As always, if you would like to speak to someone in school about this, please come to the office and Mrs Bray will direct you to the best person.

Mr B

Spotlight on...



With school funds stretched more than ever before and school manpower limited, we would really appreciate any time that you are able to offer.

Are you able to hear readers... or support during lessons...?

If you would rather help in a more administrative role, we would really appreciate some support scanning our new and donated books onto our library system... or sorting out some of our donated uniform so that we can recycle it. All straightforward tasks that we struggling to find the time and the spare hands that are needed to do them.

We are really grateful to the parents/grandparents that already help in school and to those who are awaiting DBS checks after volunteering to help this term. An hour a week, an afternoon a week or even just an afternoon a month... any time that you can spare would be greatly appreciated ☺

Please contact the office if you think you are able to join in.

Thank you.

Mrs Howard



ATTENDANCE

Each week we like to say 'well done' to the class with the best attendance:

Overall attendance is 96.5% this academic year to date.

Well done to all of our pupils who are trying so hard with their attendance.

Please don't forget to phone the school office and leave a message on the absence line before 9.00am if your child is unwell.

Any medical evidence you may have to support your child's absence can now be emailed to our dedicated attendance email :

16/12/24	98.10%	Penguins
6/01	99.02%	Penguins
13/01	97.14%	Penguins
20/01	100%	Polar Bears

attendance@stpeters.embracemat.org

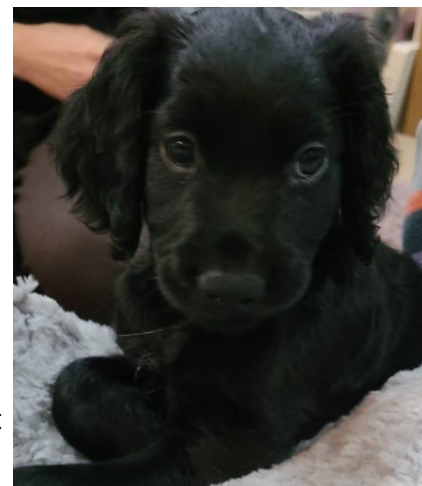
At St Peter's, our Christian values underpin the ethos and whole life of our school:

"In everything treat others the same way you want them to treat you" Matthew 7-12

+ Thankfulness + Friendship + Justice + Forgiveness + Trust + Hope + Compassion + Respect +

We are excited to inform you that St Peter's has decided to take on a school pet. Pedro (named after our Patron Saint, St Peter) is 13 weeks old and is a Cocker Spaniel, who belongs to Mrs Howard. As a school, we have spoken with other schools who have pet dogs and have researched the many benefits:

- ◆ Dogs teach children about responsibility – by children having to remember to feed, give water to and walk the dog it can give them a sense of importance and satisfaction that they may not get from other responsibilities.
- ◆ Dogs teach children patience – they do not always do as they are told first time!
- ◆ Dogs teach children compassion – just like us dogs feel pain and emotion.
- ◆ Dogs teach children about socialisation – by the children learning how to interact with a dog they can better learn how to socialise with other children.
- ◆ Dogs are fun and support our wellbeing – they greet you with a wagging tail every day and put a smile on your face, even on a bad day.



Pedro regularly goes to the vet for his vaccinations, flea and worm treatments. He will be based in Mrs Howard's and Mr B's offices, which are separate from the classrooms. The children will only be able to interact with Pedro under strict supervision. Pedro will be in school every other week and when he is moving around the school, will be on a lead and always with an adult.

All children will get a turn at visiting Pedro and talking him for a walk, if they want to. We plan to train Pedro as a therapy dog and hope that he will be able to support children in school in areas such as reading, nurture groups, with attendance and wellbeing. With parental permission, over a period of time, children who are fearful of dogs can be supported in approaching, handling and in gaining confidence in managing their fear. We hope the children will gain a lot of enjoyment from having a school dog - we will keep you updated you with pictures!

If you have any individual questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office or Mrs Howard. Please contact school if your child has an allergy to dogs and we will ensure that they do not come into contact with Pedro. If your child is anxious around dogs, please also let us know and we will ensure that extra caution is taken around them.



Read our Newshounds section to find out about a Pedro-linked competition.

A full risk assessment has been completed which will be available on our website.



YEAR 6—DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

SATS week

YEAR 6 NEWS

COLOURING COMPETITION WINNERS!

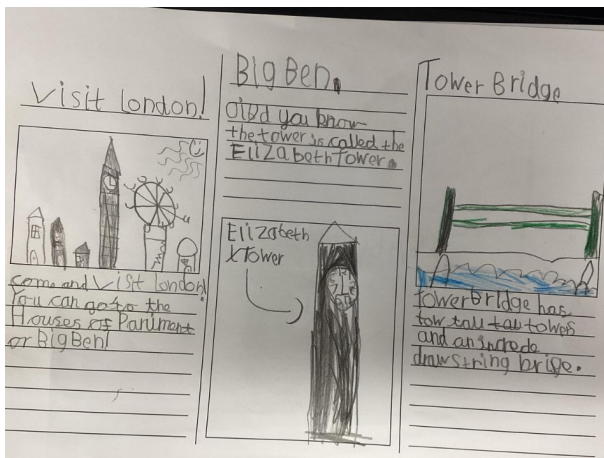
This Christmas's colouring competition, I tasked the children with designing a snow globe! Well done to our runners-up, Harley, Lucy and Olivia for their fantastically creative designs. And well done to Ava for your design as our overall winner. Ava spent over 6 hours on this! Miss Mayne



OUR ENVIROMENTAL ART CREATIONS

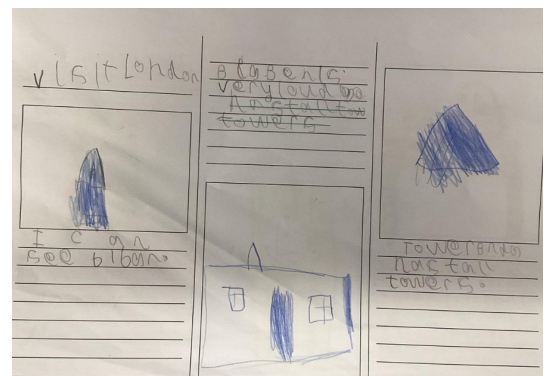
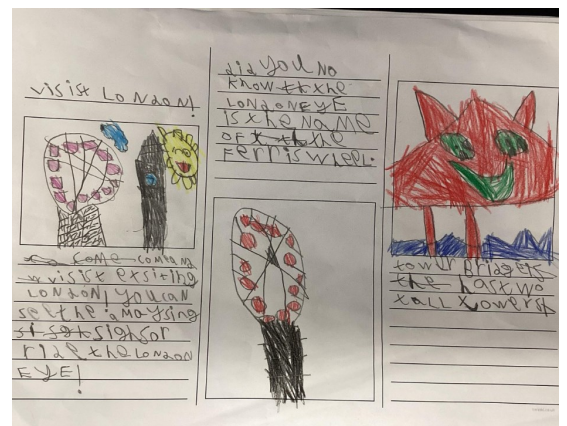
These designs turned out fantastically with clear, educational meanings behind each one of them.

If you were able to attend Friday 24th Sharing Assembly, parents learnt more about what happened throughout the day and how these creations came to life.



YEAR 1—ZEBRAS HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD

The children have worked hard to create and publish a leaflet to encourage tourists to visit London. The children all worked extremely hard and should be very proud of the work. Well done Zebras!



YEAR 5 STEM DAY with the RAF Charitable Foundation and Small Piece Foundation

Penguins started the new year off with a bang by taking part in a rocket design challenge, with the help of a Livestream Lesson from the RAF. Did you know that the RAF are involved in the launching and looking after of satellites in space? No, me neither!

Our challenge was to design, make and launch 3 different rockets to see which travelled furthest. This involved us using all of our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) skills. We also considered the many jobs and careers that involve STEM and had great fun.



In the afternoon we also considered what sustainable aircraft of the future might look like and will be entering a competition with our designs to see if we can win a visit to RIAT (The Royal International Air Tattoo) in July. We had to consider who would use the aircraft; how it is powered in a sustainable way and what sustainable materials it is made from, as well as clearly explain our design.

Mrs Cook

And it's not only our children who have been working hard...

As well as supporting parents and a number of children to come into school each day when they are struggling, with a friendly face, kind words and a whole array of distraction techniques up her sleeve, our lovely Mrs Bray has now trained to become a Staff Wellbeing Ambassador, alongside Mrs Stewart. We are lucky to have another member of staff who cares so much about the school and everyone in it



Miss Chamberlain's Books of the Month

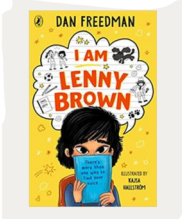


Snail in Space

Author: Rachel Bright Illustrator: Nadia Shireen Publisher: Simon & Schuster

When all snails are born, they're told to live a simple life and not to dream too big. But Gail is a snail who marches to a different kind of beat. With her zingy leopard-print shell and bright red specs, Gail the snail has an out-of-this-world dream. She wants to be the first snail in space.

Interest age: 4-5
Reading age: 7+



I Am Lenny Brown

Author: Dan Freedman Illustrator: Kajsa Hallström Publisher: Puffin

At home with Mum and Rocky, his farking dog, Lenny Brown is chatty and happy but at school it's a different story because there, Lenny can't speak. He has plenty to say but the words just won't come out of his mouth.

He manages because his teacher looks out for him but when he has to move house, and school, Lenny is devastated.

With no friends to confide in, and not wanting to worry his mum, he starts to put his thoughts, feelings and worries into a diary. And, very gradually, and with Rocky's help, he finds a new way to express himself.

Interest age: 9-11
Reading age: 7+



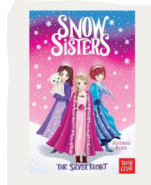
The Comet

Author: Joe Todd-Stanton Publisher: Flying Eye Books

Nyla and her dad have to move from the idyllic seaside to a city where Nyla can only see seven stars instead of the thousands she remembers from home. Nothing in the grey city feels like home, from Nyla's new school to the fact that Dad has to work all the time and doesn't have time for fun things like cooking feasts and playing on the beach.

Yet, one day, when Nyla sees a comet in the sky, she creates something new and beautiful that will change their new home into something much more magical.

Interest age: 4-8



Snow Sisters: The Silver Secret

Author: Astrid Foss Illustrator: Monique Dong Publisher: Nosy Crow

Triplets Hanna, Ida and Magna live happily on the beautiful frozen island of Nordovia, which is illuminated by the Everchanging Lights that swirl across the skies. As Keeper of the Lights, their mother Freya harnesses the lighter magic to protect and sustain the island, a role which she will pass on to her daughters when they are older.

On their 12th birthday, the girls come into their magical powers and they can't wait to discover the nature of their skills, each of which will be different. Also, their birthday celebrations are thrown into jeopardy when their parents are kidnapped by Freya's sister, the evil Shadow Witch, in a bid to steal the lighter magic for herself. Freya manages to contact her daughters, explaining that she has hidden the lights in three shimmering orbs and scattered them across Nordovia. The girls must combine their newfound magical skills if they are to locate the orbs, rescue their parents and protect their home from the Shadow Witch.

Interest age: 6-8
Reading age: 6+

Visit booktrust.org.uk for more info.

St Peter's Newshounds...

This month we are running a **competition** with our Year 6 Wellbeing Ambassadors Violet and Harley.

We would like children to **draw a picture and /or write a story** about Pedro, our school puppy. All pictures will be put up in Mrs Howard's window for everyone to enjoy.

The **prize** will be a lunchtime walk and play with Pedro.

Closing date is Monday 24th February (straight after half term).



Entries cost **50p** and we are going to buy a toy for us to play with, with Pedro (any extra money will go into our Menphys col-



WASPs News



Friday Tuck Shop Every Friday after school, beginning Friday 7th February. More information to follow on Dojo



Tuesday 4th March - Sponsored Pancake Flip (news to follow)



Friday 23rd May - Break the Rules Day (back by popular demand)



Spring Term - Key Stage 1 and 2 discos planned (watch this space)

St Peters Needs You!



Have you ever thought about being a **School Governor**? Or maybe you just want to know more about the role. Well, here's your chance to find out. I am available for a chat to give you all the insights into the role and what it entails, just contact me via my school email or through the School Office and I will get back to you.

Richard Simmons—Chair of Governors

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We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. Email the office for further details office@stpeters.embracemat.org

Closing date Thursday 6th February 12.00 noon.