

From Mr Spens:

We've put together a brief newsletter today, to share some highlights from the last week of term. It's been an exciting week as we've held our 'Food Technology' week. I'd like to say a big thank-you for your support with the 'Bake Off' and also to Eden, our catering company who spent two days working with the children teaching them cooking skills, from bread-making, to wrap-making and even smoothie-making on a 'Smoothie Bike' which they brought into school.

Today was Mrs Slade's last day at St Helen's as a lunchbreak supervisor as she will be retiring. Mrs Slade has been a lunchbreak supervisor at St Helen's for over 15 years and we are very grateful to her for all of her hard work and commitment to the school over the years. We wish her a very happy, healthy and enjoyable retirement!

A quick reminder that Monday 20th February is our 4th INSET day of the year and we look forward to welcoming everybody back to school on Tuesday 21st February for the start of Term 4. I hope that you have a great week's holiday.

The Great St Helen's Bake Off and 'Food Technology' Week

We've had a great week with lots of different activities going on to do with food. A particular highlight of the week was the workshops that Eden Foodservice, our new catering company, ran with the children. As well as this, children have been designing a 'themed' menu, one of which we hope to run in the school kitchen next term. Other cooking activities have taken place across the school and we held the first ever 'Great St Helen's Bake Off' yesterday. Over 800 cakes came into school and there were some fantastic entries. A huge well done to everyone who entered and also to our winners and 'specially commended' children. Here are some photos from Year 1's workshop with Eden on Monday.



Cake Sale:

A big thank-you to everyone who baked and everyone who bought cakes at our cake sale yesterday. We raised a fantastic £209 and this will be donated to the MacMillan Cancer Support charity.

Digital leaders

Our digital leaders have put posters up around the school and spent time in each classroom this week talking to children about 'Staying safe online' as part of Internet Safety Week. They reminded children about the importance of 'thinking before sharing' and particularly not sharing personal information online.

Knowing me, knowing you!

Next term's 'Learning and Life Skill' is called 'Knowing me, knowing you' and is all about understanding our emotions, resolving conflicts, dealing with worry and developing a positive sense of ourselves. Each class will pick three targets that are tailored to the children and there will be weekly activities to develop these important areas. During the next term we'll share some news with you about how the children are getting on and the impact of the 'Learning and Life Skills' curriculum at St Helen's.



Woodland work has begun

The woodland development work has started this week and they have already made some great progress in the pond area, discovering all sorts of wildlife in our pond including frogs and newts. Over the next few weeks, the work will continue and we look forward to sharing photos and news with you next term.

Lunchbreak Supervisor vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a member of our lunchbreak team. In addition to supervising the children in the dining hall, duties will include promoting constructive outdoor play by providing a range of creative and fun activities which are physically active and create a playground environment inclusive of all children. Please call the school office for more information.

Parent Governor Election

We recently held a parent governor election which closed yesterday. Thank-you to all of the parents who voted. Zoe Clark was elected and will join our governing body as a parent governor.

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Reception – Emily J and Dexter
Year 1 – Oliver and Layla
Year 2 – Elaina and Charlie H
Year 3 – Esther and Miles
Year 4 – Marni and Luke
Year 5 – Lily and Evie
Year 6 – Luke D and Ella

Out of school achievements

- Emma in Y2 completed a 4k race in just over 28 minutes, finishing first in the 'female under 7' category.
- Jamie in Y4 completed a 10k race in 1 hour 8 minutes, finishing second in the 'male under 20' category.
- Lola in Y1 achieved her 10 metres distance swimming award.
- Lola in Y2 took part in Fromside Gymnastic Club's competition and achieved first place in both the floor and vault categories.

Diary Dates

Friday 10th February – end of Term 3

Monday 20th February – INSET day

Tuesday 21st February – start of Term 4

w/c 27th February - Book Fair at 3.30pm each day (please note week later than previously published)