



Friday Bulletin

Friday 10th November 2023

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Message from Mr Dachtler



Dear Parents,

Matthew's Gospel this weekend speaks of the wisdom shown by the bridesmaids who prepared well for a great wedding. There have been a great many opportunities for us to share our collective wisdom to grown ups this week in both the maths workshops for parents as well as hosting a symposium for twenty Deputy and Assistant Headteachers from neighbouring boroughs on the theme of implementing change. These types of opportunities allow us to learn from each other as adults in exactly the same way that we create opportunities for children to learn in school.

Children, staff and visitors took part in a moment of reflection this morning to remember those injured or killed in the service of their country, and their families. Learning from yesterday often helps us to create a better tomorrow. War is very sadly still a reality in so many parts of the world and we must continue to pray for leaders to listen, discern and act wisely at this time.

I have no doubt that you will enjoy reading about our exciting STEM week in the pages that follow. I have been overwhelmed by the wisdom, innovation, creativity and problem solving shown across the school showing that *'we are not what we know but what we are willing to learn!'*

Mr Dachtler



Community
spotlight.



The Playground Project - can you help?



We are committed to making St. Teresa's a school where everyone thrives and so this year, we're making our playground a top priority.

Thanks to your feedback in last year's parent survey, you asked us to focus on improving the school facilities. You've also helped raise a significant amount of money for the playground over the years which has put us in a really good position to get started. To help lead on the design and development of the playground, we're putting together a working group with members from the school, governing body, and FOST. We'd also like to invite parents who have experience in project management, design, finance, health and safety, child development, and events and fundraising.

If you would like to get involved in this big and exciting project and make a real positive difference to our school community, then please register your interest [here](#) by next Friday 17 November 2023.



BOOK TALK - We have taken STEM Week as the inspiration for our book recommendations this week.



EYFS

Change Starts with Us

By Sophie Beer

From saving water to ditching the car, there are many small changes we can make to help save our beautiful planet.



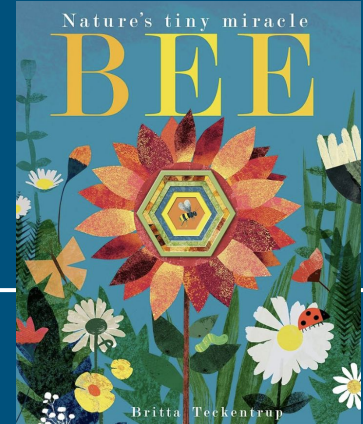
Key Stage 1

BEE

by Britta Teckentrup

A rhyming non-fiction picture book about the life of bees, and how honey is made.

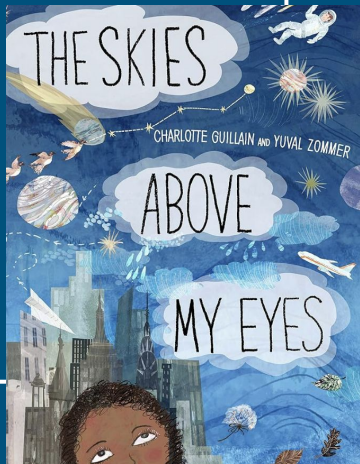
This is perfect for exploring nature, and also shows how bees communicate.



Lower Key Stage 2

Skies Above My Eyes by Charlotte Gullain, illustrated by Yuval Zommer

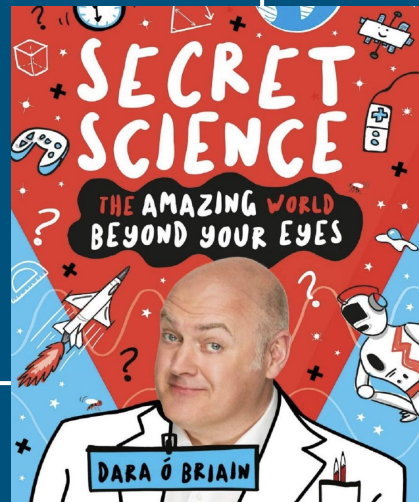
Take a journey up through the atmosphere into space and back down to Earth. Zoom past the technology that fills our skies, and discover the insects and animals, explore the layers of the atmosphere, and travel through the solar system and out to the galaxies far beyond.



Upper Key Stage 2

Secret Science by Dara Ó Briain

Science is a non-stop EVERYWHERE, everything adventure with some incredibly cool stuff going on, too. In Secret Science, Dara O Briain takes you on a journey from the comfort of your favourite chair to the incredible science behind your everyday life and on into the future!

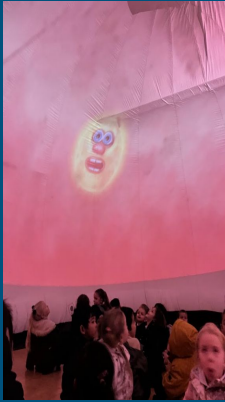


[Click here for St Teresa's Library Wishlist.](#)

Headlines of the week



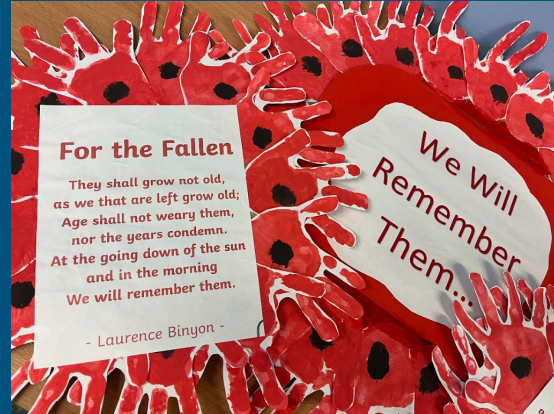
Nursery



This week Nursery have been celebrating STEM week, we had a special visit from the planetarium, we had our maths lessons outside and dressed up on Friday.

We have also been learning about Poppy day and why it is important to remember those who are no longer with us. We have been busy making wreaths, poppies and reading special stories to mark our respect.

As well as spending some time celebrating Diwali. We made fireworks, read stories, created special rangoli patterns using rice and gems.



Reception

Reception have had a wonderful week! The children have continued to explore the story 'Pirate's in Pyjamas' They have designed their own pirates using paper plates and a range of materials.

In Maths, the children have been working out how to find '1 more' and '1 less' than a number using counting objects and number lines.

As part of STEM week, the children built different models out of Lego and had a fantastic visit to the Planetarium. On Friday, the children dressed up for STEM week and were busy creating a giant Robot!



Year 1



Year 1 have had a great week. We had so much fun on Wednesday coming to school dressed in our different space outfits, our teachers were so impressed with all the effort we went to. We took part in a range of space based activities including visiting the planetarium where we were able to imagine what it would be like to travel around space.

We also put our STEM skills to the test by designing and making our own robot TA using different recycled materials.



1LH NED Champion:

Aarush has had an excellent first few weeks in year 1. He has quickly settled into the class and really enjoyed taking part in our STEM week, it has been lovely to see him involved in all the activities and getting to know his peers. Well done Aarush :)

1KH NED Champion

Julia always comes to school ready to focus and learn. She challenges herself in every lesson and I can always count on her to try her best! This week, she was a musical superstar in our music lesson and threw herself into all of our STEM activities. Well done Julia!

Year 2

This week has certainly been a **busy** and **fun** filled **STEM extravaganza** in **Year 2** and we have had great time celebrating **STEM**.

The week began with a **STEM launch assembly** by watching (and laughing at) a **teacher led drama performance** followed a trip into space as a result of visiting a **planetarium** at St Teresa's Church hall.

We spent an entire afternoon **designing and creating robotic TAs**, bringing our STEM skills together and had a wonderfully well attended **Maths parent workshop** - **thank you all very much!**

Lastly, we finished the week by nominating our favourite class robotic TA and enjoyed finding out about a **significant STEM hero** - **Tu Youyou** in end of week NED assembly.

Our fantastic **NED champions** this week are: **Anastasia** in 2LM and **Meklit** in 2CM - a huge well done to you both! :-)



Year 3

Another busy week in Year 3 started with the STEM launch assembly and a special performance by some of the talented St T teachers.

We had great fun using all our STEM skills to design and make robot teaching assistants but we all agreed that they were no replacement for the real thing!

Our visit to the planetarium was spellbinding and the highlight of the week. Of course, we still managed to fit in lots of our other subjects, including a visit to the church to learn more about the sacrament of Baptism. What a fantastic week!



★ NED Champions ★

Jay 3EW

This week, Jay has been working **independently** during his English lessons. He has listened well and used the modelled sentence to write his own.

Iga 3M

Iga sets the perfect example of our NED values in action. Her positive attitude and perseverance shines through in everything she does.

Well done Jay and Iga.



Year 4



Well done to our NED champions in Year 4

Helena in 4D is our NED champion this week for demonstrating excellent team work during our group task for STEM week. She showed patience, kindness and consideration for other members of her team. Well done Helena!

In 4P Kaitlyn was a superstar for our STEM activities, working effectively with her team to create an amazing robot TA called Robot Rob. She demonstrated creativity and leadership and she worked sensibly and with bundles of energy throughout the whole day.

We've had another busy week in Year 4. We have been focusing on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) activities. On Wednesday we visited a mobile planetarium and watched as the night sky revolved 360 degrees around us. Then we designed and made robot TAs using our technology and engineering skills.

We also began rehearsals for the Advent service to be held in early December by learning some of the hymns we'll be singing to the school and parents.



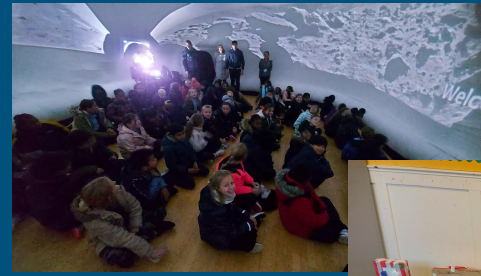
Year 5



We have had a fantastic week which was full of learning, STEM activities and our maths workshop.

As part of our STEM learning, the children visited the travelling planetarium and spent 30 mins discovering the wonders of the solar system. They were also challenged to create a robot out of recycled materials, ensuring they create a budget and make a profit!

We enjoyed seeing many of you at the maths workshop and we hope you found the session beneficial.



NED

5C - Zofia is our NED champion! Not only is she enthusiastic and ready to learn in class, but I was informed by another member of staff that she took great initiative. Without being asked, Zofia tidied up rubbish in the corridor as she was passing by. Thoughtful actions, well done Zofia!

5G - Rudolf puts in a fantastic effort every single week and is an amazing example for the rest of the class! I have been especially impressed this week with his independent writing of an additional chapter of The Explorer, plus his organisation and diligence during our STEM project. Well done, Rudolf!

Year 6

This week Year 6 had an exciting week filled with engaging activities. From an immersive space trip to math investigation, designing a robot teaching assistant, and even dressing up, it was a week packed with fun learning experiences!

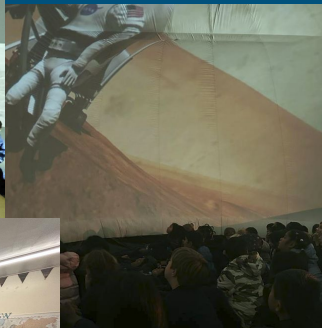
THIS WEEK'S NED CHAMPIONS!

Alessandro

Alessandro is this week's NED champion for his consistent determination and can-do attitude towards learning. Not only is he a star in the classroom, Alessandro is also a very talented musician (yet he remains so humble!). Well done Alessandro!

Zara

Zara for the Ned Champion due to her relentless effort in maintaining focus. However, her most prominent attribute witnessed this week was her humble and kind nature. Well done Zara!
#KindnessCounts
#GettingBetterEveryday



Noticeboard



Reminders

EYFS/KS1 Stay and Pray sessions every Monday - see the next slide.

Please use the following link if you would like to sign up as a Library Helper

<https://forms.gle/wXUw5zrU7dq6xAuS8>



Monday 13th Nov is odd socks day for Anti bullying week!
Children can come to school in brightly coloured odd socks.

Polite reminder - The playground toilets are for use by children **only**, if you are in need please go to the front office where there is an adult toilet.

Upcoming key dates

- WB 13 Nov - Maths Workshops continue this week
- 13 Nov - Odd socks day for Anti-Bullying Week
- 17 Nov - Family Coffee Morning

Useful links

- [Contacting the school](#)
- [Term times](#)
- [Reporting absence](#)
- [School menu](#) (New for Autumn Term)
- [Religious Education Plan](#)



EY/KS1 Stay and Pray Sessions

This will be a chance for us to share with you more about the faith life of our school and how we plan to help parents 'unpack' the Gospel each week in our brand new weekly 'Stay and Pray' sessions Every Monday 8.50am - 9.20am.

Where? [Tiny T's Nursery room](#)

(Please use the Nursery side entrance after drop off)

Coffee, Biscuits and a time
to meet and reflect!



St Teresa's

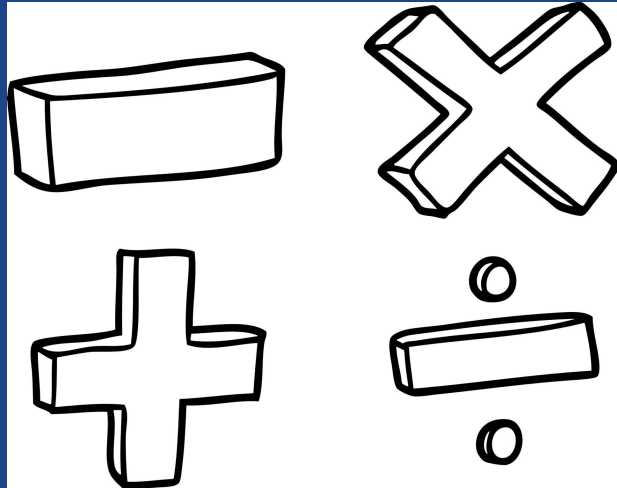
**Library helpers/volunteers
needed.**

Scan the QR code below if you are
interested in helping in the library
after school.

Thank you :)



Maths Workshops



You are invited to join your child at their maths worksop. See below for the date of your child's workshop. They will all take place between **9 and 10 am.**

Nursery - Friday 17th November

Reception - Thursday 16th November

Year 1 - Monday 6th November

Year 2 - Thursday 9th November

Year 3 - Wednesday 15th November

Year 4 - Friday 10th November

Year 5 - Wednesday 8th November

Year 6 - Tuesday 14th November

Please arrive at 8:55am and wait at the entrance by Mrs Druce's office.

FOST

Autumn 2023
event schedule...



**Tuesday
10th
October**

**Cake and
uniform sale**

in the
ground
3pm



**Friday
3rd
November**



Spooky Disco
in the school hall
EYFS/KS1 4-5:15
KS2 5:15-7:15



Scan the QR code or
[click here for tickets](#)



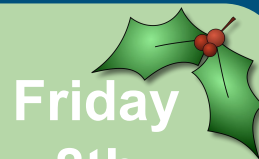
**Friday
24th
November**



Film Night
in the school hall
EYFS/KS1
3:30-5:15
KS2 5:30 - 7:15

**Friday
1st
December**

Whole School
bottle tombola
'Mufti Day'



**Friday
8th
December**

**Christmas
Family Fair**
after school in
the hall



FOST

Autumn 2023 event schedule...



What?	Where?	When?	How?
Thank you parents and carers for your cake donations and for supporting our uniform and cake sale on Tuesday where a wonderful £415.50 was raised!			
 Spooky Disco	 School Hall	 EYFS/KS1 3:30-5:15 KS2 5:30-7:15	 Click on this link to start purchasing your tickets now and join us for a spooky boogie.
 Film Night	 School Hall	EYFS/KS1 3:30-5:15 KS2 5:30-7:15	Look out for further information about tickets.
Mufti Day	In school	 All day	Children wear their own clothes to school and bring an <u>unopened</u> bottle of pop/other (alcohol permitted) or a £1.
Christmas Family Fair	 School Hall	After school	 Look out for further information and join us to enjoy numerous Christmas themed stalls at the Family Fair , see Father Christmas and enjoy the festivities.

Family Coffee Mornings

Please join us next week in the Library to learn some tips on supporting children with their sleep.

The Nursery Maths Workshop will be taking place just after in the Library.

Please join us for our next..

Family Coffee Morning

The session will have a short presentation which will include different strategies, support and information on how to support your children. The session will be fun and informal. There will be lots of time to ask questions and share experiences.



The next session will be:

Friday 17th November 2023

Theme - 'Sleep'

A school nurse will be coming in to deliver a session on how to support your child in relation to sleep.

Time: 8.45am-9.30am

Location: The School Library

Please wait by the Year 6 entrance gate (near the Church) where a member of staff will greet you.

Miss Gregory (SENCo) and
Mrs Cain (Jigsaw4u) will be at
the session.



No need to book, just turn up!