

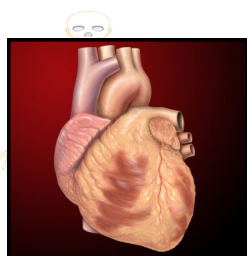
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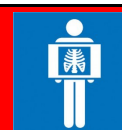
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# 'The Supplement'

## Saint Pierre School's Newsletter

# FUTURE SURGEONS



Our children in Nursery and Reception have been learning all about the human body and all of its different parts. As with everything else that is taught in the Early Years Curriculum, this consisted of a number of engaging activities that were designed to be as, 'hands on' as possible.

In particular, the hospital role-play allowed the children to practice a variety of medical procedures - all without the need for a general anaesthetic.

For many of these, 'future surgeons,' the highlight of the week came when a local butcher supplied a sheep's heart and sheep's brain for dissection!

Another activity involved putting together all of the different parts of a skeleton and learning to identify where they can be found in our own bodies, so hopefully, we have managed to inspire a few budding osteopaths.

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# Reception In The Cube

THE CUBE

As part of our Early Years theme week about the human body, our Reception pupils have been learning all about how the heart works, and more specifically they looked at how our pulse rate is affected by different types of activities.

The best way to demonstrate this was to get all of the children taking part in their very own version of the hit ITV gameshow The Cube, where they completed a range of 'levels' and looked at how their pulse rate compared to when they were just 'resting.' The most interesting part of this activity came when they realised that it isn't just physical exertion that can send your pulse rate sky high - they noticed that mental and skill challenges can be just as stimulating!

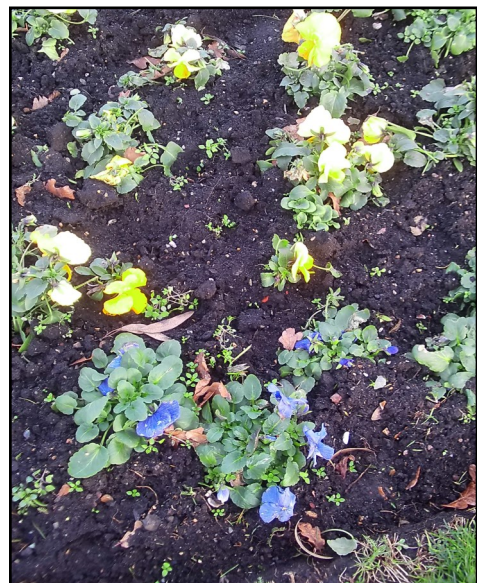


# William Morris Artwork



Year Four have been learning about the artist William Morris, or to be more accurate the artist, textile designer, poet, novelist, translator and socialist activist William Morris!

The children needed a little floral inspiration to create some images in the style of Morris, and at Saint Pierre School we are fortunate enough to be located within walking distance of the immaculately maintained year-round gardens of Chalkwell Park.





# Junior Award Scheme For Schools

Our pupils in Years One and Three took part in a walk from Hadleigh Castle all the way back to school, with the activity forming part of their participation in the Junior Award Scheme For Schools (JASS).

JASS can provide an excellent springboard to the famous Duke Of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

The children followed a route based upon the geographical features of the River Thames and the surrounding landscape, and they managed the whole distance in around two hours with the Weather Gods smiling upon them!



## Africa Artwork



Our Year Two children have been learning all about different types of African artwork and how examples vary all over this vast continent.

They have been drawing elephants, starting with a basic template that they have been able to elaborate with extra touches of flair, and as you will see opposite, the results were excellent! We are also pleased to announce that nobody accidentally strayed into 'Indian Elephant territory' - come and tell Mr Perkins the difference for 1HP.



## Our Roving Reporters



Following on from last year's money management work in Enrichment lessons, we've been coming up with enterprising ideas for our very own mini-businesses - watch this space!

Also we have discussed the dangers of certain types of lending, including credit cards, payday loans with exorbitant interest rates, loan sharks and so on. We now know a lot more about the importance of good financial planning through Enrichment in school.

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# Bird Watching

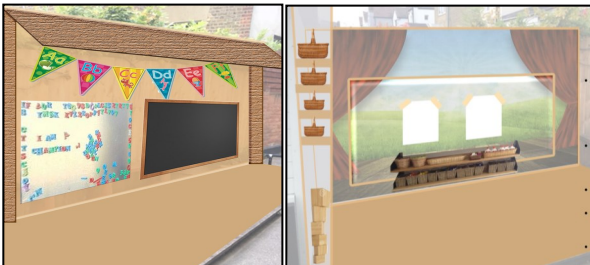
In preparation for the, 'Big Garden Birdwatch', Year 1 created bird feeders and have filled them with bird food and hung them around the playground. This has also worked as a project to help them earn their White Badge for their JASS Awards! They are currently eagerly awaiting any visits from local flocks!



# Nursery Outside Area



The plans to create a free-flowing area from inside to outside for the Nursery children to explore are developing nicely. After a meeting with the PTA and receiving positive feedback regarding the various areas we would like to create, we are now taking the next steps to source materials and are eager for any additional help to make it all happen. If you have any ideas or are happy to help, please let us know!



# RNLI Assembly

To raise awareness of the vital Royal National Lifeboat Institution, our pupils enjoyed an informative whole school assembly about the work that they do to save countless lives every year at sea, or in the case of our local lifeboat station, river!

When you have an hour or two spare, the RNLI site at the end of Southend Pier is well worth a visit.



# Sporting Fixtures

Our Year Five and Six girls took part in a netball match against Friars School in Shoeburyness - it was their first competitive fixture as a team. After a difficult start where they went 2-0 down, they fought back emphatically and ended up 4-3 winners. Well done for such a fantastic performance on their first proper outing!

Our sports teams will be back in action soon with an upcoming fixture against Prince Avenue on Friday 2nd February.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon 5th Feb - Young Voices At The O2
- Wed 7th Feb - Safer Internet Day
- Mon 12th Feb - Half-Term Begins
- Mon 19th Feb - School Returns
- Wed 28th Feb - Inter-House Cross Country
- Thu 1st Mar - World Book Day