

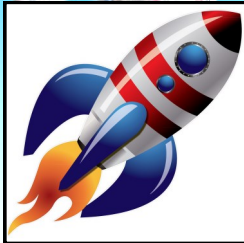
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# 'The Supplement'

## Saint Pierre School's Newsletter

### 'FLIGHT' THEME WEEK

Throughout the school, our children have been enjoying a number of activities all about flight, culminating in a paper plane bonanza to see who could make the greatest engine-free aircraft!

The pupils in Reception got a demonstration of a drone that took a video of them from the air, while Year One learnt all about different types of aircraft within the last 100 years. Year Two had to come up with ways to stop an egg breaking when it is dropped from height, and Year Three made miniature parachutes. Year Four Maths was all about calculating the distances between countries, and Year Five worked out flight plans for a round-the-world trip. Our Year Six children enjoyed making rockets in Science, with all of them managing to get off the ground - well away from the Southend Airport flight path naturally!

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**Check out  
these great  
pics from our  
GARDENING  
AFTERNOON**





# Nursery Solar System Work

Our Nursery pupils have been learning all about the Solar System and the different planets and stars - here you can see them getting stuck in to creating their own artistic interpretations of the way that different planets look up close.

Children in our Nursery are always reaching new frontiers when it comes to creative activities, and in Reception the pupils learnt everything that they need to know about staying safe and healthy when the sun comes out. This is usually the time of year when it puts in a brief appearance after all, before the inevitable thunderstorm and muggy evenings.



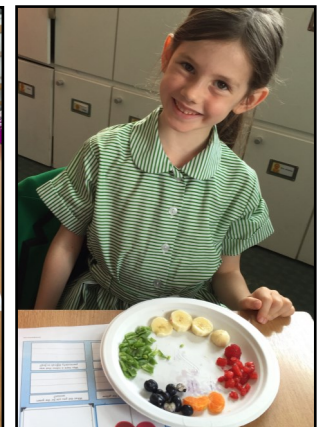
# Year 1's Splash Of Colour

Our Year One children have been taking the concept of colour wheels and then using them with food to create 'food wheels' with a theme of 'Healthy Eating.'

As you may have read in our last newsletter, we are working to become officially recognised as a 'Healthy School,' and sound nutritional knowledge forms one part of the acceptance criteria.

Along with an understanding about making the best possible choices when it comes to food and drink, our pupils are also currently learning about everything that makes up a healthy lifestyle - right from getting regular exercise to steps that promote positive mental health both in school and at home.

These pieces were all inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy, the British sculptor and environmentalist who works nature into his pieces as much as possible - it doesn't get much more natural than an array of colourful fresh fruit!





# School Choir Visit



Our school choir recently visited St. Edith's Court Care Home in Leigh On Sea to entertain the residents with a selection of songs.

All of those lunchtime rehearsals had clearly paid off as the residents were treated to a beautiful afternoon of entertainment, and many members of the audience and staff complimented their professionalism right from the youngest to our oldest singers.

We usually try and get our school choir involved in the community all year long - this is in addition to our annual request to accompany the Southend Hospital Christmas Lights Ceremony.

If any of our parents know of any local facilities that would benefit from a choir visit, please contact the office.



# Une Visite Scolaire



After last year's very successful trip to the Europa Centre with Years Four and Five, we were delighted to be able to take Years Two, Three, Four and Five back to the French-speaking mini-village located just inside the M25.

This was the first time that the centre had created an afternoon of activities for the younger pupils, and they all remarked about how impressed they were with the way that they got stuck in to the speaking activities. Bravo!



# Our Roving Reporter



We held a special afternoon tea to celebrate the International Day of Families - an event organised by the United Nations to celebrate the importance of family values around the world.

Parents, grandparents and other members of the Saint Pierre School 'family' were invited to have some yummy cakes and refreshments, and our choir performed a variety of songs.

I think that family is important because everyone needs somebody to support them.

*By Millie Taylor - Year Six*





# Paul Klee Art

Our Year Four pupils have been learning about the German artist Paul Klee (1879 - 1940), and they were set the challenge of creating their own 'Klee tribute' in the style of his own expressionism and surrealism.

As you will see in the photo below, he would have been proud of these striking pieces of work - we wonder if they would fetch a pretty penny in the next round of art auctions at Sotheby's in London? Keep them off the fridge for now just in case ...



PAUL KLEE (1879 - 1940)

# Shang Dynasty

Year Five have been making 'Oracle Bones' (甲骨) which were used in the era of the Shang Dynasty for a form of divination - any shoulder bones used would usually come from an ox. People would carve questions onto the bones, and then intense heat would be applied until they cracked under the pressure. The crack pattern would then be interpreted by the diviner to provide an answer about anything from future weather patterns to military endeavours.



# Viking Shields

Our Year Three pupils have been making Viking shields as part of their studies about their warfare methods. Unlike other shields that were used around the world at the same time, Viking shields were made of wood with a metal centre.



# Nursery Baking

Some of our Nursery children took part in an activity where they followed a very precise recipe to bake some magnificent cakes.



# THANK YOU PTA

A huge **THANK YOU** to the PTA who have agreed to purchase six new laptops for the school! This wouldn't have been possible without the fantastic support from our parents and the wider Saint Pierre School family at all of our PTA events, including the special tea at our House Cross-County afternoon..