



St. Helen's Church of England School Newsletter | 18th June 2021

Dear St. Helen's families,

It is with great sadness that I must inform you that, due to the latest changes to the Covid-19 restrictions, we are no longer able to invite parents to our Sports Day. We have had to revise several planned events for this half term, but rest assured that we will endeavour to make sure that all children experience a fun and memorable end to this academic year with as many celebratory events as possible.

The four cornerstones of C360 this week:

Academic

In preparation for the next phase in their learning journey, Year 6 children received a visit from Bideford College. The children were kindly presented with a gift of a book. I know that at least one of our brilliant readers devoured it in one evening! Look out Bideford College, you may need to invest in some heftier reading material!!

St. Helen's is at the top of the Mangahigh leader board as the highest ranking school in the British Isles. Super **academia** St, Helen's!

Character

This week Year 3 & 4 enjoyed a beautiful day out walking to Abbotsham Cliffs to carry out a beach clean. They returned with smiling faces and lots of rubbish from the beach. Well done Years 3 & 4. I am so proud of you.

This activity exemplifies the spirit of C360 and demonstrates all four cornerstones in action. **Academic:** the children applied their prior knowledge of plastic and other pollutant materials to group and sort the rubbish they collected; **Character:** they developed their character virtues and achieved their **Inspiring Volunteer** and **Inspiring Adventurer** awards; **Community:** they carried out an act of service for their **community**, and **Innovation:** using the rubbish collected, the children will make a creative timeline display to show how long each item will take to decompose.



POLITE NOTICE!

Please could any parents who have been using the car park at the end of the school drive refrain from doing so.

This car park is for use by St. Helen's staff and visitors, and Abbotsham & Alwington Preschool staff only.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Term Dates

Non-Pupil Day - 16th July 2021

Term Ends - 23rd July 2021

Dates for your diary

Wed 23rd - Year 4 swimming

Thurs 24th - Tennis in school

Friday 25th - Tennis in school

Absences

Please ring the office every day before 9:15 am if your child is unwell.

Social Inclusion Team

James Creek and Sonia Grant our Social Inclusion Officers can be contacted on 01237 879382



Character cont.

Year 1 have been linking Outdoor Learning with Art. They developed their **performance virtues** of teamwork and perseverance to create a piece of sculpture using one type of natural material in the style of Andy Goldsmith. They also demonstrated their **intellectual virtues** of curiosity, reflection and resourcefulness!



Community

I would like to say a huge thank you to the unsung heroes of the Alumnis **community** – the Central Team – this incredible team of professionals work so hard to support all of the Alumnis schools, keeping all of the cogs turning. It goes without saying that we couldn't manage without them. Thank you for all you do Central Team.



Innovation

Inspiring Young Leaders, Lily and Amelia from Year 5 used the **intellectual virtue** of **practicality** to reach out and keep in touch with the Book Club **community** by making a clever video which they shared via Seesaw. Great use of **digital innovation** – well done!

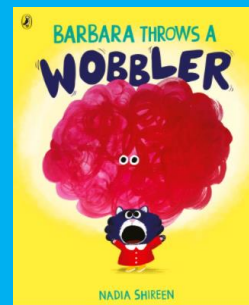
*Inspiring Change Makers
of the Week
are Years 3 & 4*



Have a great weekend and please take very good care.

Claire Lewis
Headteacher

*Mrs Fidler's book recommendations
of the week...*



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[#InspiringSkillBuilders](#) This super group passed level 1 and 2 of Bikeability with flying colours. [#alumnischaracter](#)





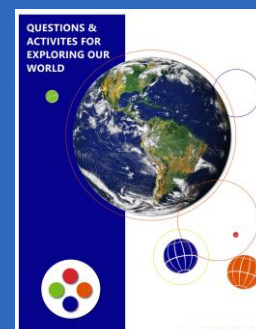
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