



## Inspiring Changemakers:

Many thanks to the Year 5 and 6 parents who attended the meeting for the Trust residential to France. The opportunity to take part in this trip at such a great subsidised cost is pretty unusual. I know there has been some confusion around the trip which can be unsettling but once we have confirmed numbers next week, we will be able to start getting much more concrete information in place.

Remember, if your child is in receipt of free school meals or has SEND, they may well be eligible for a free place - a great opportunity to be an Inspiring Adventurer!

I think it also worth taking the time to thank the Inspiring Volunteers across the trust, as without staff from the 9 schools committing to give their time for free, missing precious time with their own families with no reward other than making it a special experience for as many people as possible, the trip could not go ahead.

## What's new?

Mirodo (Y3-5) and SATs Companion (Y6) have been introduced this week.

These powerful learning platforms will be used to support teaching, home work, interventions and much more over the coming months and it was brilliant to be in Year 6 with Mr Kent on Wednesday as we explored the functionality together. We will soon have a new member of the St Helen's team. Mrs Barkwill is expecting her first baby in spring and we hope you are all as excited as we are!!

## Community updates:

A HUGE well done to Mrs Fidler and her netball team who achieved a massive win on Tuesday against worthy rivals, Bradworthy! This is an incredible achievement for the squad in their first competitive game and credit must go to Mrs Fidler who continues to give her time and talents week in and week out to ensure our school netball team continues to go from strength to strength!



## Key learning this week:

Year 1 have continued with their purposeful play projects creating fantastic pictures inspired by Kandinsky and maps of our community.

To start their RE learning for the term, Year 3 have been on a nature walk in the school grounds to find things that make them appreciate the wonder of creation. They even found a toad!

Year 5 have been learning about Greek gods and goddesses this week. Did you know the Ancient Greeks used to leave gifts in their homes for the gods?

Year 4 made a mess creating the digestive system using a fork (teeth), spoon (tongue) and water (saliva) to chew the banana and biscuit, plastic bag and lemon juice (stomach and acid to break down the food). Next, the food travelled down some tights (intestine) to demonstrate how the body absorbed nutrients before the waste ended up in a plastic cup (rectum). Some of the children found it a bit much to stomach!!

Year 6 are loving our new book 'Letters from the Lighthouse' - which is helping us begin to explore what living through WWII and the Blitz must've been like.