



Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA (hons), MA

28th June 2024

Our Value this half term is Justice

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Steve McQueen from **Stevenage Community Trust** joined us for worship this morning to talk about the Trust and to present us with a cheque for our new fish tank. We are grateful to Stevenage Community Trust who have given us a grant to fund the tank and some new fish who will be arriving once the water and our little fish have settled in the new tank. Steve was delighted to talk to the children and to see how engaged they are with our wellbeing fish.



On Wednesday, the whole school took part in International **Sing Up day**. Classes have been practicing the collaborative song, 'I Belong' and joined together with the school choir. Schools across the world took part in a unified song. A digital choir will also be put together and shared once completed.



Achievements

Each week we focus on a learning behaviour and one or two children who display this behaviour in each class will receive a certificate in celebration of this. Our learning behaviour this week has been **Concentration**.

Congratulations to: **YR:** Darcy; **Y1:** Faith; **Y2:** Bushra; **Y3:** Aaron, Angel & Pyper; **Y4:** Dominic; **Y5:** Tevayah; **Y6:** Frankie.

Next week we will be focusing on Questioning.

House points

We continue to keep a weekly tally of the number of House points each House has, as well as a running total.

The overall total number of points so far this year for each House is:

St Clare:	2893
St Catherine:	2882
St Francis:	2868
St Andrew:	2867



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Looking for some more age-appropriate apps for your child to access on their device? Internet Matters has a selection [listed here](#) and apps like ScratchJr, Book Creator and Duolingo have great educational value without the worry of adverts popping up.

Nursery places We still have a few places in our Nursery for September. Please call the Office if you have a child born between 01.09.20 and 31.08.21 and you have not yet applied for a place.

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Collins

Learning, Loving, Living in God's Family

"But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love forever and ever. Psalm 52:8

Sporting Achievements

The **Y5 & Y6 Netball teams** braved the hot weather on Tuesday afternoon to play in the Netball Festival at Marriotts School. This was the last Netball event of the season and the girls all played well and enjoyed the afternoon. The Y6 team came third in the tournament and Y5 came fourth. They were also awarded medals for the Netball League for the year in which Y6 came a fabulous second and Y5 came a wonderful third. Congratulations to all of the girls and many thanks to Mrs Ruddlesden and Mrs Reed for coaching them throughout the year. Here are the girls pictured on Tuesday after a hot afternoon's work:



We also had some wonderful news from Stevenage Sporting Futures this week to say that we have achieved ***Gold School Games Mark Status!*** Here is the e-mail which Mrs Ruddlesden received:

“I am delighted to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the PE team, and everyone at St Nicholas on achieving the **Gold School Games Mark status!** It was an absolute pleasure to read through your application and witness the incredible efforts your school has put into promoting physical education and sports.

Your commitment to providing a wide variety of both intra and inter-school events across the academic year is truly commendable. It is particularly inspiring to see how you have focused on offering opportunities to the children who need it most, ensuring that every student has the chance to benefit from participation in sports and physical activities.

Your dedication and hard work in fostering an inclusive and active school environment have clearly paid off, and this recognition is well-deserved.

Once again, congratulations on this fantastic achievement.”

Diary Dates

- **Friday 28th June** – 3:15pm School Summer Fete
- **Monday 1st July** – Y3 & Y4 Visit to Mountfitchet Castle
- **Thursday 4th July** –Y5 & Y6 Visit to a Hindu Temple
- **Monday 8th July** – Y2 Trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park
- **Thursday 11th July** - Moving up day
- **Monday 15th July** – Year 6 Production
- **Tuesday 16th July** – Year 6 Production
- **Thursday 18th July** – pm Leavers’ Service in church
- **Friday 19th July** – Last day of term - Early finish 1:30pm - No After School Club
- **Wednesday 4th September** – Back to school!



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Tuesday 17th September 2024

Do you have an opinion about Ai?

How do you think we should approach Ai at St Nicholas?

We'd love you join us as we begin to explore what we think about the use of Ai in school.

Meetings in the school hall 9-10am, 2-3pm and 7.30-8.30pm online

Sign up or register your thoughts here...

bit.ly/AiOpenMeet

