St Blasius Shanklin C of E Primary School Academy Trust



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The governors of St Blasius Church of England Primary Academy, Shanklin have appointed Mr Mark Stephens to be the first Principal of the new Academy, which opened last September. Mr Stephens, who is currently Deputy Head of Gurnard Primary School, will take up his appointment at the start of the summer term. Mr Stephens is already known to the pupils, staff and parents at St Blasius because since Christmas he has been spending two days a week at the Academy as Executive Head.

Mr Stephens was formerly Headteacher of Solent Middle School, which was rated outstanding by Ofsted, before it was closed in 2011 under the Island's school reorganisation plan.

Chairman of the governors at St Blasius, Mr Rodney Fox, said 'The governors are absolutely delighted to have secured the services of such an excellent Principal with a track record for leading an outstanding school. The governors are very confident that, under Mark's leadership, St Blasius will make rapid progress towards being the outstanding school that we intend it to be'.

Achievement Awards

This Half-Term's Achievement Awards go to:

Class RM: Max Wenman
Class 1W: Amylia Orchard
Class 2J: Rosemary Marshall
Class 3P: Tyra Royl
Class 4J: Alice Allchorn
Class 5S: Jack Lee
Class 6P: Ellie Baker

Teacher: Miss J Wilson

Well done everyone for their hard work!

Class Assembly

Wednesday 12th will be Year 6's Class Assembly. Everyone is welcome and there will be tea and coffee available beforehand.

Aborigine Day

On Thursday 6th February Mr Joe Caudwell came to spend the day with Year 3 and 4, to share his knowledge and skills by about the ancient Aboriginal culture of Australia.

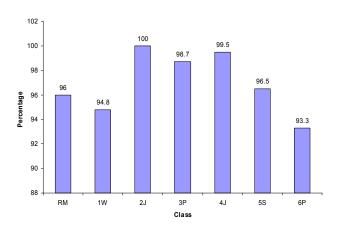
The children owe a huge thank you to Mr. Joe Caudwell for sharing with them the different culture, history and skills of the aborigine people of Australia. This all day experience with Joe. enabled the children experience playing a didgeridoo, paint in the style of a culture over 40,000 years old and listen to some amazing tales and music. Their learning culminated in an assembly to the rest of the school to showcase their newly learned skills!!



Attendance

Whole School attendance from 1st September: 95.9% \uparrow Individual Year Group attendance for the week ending 7th February was:

- =:same as last week ↑: higher than last week
- ↓: lower than last week



Congratulations to Year 2 for the best attendance with 100% WELL DONE YEAR 2!

Year 5 and 6 Trips

Year 5 - A reminder that the final instalment of £100 is due on 5^{th} March Year 5 and 6 - A reminder that some trip money is overdue. Please check.

Basketball Festival

On Wednesday 12^{th} February, 10 children in years 5 and 6 headed to Sandown Bay Academy for the Basketball Festival. Our team played brilliantly, their enthusiasm and teamwork shone through and they achieved 3^{rd} place. They were a real credit to the school and we are very proud of them.

Menu - week commencing 24th February

Monday: Main - Sweet and Sour Chicken with rice, or cheese and tomato pizza

with jacket wedges, sweetcorn, coleslaw, vegetable sticks. Dessert -

Fruit yoghurt crunch.

Tuesday: Main - Roast turkey or Quorn roast, roast or mashed potatoes, gravy,

Swede and cabbage, mixed salad. Dessert - Sussex pudding with

custard.

Wednesday: Main - Meatballs in tomato sauce with pasta, Cheese whirls, broccoli,

vegetable sticks. Dessert - chocolate crunch with milk.

Thursday: Main - Roast gammon with roast potatoes, green beans and carrots,

Quorn and Vegetable stir fry with noodles, mixed salad.

Dessert - Rice pudding with sultanas.

Friday: Main - Battered fish and chips or Macaroni cheese, beans, peas,

cucumber and tomato salad. Dessert - Fruit in jelly.

Important Dates for 2014

Saturday 15th February 2014 - Sunday 23rd February - Spring Half Term

Wednesday 5th March 2014 - Final instalment due for Year 5 trip

Wednesday 19th March 2014 - Parent and Teacher meetings to discuss reports 3.30 - 5.30pm

Thursday 20th March 2014 - Parent and Teacher meetings to discuss reports 6 - 8pm

Friday 21st March 2014 - Reports go home to parents unable to attend Parent and Teacher meeting

Wednesday 2nd April 2014 - Final instalment due for Year 6 trip

Saturday 5th April 2014 - Monday 21st April - Easter Holidays

Monday 5th May 2014 - May Day Holiday

Saturday 24th May 2014 - Sunday 1st June Spring Half Term

Monday 16th June 2014 - Staff development day - school closed to children - CHANGE OF DATE from 27/6

Wednesday 23rd July 2014 - last day of summer term 2014



	Morning	ng		Afternoon	noon
Monday 7" February	Salt Dough Creations Parachute Games	Parachute Games		Playground Adventure	Adventure
Tuesday 8 th February	Fuse Beads	Ball Games	СН	Grass Heads	Den Building
Wednesday 9th February	Crazy Cooking	Bingo	ГПИ	Cycling	ing
Thursday 0th February	Crafty Keyrings	Active Games		Paper Challenge	Treasure Hunt
Friday 1st February	Sand Art	Camera Challenge		Chapel Games	Sames

Exciting school holiday activities for

