

IN OUR SCHOOL...

Where everyone is special...

Issue 8: Summer Term 2021

Goodbye and **Good Luck!**



Hello everyone and welcome to the summer 2021 issue of our school newspaper 'In Our School'

It has been another disruptive year with uncertainty, lockdowns and set-backs, but together, as a school community, we have pulled together and made it to July. Everyone, from staff to pupils to parents and carers, should be extremely proud of everything they have achieved this year.

And despite these restrictions, we have still managed to cram in a whole host of learning and fun in the last few months.

In this issue of our newspaper you will read what each class have been doing this term, you will read about the vast array of after school clubs that are provided for our children, and you will read about our extraordinary year 6 children and the end of term activities they have been doing over the past few weeks, as well as wishing a happy retirement to our friend Mrs Craven who leaves our school today. She will be missed by us all.

I sincerely hope you enjoy reading this newspaper and I wish you all a healthy summer. Re-charge those batteries and we will see you all fit and raring to go for the new term in September.

Mr Hints – Monday 19th July 2021



Today we say a fond farewell to our year 6 children who are leaving our school to embark on the exciting adventure of Secondary School. For a full run-down of their last few weeks in school turn to pages 3-5

Mrs Craven – a special tribute to Mrs Craven who leaves our school today after 33 years (page 2)

Class pages – find out what has been going on in each class during the summer term (pages 8-10)

THANK YOU MRS CRAVEN

Today we say goodbye to our colleague and friend Mrs Craven who is retiring from St Austin's after thirty-three years of service to the school.

Mrs Craven has made a significant contribution to the successes of the school over many years and any children in her charge were inspired by her dedication, wisdom and hard work.

Past pupils who have revisited our school always speak fondly of her gentleness and amazing compassion which she is always willing to share with both staff, pupils and students. This generosity to share her expertise has been a recurring theme during her time at our school. Mrs Craven is always the first teacher to request students, wishing to build capacity for our profession and so went on further to mentor for LJMU.

Mrs Craven also fully embraces our Catholic mission, by leading by example in our school and also in her role as a school governor both past and present. I am sure she will continue to guide future teachers into being the best that they can be. Mrs Craven has played a pivotal role on the Governing Body. In 1996 she appointed Mrs Hickey as a new staff member to the school, and for that, the school is truly grateful!

Mrs Craven has always worked in such a professional manner in every aspect of her role and we appreciate everything she has contributed to the education of our children over the years and the Parish community as whole.

We are sure the staff of St Austin's will miss her knowledge and commitment to the profession, and we would like to wish her the very best for a long, happy and healthy future.

Staff tributes

We asked the staff to pay their own special tributes to Mrs Craven:

I will miss you Sue, not only the stories you used to tell me but also your words of wisdom. I thoroughly enjoyed our time together in the hub at Banks Road last year. Although these were difficult times for everyone, you made it fun, enjoyable and memorable for me and more importantly for the children that we were with when we finished the final week together. Best wishes and take care – Mrs O'Shea

I'll always remember Mrs Craven, or Miss Aspinal as she was back then, as being very encouraging and welcoming when I arrived at St. Austins as a newly qualified teacher more years ago than I care to remember. She has remained a supportive colleague ever since and she will be much missed by all. Both my sons had the pleasure of being in her class, my eldest lad for two consecutive years, and they both have many happy memories of their time with her. I wish her a happy and relaxing retirement, a suitable reward for all her hard work and dedication to her pupils over many years. All the very best to you, Mrs Craven! – Mr Burke

Year 5 would like to wish Mrs. Craven all the best as she retires from our school and starts a new chapter in her life. As well as being a committed class teacher Mrs Craven could always be called upon to help with additional activities such as the Year 6 residential, athletics and Sportsman's dinners. Mrs Craven has been a great support and advocate of student teachers and mentored many throughout her career. We know she doesn't like any fuss at all but we hope she enjoys this well deserved time to put herself first. We are sure Mrs Craven will appreciate this time with her family, friends and hopefully plenty of relaxing trips to Wales. Happy retirement, you will be missed. – Miss Vallely and Year 5

I have worked alongside Sue in year 6 for the past two years and I can honestly say I have never come across anyone who is as dedicated and passionate, as Sue is, about the children in her care. She always puts them first. I will miss her advice and support greatly but wish her lots of luck for the future - Mr Hints

To my long-standing colleague and good friend Mrs Craven, the news of your retirement has reawakened many memories of the years we taught together at St Austin's. You made the serious business of school life funnier and easier, from disturbing the peaceful silence at Y6 Ampleforth residential with our trolley dolly suitcases, to gluing, glittering and wrapping sixty photo frames in record breaking time for a 2:15pm end of term finish. Enjoy your retirement and I'll meet you in the coffee shop on the first day of Autumn term! – Sharon Daniels

I first met Mrs Craven on 4th May 1996 in the old Head teachers office, which is now the Chaplaincy. I was being interviewed for a teaching post. She was part of the interview panel along with the then Headteacher, Miss Gavan and 3 other members of the Governing Body. The only person I remember smiling was Mrs Craven as I was asked lots of questions. On leaving the room she was the only person who said "Good luck". Mrs Craven continued to welcome many new teachers either as a member of the governing body or as part of the senior management team which she sits on to this day. Mrs Craven has supported 4 Headteachers during her career at St Austin's and can be relied upon to give support to any school decisions made. She has had school improvement at the forefront for our children during her 33 years here. She is and has been a stoic member of the school community. Mrs Craven we all wish you the very best in the future, you will be sadly missed! Good luck Mrs Craven! Mrs Hickey and all the staff

It has been a pleasure working alongside Mrs Craven at St Austin's, she is a wonderful teacher that has offered so much support and advice over the years. I wish her happiness in her retirement. Enjoy Mrs Craven! – Miss Clarke (year 3)

Children's Tributes

'Mrs Craven has been here for 33 years and it has been such a joy to have her as my teacher. Good luck and have a good life' – Evie Jerome

'Mrs Craven is a hard-working member of staff who has been working in our school for 33 years. I wish her lots of luck for the future' – Isabella Safar

'To Mrs Craven, thanks for being a part of our St Austin's community for 33 years and good luck in your next journey' – Harry Williams

'Thanks for giving me a great year 6, I have enjoyed every minute of every day.' -Millie Fitzgibbon

Mrs Craven's Message

'It's hard to believe that I am about to retire from full time teaching. I've stayed at St Austin's for thirty-three years because I have loved every minute. I have made lots of friends and taught more children than I can remember. I'm leaving with the most amazing memories and my very best wishes go to all the staff and pupils of the past, present and future. Working at St Austin's has been a privilege. If I was asked to pick a special memory it would have to be the First Communion and Reconciliation celebrations which were always the happiest times. Thank you to everyone who shared my journey. I was blessed to know you.'

Mrs Craven – July 15th 2021

Year 6 End of Term Fun...

Despite the restrictions, year 6 have taken part in a whole host of fun and engaging activities over the past few weeks. Here are some of the highlights...



Today we say a fond farewell to our extraordinary year 6 children who are leaving us after 7 years of service to our school. It has been a disruptive year for all of our children, but our year 6 children have probably suffered the most as they were unable to fully immerse themselves in all of the activities that are usually scheduled for the end of term.

Despite this, the children have continued to come into school each day with smiles on their faces and have worked extremely hard to make their end of year 6 as fun and enjoyable as possible.

And we still managed to cram an awful lot of enjoyment in. Here are just a few of the things we have done...

INFLATABLES

We were extremely disappointed in June when we had to cancel our trip to Colomendy because of guidance from the local authority. However, not to be deterred, the school arranged for an inflatable assault course to spend the morning on our school field.

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Both classes thoroughly enjoyed jumping, climbing, weaving and running through the assault course. Some children raced against each other, whilst others just enjoyed sharing a fun morning with their friends. It will go down as a special highlight of our final year. Here's what some of our children had to say:

'I enjoyed the inflatables because it was challenging, but fun' – Leighton

My favourite time in year 6 was when the inflatables came because I got to race all my friends and we all piled on top of each other at the slide!' - Shay



'TO BE OR NOT TO BE' – YOUNG SHAKESPEARE COMPANY PERFORMANCE OF HAMLET

On 18th June year 6 were treated to a visit from the Young Shakespeare Company, who performed one of Shakespeare's most well-known tragedies, 'Hamlet'. It was a captivating performance and the children loved the storytelling and enactment of the actors and actresses. There were also opportunities for the children themselves to play an active role in the performance. Year 6 then spent the afternoon in class, exploring the play further and immersing themselves in the Shakespeare text. Bella in 6DH was wowed by the performance, saying: *'It was very interactive and very well acted. The fact that there were only four actors performing all the different characters was unbelievable!'* Jack in 6DH agreed, adding *'The Hamlet performance was brilliant. I actually believed they were the characters.'*

A big thank you to The Young Shakespeare Company for putting on another memorable performance.



The Show MUST Go On – 'Virtual' Year 6 Production 2021

Last week, our year 6 children took part in a unique year 6 production.

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, we were unable to stage our usual extravaganza in the hall to our admiring parents and families, but not to be outdone, the children put on a fantastic performance 'virtually' instead. Ava in 6DH said, *'I loved the year 6 production, we got to watch everyone's performances and I loved watching the finished video. I performed a dance with my friends. Liberty in 6SC said, 'It was lovely to watch everyone and very inspiring – I would do it all again.'*

Scan the QR code below to watch the finished performance. We promise you will not be disappointed!



St Austin's Special Memories

Over the past week, we have been asking the children to reminisce about their time at St Austin's and recount their favourite memories. The children then made posters of their memories; some were asked to read them out in our leavers' masses last week. Here's a selection of the children's memories...

'My favourite St Austin's memory was playing football with my friends during lockdown school in year 5' – Jack Parry

'My favourite memory was our trip to Llandudno in year 3' – Harry Broadhead

'My favourite memory from St Austin's is my first day of school when I met all of my new friends' – Olivia Lawton

'My favourite memory is our year 1 trip to Chester Zoo' – Joe Clendon

'My favourite memory from year 6 is learning all about World War Two' – Luke Tracey

'My favourite year 6 memory is the day we had the inflatables' – Ava Mullan

Year 6 Leavers Disco 2021

Last week, we held our annual year 6 disco in the school hall. This year, we had two discos, one for each class bubble. Despite these restrictions, the children still had lots of fun. If you don't believe us, check out the photographs below...



'Our school disco was amazing! I had so much fun with my teachers and friends. The DJ was also really brilliant.' – Sophia 6DH

'It was the 'disco of my lifetime! I had a great time with my friends' – Amelie 6DH

'The DJ was 10/10, he picked really great music' – Frankie 6SC

'It might have been the end of year 6 disco, but it will never be the end of our story together' – Lilia 6SC

For a full gallery of disco snaps, head over to the year 6 class page on the St. Austin's website...



Year 6 **Leavers Mass**

On Thursday last week, Father Joe led two leavers’ masses for our year 6 bubbles on the school playground.

We were absolutely determined that the leavers mass should go ahead, despite the restrictions, as it is an enormously important opportunity for the year 6 children to reflect and thank God for their time at St Austin’s.

A big thank you to Father Joe for leading the services on the yard and we are thankful to parents for their understanding and support in only allowing one member of each child’s family to attend. We are especially thankful to our wonderful year 6 children who led the service with their beautiful readings, prayers and memories. They were an absolute credit to themselves and their families. We wish the year 6 children well as they make their next step to Secondary School.



25 years and counting for Deacon Paul

Congratulations to our friend Deacon Paul who, earlier this month, celebrated 25 years since his ordination. A Parish Mass was celebrated for him which was well attended. Our children made cards, posters and wrote prayers in honour of this milestone.



Communion

Celebrations



CAFOD Assembly

On Thursday 22nd April, children around the country came together for a virtual assembly led by CAFOD. The title of the assembly was ‘Eyes of the World’ with a focus on climate change. The climate is in crisis and it affects us all. But it is the poorest communities who are suffering the most. The eyes of the world are on us this year as Britain hosts world leaders for the United Nation’s climate change talks – COP26. They will make important decisions that will affect millions of people around the world and shape the future of our global family. Our children connected with schools across the country in the assembly and found out how they can all help tackle the climate crisis.

We had special celebrations this term as two of our year 5 children made their First Holy Communion. Unfortunately, they were unable to make their communions last year because of Covid restrictions so both Ella and Matthew in year 5 were delighted to finally make this important step On their journey through the Catholic Faith. A huge congratulations to them both.

More News from around school...

REFUGEE WEEK

Our children took part in a city-wide competition to raise awareness around Refugee Week.

Thank you to each and every child, parent or carer who participated and submitted a piece of art. We are pleased to announce that Delilah from year two won first place for key stage one and has received her art pack prize. Well done!

During the week, the children read two very powerful stories highlighting the plight of refugees. The stories developed the children's empathy and compassion towards refugees who often make perilous journeys in search of a better life.

'On yer bike' – Year 5 Bikeability Training

The year 5 staff would like to say how proud they are of all the children involved in Bikeability this term. The instructors were highly complimentary of all of the groups, especially the children's behaviour and manners throughout. They thoroughly enjoyed their time in St Austin's. Well done to all of the children involved who have now developed their cycling skills as well as knowing how to stay safe on their bikes.

Here's what some of our year 5 children had to say about their bikeability training...

I really liked bikeability because I got to learn how to ride my bike on the road and it was a whole day workshop. We also got to cycle to Garston Park - Poppy 5EV

Bikeability is fun because you get to ride your bike and show off your skills - Luke Nightingale 5EV



Staff Congratulations

Congratulations to Ms McVey, our Music Teacher, on the birth of her baby daughter Ivy. Both mother and baby are doing well. Congratulations also to Mr Vernon, our guitar teacher, who has a new position at Strawberry Fields. He will be sadly missed by all staff and children but we wish him well in his new career.

Coming up...

In Autumn term we will be welcoming Councillor Mary Rasmussen, the new Lord Mayor of Liverpool, to St Austin's. Councillor Rasmussen grew up just a stone's throw from St Austin's in Garston. We look forward to showing her around our special school and chatting to her about her role as Lord Mayor.



Rainbows Bereavement Trust

Schools across the city have now raised a fantastic £17,000 to support children's bereavement. This is such a worthwhile project in this current climate. I would like to thank our pupils, parents/carers for their generosity and support. The Climb for Kate came to an end on 17th April; Kate's family were extremely grateful for the support that was shown from schools and children across the whole city.

Reading is Great!

Monies raised from the Scholastic Book Fair were spent this term on a selection of story and poetry books for all year groups in school. These books will be used in 'story time' sessions in each class. Thank you to all our parents/carers who bought books from the fair pre-covid and from the virtual fair held in autumn 2020. We have also purchased a number of 'whole class' texts for the next academic year which will support our English lessons in school. Reading is such a pleasurable activity and we hope over the summer holidays the children are encouraged to pick up a book and read some great stories!

Class Reports – What’s been going on in your year group this term?

NURSERY

What an amazing term we have had in Nursery so far! We have enjoyed lots of adventures with one of our favourites being the story 'Please, Mr Magic Fish'. We all had to think of one wish we would make if we were given one just like 'Fisherman Jack'. We are still waiting patiently for Mrs O'Shea and Miss Jones to grant our wishes!

We have also enjoyed planting and growing our very own vegetables from tiny seeds. We took really good care of them and made sure that they had plenty of water and sunshine to help them grow. Our favourite part was tasting the delicious flavours of the cucumber, radish, peppers, tomatoes and peas.

In RE, we have been learning all about our 'Wonderful World'. We discussed what we love and wonder about and shared ideas of all the wonderful things in our world. We went outside and using chalk we drew some pictures of what we love about our world.

We look forward to our weekly P.E. lessons with Mrs O'Shea and Miss Jones and our music lessons with Mr Burke. However, Mrs O'Shea makes us run the daily mile because apparently she's training us for the Olympics, (doesn't she know we are only 3 and 4!)



RECEPTION

What a busy year we have had in Reception. Here are a few of the things the children have said about their time in school.

'I like playing with my friends outside' - Connor

'I loved making pizzas in school' - Ameila

'I love the Festival tent, I like dressing up in the wigs and dresses' - Rosa

'I like PE with Miss McCarron' - Mason

'I like Music with Mr Burke, we could be robots' - Daniel

'It was fun when we went for a walk to the big playground and collected twigs and leaves' - Enrico

'I like being with my friends' - Paddy

'I love learning about numbers' - Isaac

'My favourite thing is to learn lots' - Thomas

'I like writing about my favourite summer activity' - Karma Grace



The children have enjoyed their year in Reception and loved the different topics we have explored. From painting pictures of themselves to making pizza and home and in school, planting sunflower seed to enjoying our very own Festival it has been an exciting and fun filled year. What an exciting ride it has been! We are so proud of them all!



YEAR 1

This term 1LH have been doing lots of writing. We have been writing about 'Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson. Our favourite part of the book was when the snail writes on the blackboard saying "Save the Whale!"

We have been learning all about money in Maths. We know all the coins and notes. Some of us recognised them from our pocket money and money jars. Watch out Mums and Dads!

We have loved using the BeeBots in Computing. We wrote algorithms and learnt how to debug the mistakes we had made. It was so much fun! In Art we went outdoors to collect natural materials before using them to make sculptures and patterns. We used Andy Goldsworthy's artwork to inspire us and help us with ideas.



YEAR 2

This term has been one of our favourites! We enjoyed designing and making our very own alien hand puppets. We learned how to do both an over stitch and a running stitch. The mini beast hunt, in our playground, was super fun because we found ants, bees, worms and spiders. We also enjoyed getting outside with our friends. We particularly loved the Magic Finger book because we were able to write a persuasive letter to Mr. Gregg explaining how horrible hunting is! Before the letter, we enjoyed having a class debate and explained our reasons for and against hunting; we were very enthusiastic. Well- being week was fantastic as we loved being able to drop everything and read. Sketching our own Stitch character was our favourite part!

Finally, we finished our capacity topic off outside, where we measured the size of different puddles. We found out that 1000ml has the biggest puddle and 500ml was a lot smaller.



YEAR 3

We've had lots of fun learning about fractions. We were so good at it! We took our learning outside too to complete a fraction quiz hunt! We've also been practicing our times tables skills on TT Rockstars, battling the other class in a times tables race. We think the other class won first time, but we battled back the next week and won! In English we really enjoyed reading the book 'The Iron Man' and writing our own version called 'The Bronze Man'.

We created new characters based on those in the book and uplevelled our work using interesting vocabulary and fronted adverbials. We've also learnt about 'Plastic pollution' and wrote a report about the threat this poses to our oceans. We learnt about the shocking amount of plastic in our seas that marine life are eating and dying from. We wrote about the importance of 'reducing, reusing and recycling' and also how we can all do our bit to help.

In History we learnt all about Skara Brae, a Stone Age settlement on an Orkney island and the way of prehistoric life there. We also combined art with history when we completed our own Paleolithic cave drawings. We were fascinated to learn about Stone Henge. It is amazing how they built it! We can now talk about the changes between the different Stone Age eras.

In Computing, we've had fun coding characters in games to make them do things, such as making the genie come out of the lamp in this activity,

We've been on a learning walk to find out about our local area and its human and physical features. We focused on local services, particularly the local sweet shop!



During 'Refugee week' we read a book called 'The Journey', learning about people who have to leave their country because it's no longer safe there. We realised that these are very special people who we need to look after and celebrate. We made our own birds because in the same way that birds migrate to find a better, safer life, so do refugees.



During 'Wellness week', each day had a different theme. On art day, we created a nature collage, on music day we started learning a song called 'Bring us together' and we are signing the lyrics as we sing. On PE day we played dodge ball.

YEAR 4

Year 4 have had a great summer term. Here are some of the children's highlights...

Ava - I liked when we created our own video advert for Roman baths. We learned about Roman baths in history and then used an app to make fun adverts.

Jayden - I liked doing motivational paintings during wellbeing week. I loved getting to see everyone else's. Mine said 'follow your dreams'.



Imogen - I enjoyed when we followed along with a video to draw some Disney characters. I loved Simba from the lion king - it was my best one.

Elliot - In science week we experimented with skittles to see how their colours spread out when you put them in a little bit of water.



Alexia - I really liked doing PE with Mr Hughes in wellbeing week. We did rounders but instead we were kicking a ball. Then we played a game like dodgeball. It made me feel happy.

Emily - Making magic trick videos using clips was really fun. To make it work we edited 2 videos together and trimmed out bits to make it look like things had changed or disappeared.

Olivia - I loved inventing chocolate bars and making adverts for them. My advert showed off all the flavours.

Scan the QR Code below to watch year 4's fantastic chocolate bar adverts



YEAR 5

This term we have been very lucky with our PE topics. We have played rounders and dodgeball. During these lessons we developed our skills working as a team, improving our throwing, catch and batting skills. We particularly enjoyed competing against each other – **Kieren 5EV**

I enjoyed the bikeability sessions this term. Each member of our class brought in their bikes and helmets from home. We spent one whole day each out of class. Firstly we just simply checked the safety of our bikes. Then we rode around the cones on our bikes and checked our brakes. We spent the morning on the playground and completed level 1. The next exciting part for level 2 was we rode our bikes out of school and onto the road - **Daniel S**

I enjoyed writing to Harry Kane and the England football team after they won in the semi-finals. I liked planning our letters and making notes whilst watching the highlights of the victory - **Molly**

I enjoyed the Graffiti art topic and studying the famous artist Banksy. We experimented with different styles and it felt like we were using spray paints. I enjoyed the process of drawing lines and developing my artwork. We also discussed arguments for and against graffiti. Some people think graffiti is beautiful artwork whilst others consider it criminal vandalism - **Jack**



I really enjoyed our class Euro competition. It was really exciting to see who would win and get the prize. At random we were each given the name of a country playing in the Euro tournament to support. It was exciting to watch the highlights and follow the stages - **Arlo**

I am enjoying our class reader 'Far From Home' by Berlie Doherty. The reason is, it is the sequel to our previous English book 'Street Child'. We studied 'Street Child' before Christmas. 'Far From Home' is an adventurous book with many twists. Our class really want to know what happens to the siblings in this book and if they find their brother Jim from our previous book 'Street Child' - **Alex**

Two of our superstar writers, AMELIA in year 5 and EMILY in year 4 have been getting creative with some fantastic writing. First up, a beautifully imaginative story called 'Fluffy the Living Unicorn' by Amelia, and that is followed by a fantastic poem, packed full of imagery, called 'Summertime' by Emily

Fluffy the Living Unicorn – by Amelia (5EV)

Once upon a time a long, long time ago, there was a unicorn, her name is Fluffy the living unicorn. She lives in forests, she is also in charge of every living creature in the forest but one. He is a beast which I will mention later. She doesn't live in normal forests, oh no, she lives in Candy forests so when you are out for a walk, maybe in a forest, if you happen to stumble upon one think yourself as being very lucky or even think yourself as being the chosen one! Only a few people in the world out of billions and billions of people will have seen and probably stood on the land of the Candy Forests. The forests are called Candy Forests simply because they are made of candy and nothing else. Trees made of strawberry laces for the trunk and branches with sugar leaves. Gumdrops for the paths, chocolate for the water and sugar strips for the houses with fudge for the roof. It's a beauty to look at for there are so many wonders to see.

Fluffy is a very generous character and would never do something she shouldn't, unless it was an emergency. Her favourite colours are pink, light blue and purple and the reason is because they go together so well and the Candy Forests are made from the same colours. Fluffy's favourite meal is sweets, her other favourite meal is spaghetti Bolognese. She is scared of nothing except the one creature she cannot control – a beast called Tython...

If any animal is too loud, they will wake him up and he comes to take a look at what is going on and if he is fine with what is going on (which is never) then he will leave and go back to his lair. If he doesn't like what is going on (which was always) he will destroy everything. What makes this even worse is whenever you look in his eyes you will immediately turn into a statue. Many people in history have tried to kill him but none of them have ever come back, for they are

Either dead or still in his lair as a statue!

Fluffy is in charge and has to make sure everyone is safe and no-one is too loud. One day someone was too loud and awoke him. This is where our story really begins. The beast came from his lair and down to see what the noise was, everyone was scared, even Fluffy. He saw what was happening and he didn't like it at all so he destroyed everything until there was nothing left. Fluffy, determined that there was a good side to Tython decided she would take him on. She asked her fellow unicorn, Sparkle, to look after the place while she was gone. She had taken on the biggest challenge of her life! She packed everything she needed, including water, food, shield for protection, magic potions and a comfortable sleeping bag. She set on her journey to Tython's lair and on her way, she met the Protector of Peace (Cora) who told Fluffy she was right to think that there was a good side in Tython and that she had been chosen for this because she was good hearted and could talk some sense into him. Cora said it was okay if she failed this mission but she also said if she was to complete this mission then she could have anything, if she just asked the Protectors. She was lost for words and at last managed to stammer out her thanks and then she went on her journey. Fluffy, after going through dark forests with all sorts of creepy crawlies in it, arrived at his lair. There just in the shade of the lair was Tython himself! Tython had smelt something and woke up immediately and chased Fluffy and he was gaining on her. Fluffy suddenly had an idea, what if she was to talk to Tython and get him to be friends with her. So, she quickly said "Tython will you please be my friend"? Tython stopped and asked "why"? So Fluffy said I left my place for a bit because I wanted to become friends with you. You can come and live with us instead of in this cave of yours. Fluffy asked him if anything was wrong and why he had destroyed our homes.

Tython then answered "because when I was little, I was like you I was in charge until one day everyone went against me and so I decided to become a monster and I went to find a cave for my lair and I started to live here"!

Fluffy asked if he would like to come and live with her, in her house, and he could help her be in charge. Tython straight away said "yes" but he was afraid it would not go very well with everyone else. He said as much as that to Fluffy. So, when they were on their way home Fluffy said "because I am in charge, I will make sure everyone is nice to you" Tython smiled and Fluffy also gave him a potion saying "this will stop the problem that whenever people look at you, they will turn to stone" and it worked.

When they arrived home Fluffy told everyone what had happened and what was going on now. Everyone greeted Tython happily. He was now loved and it was a happy ending for Tython and everyone else. **THE END**

Summertime – By Emily (year 4)

Little lambs leaping across the field
Joyful just months old unaware of their fate
The sunlight kisses the apple orchard
Opens up flowers to face the heat of the day
They shed their sweet scent
Luring in bees to gather pollen

At the coast the roaring sea
Sprays all its surroundings
Children laugh, digging in the sand
The incoming tide pools and fills the holes
The sea air fills lungs
The sweet smell of ice cream and
Candy-floss linger in the air

The heated sand goes up your toes
As you step on the warmth
Feeling enlightened
The song of the ice cream van
Gets louder as you become closer
Making it hard to resist
Children and adults on donkeys
Watching the sun go down
Now the day is over
It's time to go back home

Sport and Extra-Curricular

Running for glory – Year 6

Success in athletics comp



On 7th April a group of ten year 6 children represented St Austin's at the annual Liverpool Catholic Schools District Athletics Competition. The children all excelled in their events and were fantastic ambassadors for our school. A special well done to Charlie Dillon and Maggie Nisbet who both came second in their respective 135m competitions. The boys relay team (consisting of Charlie, Anthony, Alex and Joe) absolutely romped through their heat as winners but then narrowly missed out on a top 3 finish in the final. Kaima Ibuzo also excelled in the 75m finishing third. There were also fantastic performances from Jamie Anderson in the boys 75m, Ana Borg and Joe Clarendon in the long jump, and our girls relay team of Maggie, Ava, Millie and Kaima narrowly missed out on a place in the final. The whole team should be extremely proud of all of their efforts.

Anthony Doyle, a member of the year 6 team said: 'I enjoyed racing the other Schools. The boys relay team came first

in our heat which made me very proud. It was a fun afternoon and I really loved cheering our team on to victory!'

Clubs Make a Comeback

Extra-curricular clubs have all started up again this term after a hiatus due to Covid restrictions. A big thank you to our staff who willingly and happily give up their time to provide opportunities for our children to try new skills and hone their existing talents.

From September, there will be a plethora of clubs available for children across the school, catering for lots of different interests, including: netball, tennis, yoga, story-club and art-club - to name just a few! Luke Tracey really enjoys year 6 cricket club, saying: *The after-school cricket club with Mr Hints is fantastic – it is a great sport that lots of people should try and I have learnt lots of new skills like bowling and batting.'*



End of term message from Mrs Hickey...

Well it is that time of year again when we say goodbye for the summer and wish our year 6 children good luck on their next chapter. Congratulations and well done. You will all be sadly missed! Please keep in touch and we would love to see you all in the near future.

I do not wish to harp on about the challenges of the last two years but only to say that we should look back and celebrate how far we have come as a staff, as a school and as a community. I am extremely proud of our children at St Austin's, they are a credit to themselves and their families and they should celebrate their achievements and be commended on the last twelve months despite !

For me, I will look onward and upward and hope to take the staff, the children and the school community with me as we think about next year and how to make it even better.

Continue to stay safe over the holidays and I look forward to welcoming you back in September.

