

St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Children,

Our Year 3/4s have begun to design and make, their own working models of a lighthouse, complete with papier-mache rocks! They are doing a fabulous job, mastering how to join materials, make holes in plastic and lodge electrical components in a compact tube.

Lighthouses are an ingenious invention - beacons shining through the darkness, protecting all who sail the seas. I asked the Y3/4s who their beacon, protector, and guiding light was and nearly all of them said it was their families. I still rely hugely on my Mum and always listen to her wise advice. Everyone needs someone to guide them and keep them safe, whatever their age. Grown-ups nearly always know best and if you talk and explain your worries, they will know what to do. You still have to be brave and face your fears but it is so much easier when you have shared the issues with your family.

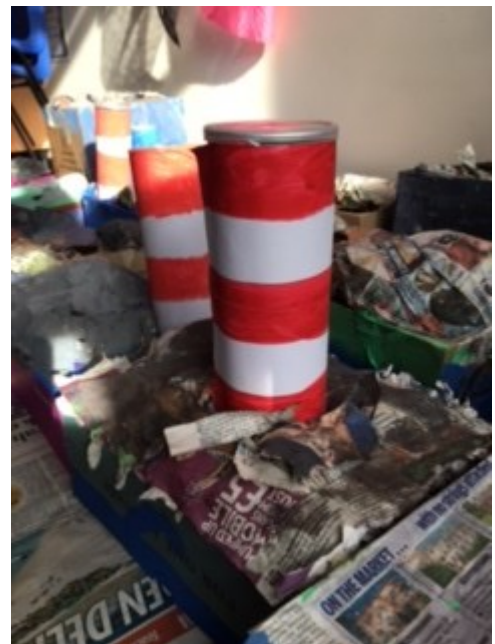
Many of you have been facing new challenges, preparing for new experiences and having a go at new things in school and out - we are very proud of you. Some people are learning to swim, horse-ride, play football, do algebra and speak Spanish! Our Year 6s are beginning to think about their new schools in September, new friends, new teachers, new classrooms and a new uniform. Whatever you are facing, if it is worrying you, find someone to talk to at home or in school.

I am always on the playground at lunchtime if you need me.

Love Mrs Belton



Wait for the
finished products.





Sports Day

As long as COVID rules continue to allow, Sports Day will be held in the afternoon of Tuesday 29th June 2021 at Alford Cricket Ground, Well.

Parents are invited to come and watch.

Class Photographs

The prices for the Class Photographs are different to the prices on the cards.

7 x 5 £11.00

10 x 7 £13.00

If ordering online the prices have been changed too.

Please bring your order into school by **Monday 24th May**.

Thank you.

Non Uniform Day Friday 28th May 2021

School is getting 2 reading shacks for the children, it would be very much appreciated if each child could donate a special children's book for these.

Thank you

Diary Dates 2021

MAY

25th Sports Personality visiting school
28th Non-uniform day—donation of a children's book.
28th End of Term 5

JUNE

7th School open—Term 6
7th-25th Year 1 Phonics screening
17th-18th Year 6 Residential at Rand Farm
21st-25th Assessment Week
29th Sports Day at Alford Cricket Club, Well

JULY

1st QEGS, Alford Y6 Transition Day
8th Rhubarb Theatre performance to the whole school
12th Bannovallum School Y6 transition day
15th 10am-12pm Teddy Bears' picnic for new Reception children
10:30am-11:30am New Little Explorers' introduction with parents.
5pm New Reception children Parents' meeting
19th 3pm Open Evening—come and collect your child's report.
20th 6pm Year 6 Prom
21st Leavers' Assembly
21st End of term
22nd Staff Training Day

SEPTEMBER

2nd Staff Training Day
3rd Staff Training Day
6th School open-Term 1

Raising Money for Alzheimers Society

Saturday 17th June 2021

With your support thousands of people living with dementia and their families can rely on Alzheimers Society for support, care and guidance. Eden Malkin-Jones' mummy is doing a cake sale with her family / friends in Willoughby. If you would like to buy a cake please let her know or if you can't make it a donation would be amazing. Donations can be made on the following link:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cupcakeday-vickymalkin?utm_source=sms&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=cupcakeday-vickymalkin&utm_campaign=pfp-sms&utm_term=194bf743ae9b4582be2906b9acd7a76a



Eden Francis

Shot Putt & Discus

Year of Birth: 1988

Coach: Glenys Morton

Representing: Great Britain
& England



I started my journey in athletics at the age of 10 when my mum began coaching me. I tried a few different events including running and jumping and finally settled on throwing. I was awarded my first England and Team GB vest at the age of 15 and from there, I went from strength to strength, topping rankings and competing in competitions, including the Commonwealth Youth Games and the World Youth Championships.

I broke the British U20 record in 2007 and the next year I became the first Brit to win Gold at the Winter Throwing Cup. I then made history again in 2009, by becoming the first British woman to win gold at the U23 European Championships, something that I hold very dear to my heart. I also gained my first senior GB vest in the same year!

Since then, I have repeated topped British rankings and claimed numerous British Championship medals with my latest achievement making the final top 8 in both the Shot Putt and the Discus at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games. I am now in training to compete at the Olympic Games in Tokyo in 2020.

In my spare time I really enjoy shopping with friends and have a love for doing hair and make-up. Visiting schools to inspire children to follow their dreams is a really big passion of mine, that I love being a part of.

**Eden will be visiting school on Tuesday 25th May 2021
to work with the children in the afternoon.**

**As this has been postponed previously, sponsor money has already been collected, however if you haven't had the sponsor form and wish to donate £1 on the day, it would be appreciated.
Thank you.**

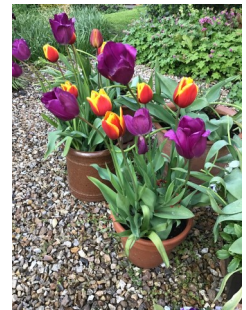
Sunnyside Garden

Today I have been planting my tomato plants into large pots and have organised them in the greenhouse so that I get a crop of tomatoes throughout the summer. I put a large bamboo cane behind each pot and will tie the stems to the canes as the plants grow. I have also cut the bottoms off some used milk containers and placed them between the pots. I will be able to water the plants by filling the milk containers. This gets water into the soil and encourages the roots to grow down into the soil.

I have also put up the rows of canes for the runner beans to grow up, as well as some for the variety of peas which also get very tall. I hang old discs from the canes to discourage the birds. They move in the wind and reflect the sun.

The potatoes are now pushing their way through the soil and every tuber appears to be growing. No need to water the vegetables this week because of all the rain.

The tulips are still looking lovely in their pots. They have been very successful this year in everyone's gardens.



After School Clubs

The current Year 5 reading club will continue after the holidays.

Mr Goddard will be running a reading club for the Year 2s. This will be on a Thursday 3:30-4pm, starting on Thursday 10th June. However, if any siblings from the Year 5 club join they can stay with Mr Goddard until 4:30pm.

If your child would like to join the Year 2 Club please complete the slip below and return to the school office by Monday 7th June.

Year 2 After School Reading Club.

Child's name would like to join the Reading Club.

Signed.....

Date