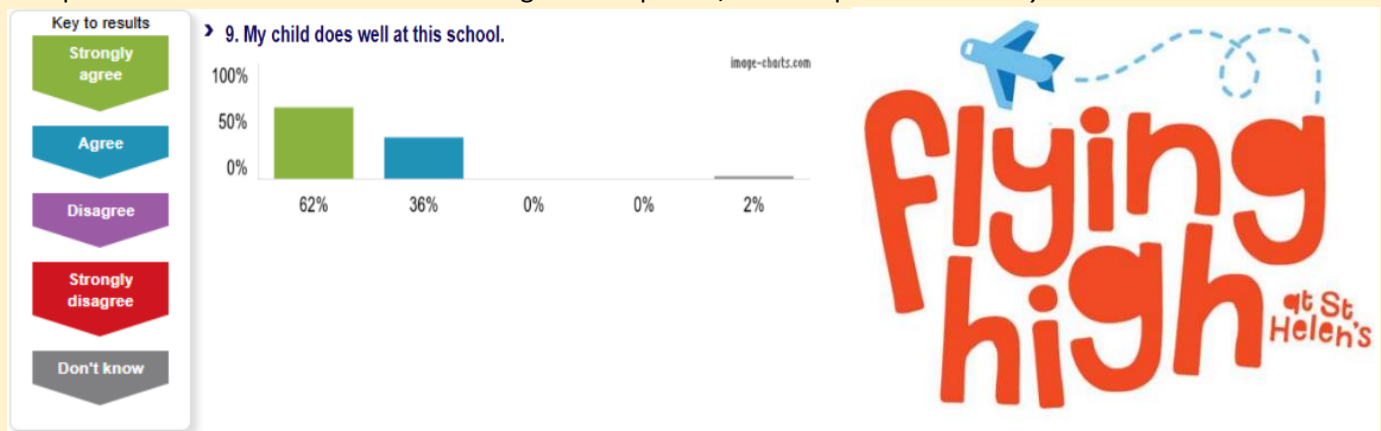


From Mr Chappell: Wow – what an incredibly busy week we have had! Firstly, can I reiterate the message I put on Class Dojo and say a huge thank you for all the kind wishes that staff received over the last two days: before, during and after the process of OFSTED, this truly shows the fantastic relationships that we have built together at St.Helen's. Last night was the first chance I had to sit down and look at the OFSTED parent view and I was delighted to see some of the results from the survey. (You can have a look at the parent's/carers survey via the link below) Although the number of responses were lower than our end of year parent/carer surveys (we attribute this to our survey being open for several weeks rather than a few hours), the results were still overwhelmingly positive. As always there are a few things we will consider to see what we can do better but we were delighted to see some of the positive results.

OFSTED Parent/ View: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/6544/15>

One particular result stood out for me: A huge 98% of parent/carer responses felt that *'your child does well at this school'*.



This is something we are extremely proud about, as staff work incredibly hard day in, day out to ensure that ALL children can make progress and develop, whether academically, socially or personally. As you know, I love the fact that we are inclusive to all children, and 'doing well' for us can be a huge range of facets, which I am sure is the same for you. 'Doing well' in the academic subjects and developing is important to us all, but this can look different for some children, whether making great progress in reading from their starting points or achieving Greater Depth in their Year 6 SATs tests. Behaviour (which was highlighted in the parent/carer survey as a strength) can see children making progress whether it's being in the classroom more, relationships with others, developing language and communication skills, the list goes on and on. What is apparent and something that we feel is a strength of a school is that consistently children 'do well.' Over the last two days the SLT (Senior Leadership Team) and myself had the pleasure of accompanying the inspector into classrooms to see the children working, he spoke separately to children and staff and looked at a range of school documentation including looking at safeguarding practices in depth. He observed behaviours in class and at lunchtimes and talked to the children for a long time. What shone through (which we knew it would) was the genuine pride that our children have in talking about their learning and how proud they all are of 'Flying High' and their strong relationships with the staff. Thank you everyone for all your support in this process, which really encapsulates our vision of: ***'Excellence, Enjoyment and achievement together in a nurturing Christian Community' 'They will soar on wings like Eagles – Isaiah 40:31'***

The inspection report now needs to be validated and checked by OFSTED, and we are hoping to be able to share the results with you towards the end of February.

Finally, and I'm sure you will join me, in this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all our staff. Every day they work so hard to ensure that your children have the very best memories and experiences of Primary school.

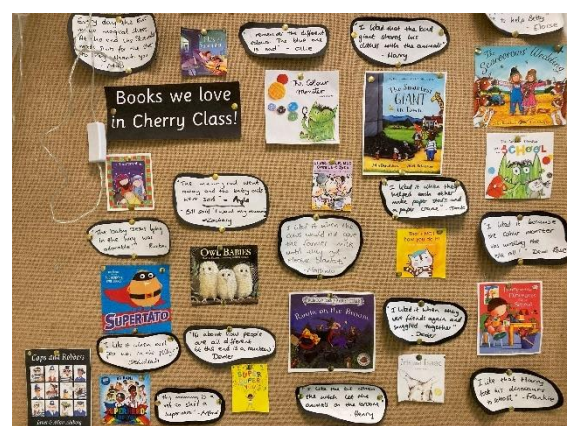
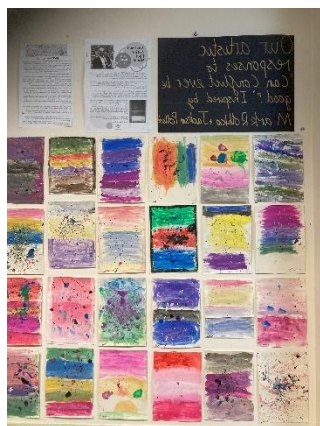
Have a great weekend!



Well done to the school football team, who last night won on penalties, in the South Glos Primary Schools Cup v St.Michael's Stoke Gifford. This is a fantastic achievement, particularly as St.Michaels is one of the largest schools in South Glos and have defeated us over the last three years in the cup.

A great achievement to reach the semi-finals of this prestigious cup competition, can we go all the way and win it for the first time? Well done all involved, but in particular Olly B in goal, who saved two penalties in the spot kick deciders. Well done boys!

Observations from this week:



Year 6 working Lifeskills Trip Recount

Beautiful Art work from Year 3

Why we love books – in Cherry Class EYFS

Key Dates: Term 3 and 4

Wednesday 12 th February	Dance Club - South Glos Schools Stages Performances all day.
Monday 24 th – 28 th February	Travelling Book Fair
Tuesday 4 th March - Thursday 6 th March	Parents/Carers Evening
Friday March 21 st	Inset Day #3
Wednesday 26 th March	Curriculum Showcase
Friday 4 th April	FOSH Break the Rules Day
Monday April 7 th – 21 st	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22 nd April	Term 5 Starts
Monday 12 th May – Thursday 15 th May	Year 6 SATs assessments week.

Well done to those children who were awarded a Celebration Certificate last week and today:

Holly Class: Borys & Wren Roxy & Bella
 Beech Class: Lauren & Lakshan Luna C & Eli
 Oak Class: Luna & Molly Rufus & Tilley
 Ash Class: Obi & James Parker & Amelia-Rose
 Sycamore Class: Bonnie & Taamiran George & Diego
 Elm Class: Peaches & Lola Harry & Kaia

