



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Volume 4- Friday 29th September 2023

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

It has been a wonderful week in school this week with many reasons to celebrate. We held our welcome ceremony to officially welcome all our children and families into St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School. It was a special ceremony and one that I know everyone will remember. We have also held our first Mini-Vinnie meeting. This important child led group will be working together across the year to bring about change for the school and our community. I wish you all a good weekend.

Generous God, in you we have all we need. Help us to put you first in all that we do and to trust that you will care for us always. Amen.

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Attendance

Well done to Year 5 for having 100% attendance this week – excellent job! Our overall school attendance this week was a pleasing 96.9% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

Parent's Meetings

You will have received an email regarding book your child's appointment for our upcoming Parents Meeting Evening on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October 2023. Please ensure you have booked your appointment to allow us to allocate you a time slot as close to your request as possible.

Harvest

On Thursday 5th October 2023, we will be celebrating Harvest. Due to the increase in the number of children now attending St John Henry Newman, we will be having two Harvest Celebrations. The timings for these are as follows; 10.00am - Reception and Key Stage 1, 10.45am – Key Stage 2. These short services are an opportunity to give thanks for the food we eat, to thank those people who help produce our food and to think of others, in the UK and around the world, who still go hungry. We will be using this celebration to support the "Trussell Trust – Stop UK Hunger" and we ask if your child could bring in one of the following items that will then be taken to our local Peterborough Food Bank.

Tea	Hot chocolate	Long life fruit Juice	UHT Milk
Tinned Meat	Instant Mash	Pasta Sauces	Tinned Fruit
Tinned Fish	Rice Pudding	Tinned Tomatoes	Tinned Soup

Car Park

I would like to remind you all that our school car park has a 5mph speed limit. Also, the surrounding roads have a speed limit of 20mph Please take care when driving to and from school each morning and evening.

Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

Reception have had a busy week of sorting lots of different objects into sets in our Maths lessons. We have been thinking about the different ways we can sort objects such as by colour, shape, and size. We have been using the words 'same' and 'different' to describe the sets we have made- all whilst having lots of fun trying to guess how our teachers have sorted objects too!

In EAD on Tuesday afternoon and to tie in with our RE (Religious Education) theme this week of 'belonging', we started work on our self-portraits and got extremely excited to test out the paints out for the first time! We will put our finished portraits up in our classrooms to show we belong to Attenborough and Luther-King classes. Our teachers think there may be lots of future Picasso's amongst us!



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong)

This week in maths we have finished our work on place value. We have done lots of counting forwards and backwards from different numbers, saying one more and one less than a given number and using a number line to help us. In English we have started working on our new book *We're All Wonders*. We have made lots of predictions about what might happen in the story before we got the chance to do some hot seating and drama. Later in the week we did some writing, focusing on basic sentences with full stops, capital letters and finger spaces. We finished our geography learning and started doing some art based on the work of Bridget Reilly.

Year 1 and 2 Learning (Chanel)

Year 1 have been busy in Maths this week comparing objects and numbers. We have learnt new vocabulary 'greater than, less than and equal to' and have even been using Mathematical symbols to represent this! Year 2 have been deepening their estimation skills to place given numbers on a number line and have gone on to practice counting in 2s, 3s and even 5s. In English, we started our learning on our new book 'We Are All Wonders'. We used Drama to familiarise ourselves with the characters and story line by creating freeze frames. Over the next few weeks, we are going to be writing a letter from 'Auggie', the main character in the book, so to support this we investigated the purpose and features of different letters

Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)

In year 3 this week we have finished our draft of our first-person narrative based on the story Flat Stanley. We have enjoyed our PE lessons working on ball skills. We have continued our place value topic in maths and have been comparing and ordering 3-digit numbers. Our science learning has been exciting we have found out that there are different types of skeletons, they are called endoskeleton, hydrostatic skeleton, and exoskeleton. We identified animals with the different types of skeletons.



Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)

This week has seen us complete our Geography unit on 'Are all settlements the same?' In the last 2 lessons we have been learning about New Delhi, including some of the physical and human features that you can find there. Pupils used Google Maps on the iPads to explore the city and to locate some of the different features and landmarks that we had been looking at as a group. We then compared the capital of India to our own local area, here in Peterborough.

Year 5 Learning (Frank)

We have been focused on description in our English work this week. Looking at ways to 'paint pictures' in readers eyes with our writing. Through this week we have looked at onomatopoeia, similes, metaphors, personification, and expanded noun phrases! We will be well equipped to write descriptive writing all about WW2 London next week. Our class book is getting exciting as we get into the latter chapters, and we have been focusing in guided reading on inference – finding things in our reading from clues from the text.

Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)

This week, the Year 6 children have shown real maturity in a range of areas. From showing empathy and understanding in RE, to supporting one another with difficult Maths with patience and kindness. In DT we have begun looking at unit all about games and the children enjoyed their first lesson where we looked at the function and form of a range of children's toys.



Parent WhatsApp Groups - A message from our Parent Governors

A few classes have set up parent/carer WhatsApp chat groups as an online space to seek support, ask questions, clarify, or give information. For those interested to join, the currently existing groups are:

Reception Attenborough and Luther King

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EsYGRLjf3ry3fdBPdC0O7U>

Year 1/2 Chanel

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BqNcyl3mcjjG4zw9fZMI2O>

Year 3 Yousafzai

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/ExOh0mSMXbi8haZszKdd6t>

Year 4 Gandhi

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Hm7ypljTYp8B0LmNoYaRQf>

Autumn Term 2023 Dates

2-10-2023	Black History Month
5-10-2023	10.00am Harvest Celebration – Reception and KS1 (Key Stage 1) 10.45am Harvest Celebration – KS2 (Key Stage 2)
9-10-2023	Feast of St John Henry Newman
9-10-2023	No After School Clubs due to Parent Meetings Week
10-10-2023	Parent Meetings
11-10-2023	Parent Meetings
Half Term (23-10-2023 – 27-10-2023)	
7-11-2023	9.30am School Photos
13-11-2023	Anti-Bullying Week
27-11-2023	Reverse Advent Calendar Starts
29-11-2023	4.30pm Advent Service
5-12-2023	4.30pm School Carols
7-12-2023	6.00pm Peterborough Schools Carol Service
12-12-2023	2.00pm Nativity Reception
13-12-2023	2.00pm Nativity Reception
14-12-2023	2.00pm Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity
15-12-2023	2.00pm Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity
18-12-2023	Christmas Jumper Day
18-12-2023	Christmas Lunch
19-12-2023	1.30pm Last Day