



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Volume 5- Friday 6th October 2023

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

We have had another wonderful week in school with so much happening. We also held our two Harvest Celebrations in which all children participated in reflecting on the importance of Harvest. Also, the children have begun to explore Black History month, through learning about Inspiring People and what they achieved. Finally, I just wanted to remind you all about our parents' meetings next week on Tuesday 10th October and Wednesday 11th October, I know that staff are very much looking forward to updating you on how your child has settled into life at St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

God of justice and wisdom, help us to keep on praying and never to doubt that your truth will protect us in all that we face. 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 a letter confirming your child's appointment time for our upcoming Parents Meeting Evening on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October 2023. Please arrive in good time for you appoint to ensure that all teachers keep to time. We look forward to seeing you all next.

Harvest Celebration 2023

On Thursday we held two Harvest Services to give thanks for the food we eat, to the people who produce the ingredients and for God beautiful world. Our school community also gathered food for the Trussell Trust- Food Peterborough Food. A huge thank you for the level of generosity shown.



Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

As part of Black History Month in Reception, we have been learning about Rosa Parks. We learnt about her bravery by standing up for her rights when she found things that were happening around her to be very unfair. We thought carefully about treating everyone equally and have celebrated all being different. We reflected on the Rosa Parks lesson by making our own buses, buses that *everybody* can ride regardless of appearances or backgrounds!



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong)

In Armstrong Class this week, we have started our new unit of Addition and Subtraction by learning about the Part, Part Whole model. In English we completed an independent write where we transformed into Auggie, the character from our book, and wrote a postcard home from our trip to Pluto. In art we looked at lines and artists who used lines in their paintings; we took inspiration from this and created some collaborative *Under the Sea* themed artwork.

Year 1 and 2 Learning (Chanel)

In English, this week Y1 and Y2 have enjoyed completing their 2nd big write of the year - A postcard from Auggie's trip to Pluto. Within this, they focused on adding exciting adjectives to make their writing more interesting to read. In Maths, Y1 started their new unit focusing on Addition and Subtraction. They were introduced to part whole models and used a range of manipulatives to support their learning. Year 2 revisited comparative language and used this efficiently when comparing and ordering a variety of objects and numbers.

Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)

This week year 3 have finished their place value learning in maths. The children have enjoyed working in pairs on a range of place value problem solving activities. We have started learning about Malala Yousafzai (our class name) as we will be writing a biography about her life and achievements. This has linked nicely to our next guided reading book which is Malala's magic pencil which is written by Malala Yousafzai. We have made predictions about what this story will be about based on the front cover. In geography we have looked at the reasons for and against living near a volcano and decided whether we would like to live near one or not.



Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)

Year 4 have now moved onto the next specialism topic, a computing unit discussing online safety. This has included lessons on: What happens when I search online? and how do companies encourage us to buy online, via means such as advertising, in-app purchases, and influencers, in addition to how websites can make recommendations based on your online activity. Recently we have also been discussing the differences between fact, opinion, and belief, as well as how to check the reliability of a statement.

Year 5 Learning (Frank)

This week in English we have been continuing our look at 3rd person narrative writing. We have focused on using dialogue in our writing and ensuring we understand and use speech punctuation correctly. In reading we looked at a particular interesting chapter of our key text and used our inference skills to extract information and opinion which help us understand the story and characters in a deeper way. In Science we carried out our parachute experiment from the upstairs balcony. Seeing the parachutes float helped us investigate the force of air resistance.

Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)

In Armstrong Class this week, we have started our new unit of Addition and Subtraction by learning about the Part, Part Whole model. In English we completed an independent write where we transformed into Auggie, the character from our book, and wrote a postcard home from our trip to Pluto. In art we looked at lines and artists who used lines in their paintings; we took inspiration from this and created some collaborative *Under the Sea* themed artwork.



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

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