



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Volume 6- Friday 13th October 2023

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

We have had another wonderful week in school with so much happening. On Monday we have been celebrated the Feast of St John Henry Newman, the saint which our school is named after. The children learnt more about who he was and what he did that was so important. Over the week, teachers have enjoyed holding their first Parent's evening appointments of the school year. It was a fantastic opportunity to let our parents and carers know how well the children are getting on and update them on their learning. Have a great weekend!

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

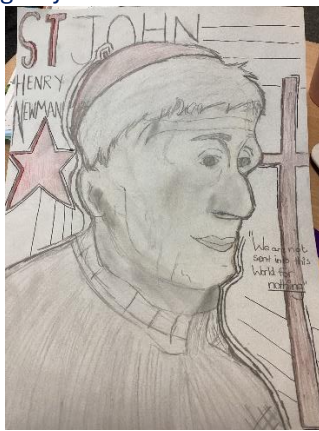
Well done to Year 4 and Reception for having 100% attendance this week – excellent job! Our overall school attendance this week was a pleasing 97.2% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

Flu Vaccines

I have had several enquiries regarding the Flu Vaccination system for children. I can confirm that these will be taking place at St John Henry Newman on Friday 10th November 2023. More information on this including consent forms will be issued closer to the time.

Feast of St John Henry Newman

On Monday we celebrated the Feast of St John Henry Newman. Our children spent their day learning all about him and understanding why he became a Saint. The children then presented their showcases for everyone to enjoy.



Parent's Meetings

This week we welcomed 95% of our families to our Autumn Term Parents Meetings. It was lovely to so many families and I know that the teacher found these meeting extremely useful.

Football Team Update

On Wednesday Mr Pepper took our Year 5 Football team to take part in a 'School Games' competition involving several schools across the city. Our team performed well winning 5 out of their 6 games!



Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

This week we learnt in the DT room for the first time... and for an exciting reason! We read Biscuit Bear by Mini Grey and made our own biscuit bears. There was no chance of our Biscuit Bears magically coming alive in the middle of the night like the one in the story, as they were too delicious not to eat straight away!! Next week we will think about the initial sounds for the equipment and ingredient names to help us write some lists. We will also be sequencing the photos of us making our Biscuit Bears chronologically.



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong)

In English this week, Armstrong class have started looking at their new book *When the Rains Come* by Tom Pow. This is a lovely folk tale from Malawi, and we also learned a little bit about Malawi so we could better understand the context of the story. We then worked together to create a class story map and script and have been practicing our story, script and actions so that we can confidently retell the story next week in our independent Big Write. In Maths this week we have been working on Number Sentences including learning all about the plus and equals signs, how to write the sentence and even how to present this carefully in our books which has led to some fantastic learning. In Art we have done some lovely work on single line drawings, and we enjoyed celebrating Ada Lovelace Day by learning a little bit about her life and designing posters about how we use technology today.

Year 1 and 2 Learning (Chanel)

Chanel class have thoroughly enjoyed working Mathematically this week. Year 1 were introduced to number sentences and had great fun using concrete resources to deepen their understanding of 'plus' and 'equals'. Year 2 applied their knowledge of tens and ones to find related facts and number bonds to 100. In English, both year groups began the new book 'When the Rains come' by Tom Pow. To provide context, we learnt all about Malawi and then went on to story map the key events.

Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)

This week in year 3 we have continued our addition and subtraction learning where we have focused on adding 1s across a 10 and adding 10s across a hundred. We have started to read our guided reading book and have thought about what we would use a magic pencil for. We started our art topic where we were encouraged to see like an artist, this allowed us to pick out shapes that we could see within still life objects. We finished our science topic on skeletons with investigating if all skeletons are the same.

Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)

Year 4 have now completed their Computing unit on online safety. This week we looked at the following areas: What is a bot and what is my #TechTimetable like? Students particularly enjoyed producing their own bot designs, producing some good pieces of work, with detailed drawings and explanations on what their bot does, how it will benefit the class and the potential risks it may pose. They finished the topic by creating a Tech Timetable to measure their screen time on a typical school day, to assess the number of positive and negative digital distractions, in addition to ways this could be potentially improved.

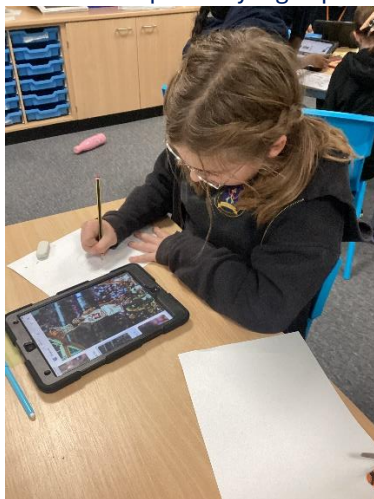
Year 5 Learning (Frank)

This week we finished our 3rd person narratives and then edited our writing. We used purple pens to spot and correct punctuation, add better vocabulary, vary our sentences, and improve our spelling. We have continued to read more chapters of our class book and completing comprehension on certain parts of the story.

In DT we have begun pop-up books relating to our history topic of WW2. We are doing pop-ups, sliders, and pivots to be creative with our books. This week we celebrated Ada Lovelace day and we researched everything about her and her amazing contribution to Maths and computing.

Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)

The Year 6 children have worked exceptionally hard this week during our first look at SATS. We are proud of the maturity they have shown and the positive attitude towards their work - we hope this continues for the rest of the year! Alongside this, we have researched the likes of Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr to further develop our understanding of Black history and have produced some exceptionally high-quality work including posters, fact files and even musical performances.



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

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