



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

We have had a super week in school this week. There has been a real buzz around this school this week when I have been in and out of classes and the children have been really motivated in their learning. I have seen some excellent writing happening in several classes this week as well and some interesting science work. We were also lucky enough to have a visit from SkipBeatz, a full write up of this is below. Finally, I had a visit from a Headteacher who had not been to our school in a year, and they could believe how our school has grown since their last visit. Also, how polite, well manner and calm all our children were throughout the school.

O Lord Jesus Christ, our King and Saviour, may we never forget your love for each one of us, a love that led to death on a cross. We praise you always. Amen

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Attendance

Well done to Year 1 (Armstrong) for having 99.7% attendance this week – that is three weeks in a row!!! Our overall school attendance this week was 94.9% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

Anti-Bullying Week 2023

Next week, we will be taking part in the Anti-Bullying Alliance's annual Anti-Bullying Week. The theme for this year is 'MAKE A NOISE. As part of this, children will explore how important it is to speak up and speak out to people if they are suffering either online or face to face. One event we will be supporting is 'Odd Sock Day;' this will take place on Monday 13th November 2023. We are asking that all children come dressed in their typical school uniform but wear odd socks; the odder the better!



Skip-Beatz

On Thursday we had a visit from Pete Thompson, AKA Skip-Beatz. The children were in true amazement at this demonstration that started the morning. He then followed this up by leading a workshop for each class based around encouraging health and fitness through the sport of skipping.



Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

This week we learnt all about clay, exploring its properties by squashing, smoothing, pinching, rolling, flattening, and joining to make our own 3D sculptures. We had lots of fun developing our small motor skills whilst creating our own Super Fruits and Vegetables inspired by Supertato! Once our sculptures were dry, we got to paint them too. We will be using our Super Fruits and Vegetables to inspire role play, storytelling, and writing.



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong)

In English, this week we have continued our work on Neil Armstrong as well as focusing on improving our simple sentence writing. We have gathered lots of facts about Armstrong, ready to draft our own books about him next week. In maths we continued to work on subtraction and then did some mixed problems, being careful to read the +, - and = signs carefully! In Computing we have been learning about internet safety and have done lots of work about how to stay safe online.

Year 1 and 2 Learning (Chanel)

In Maths this week Y2 have worked extremely hard when learning how to add and subtract 2-digit numbers across 10 (e.g. $36 + 29 =$, $28 + 53 =$). They showed great determination! Year 1 used number lines to add and subtract two 1-digit numbers, they have made super progress this week! In English, both year groups collated all their knowledge on the fashion designer Coco Chanel and following this wrote amazing pieces of work about her life. Year 1 took special care that their sentences made sense and included finger spaces. Year 2 worked hard to vary their sentence starters and included conjunctions.

Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)

In year 3 this week, we have finished our addition and subtraction learning. We have also finished reading our guided reading book - Malala's magic pencil. After completing the whole book, we imagined that we had a magic pencil and wrote and drew what we would like it to draw. In PE we started our hockey unit where we were learning how to hold the hockey stick correctly, pass, and receive the ball which will help when we come on to playing a match. In computing we have started to use scratch, a website we have enjoyed getting to know. Scratch helps us understand how programming works, we have focused on how to use a loop and make an animation.



Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)

This term in English reading and writing, students will be learning about Mohandas (Mahatma) Gandhi, who is also our class name and influential figure. In English reading, they have been finding some key information about the countries he was born in or spent significant time studying in – these being India and South Africa. Using fact files, they identified relevant points by scanning the text and then applying it to the information and images they had already been provided with. They also discussed some vocab and the definitions of any unknown words, that will be covered next week when researching Gandhi's life.

Year 5 Learning (Frank)

In Year 5, our English writing has taken us outer space to Pandora – a moon found near Alpha Centauri! Living there are some interesting and weird animals and plants. We are writing a non-chronological report on our very own created insect from this fictitious place. Using different sentence structures, we are making our writing interesting and engaging to read. We are also in space in science as we explore the Solar System. Creating our own Solar System on the field using fruit and toilet roll to get an understanding of the different distances each planet is away from the sun.

Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)

In science we have continued our learning with electricity by looking at a range of completed and incomplete circuits. Within this, the children needed to identify if the circuit were complete or not, explain why, and if it were an incomplete circuit advise on how it could be made complete. There were lots of lovely discussions throughout this lesson about what needs to be included to allow the current to flow and why. In our English writing lessons, we have been looking at and comparing persuasive texts, observing similarity and differences in form, purpose and aims.

Autumn Term 2023 Dates

13-11-2023	Anti-Bullying Week
27-11-2023	Reverse Advent Calendar Starts
5-12-2023	4.00pm 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