



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

We have had a remarkably busy week in school with the children taking part in lots of different learning activities. All the children explored Anti-Bullying week, completing a wide range of activities link to this. In Year 1 and 2 they have been working hard to create their own books all about the inspirational people their classes are named after. Finally, it has been lovely to walk in the classes this week as preparations have begun for the Nativity and the children's singing is amazing! Have a great weekend everyone!

Loving God may your love be with us always and bring peace and joy to all your people around the world, as we wait in hope for the coming of your Son Jesus.

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Attendance

Well done to Year 4 (Gandhi) for having 98.9% attendance this week. Our overall school attendance this week was quiet low this week 91.9% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

Parent Questionnaire

You will have all recently received a link to complete a parent questionnaire about life as a parent here at St John Henry Newman. Please complete this by Friday 1st December 2023. Any parent completing this questionnaire we be entered into a draw to win an Amazon Gift Card.

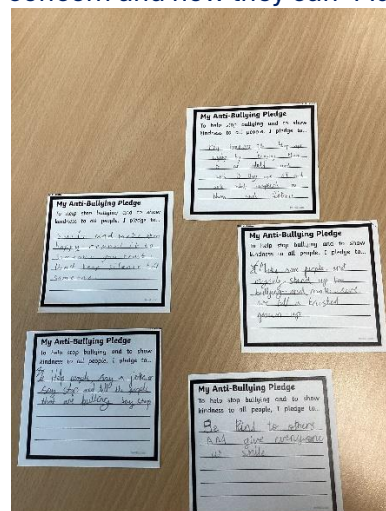
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Amazon Wish List

I have to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all the parents/carers who have purchased books from our Amazon Wishlist for our school library. The response to this has been staggering and so far over £850 worth of books have been purchased for our children to enjoy in the future, which is just incredible! The link to the Wishlist is still live if any more contributions would like to be made. On behalf of the staff and children at StJHN, once again, thank you for your kindness and generosity towards this project! - Miss Spaven.

Anti-Bullying Week 2023

This week all classes have been taking part in Anti-Bullying Week. Children started the week by wearing odd socks to celebrate how everyone is different. Children have also been completing a range of activities in class including friendly and unfriendly behaviours, who they can talk to if they have a concern and how they can 'Make a Noise.'



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong)

In Armstrong class this week we have written our books all about Neil Armstrong and they are fantastic! The children have really loved demonstrating everything they have learned and really thought about how to present their knowledge. They expanded their work with images and some additional fun facts before designing a gorgeous front cover. In maths we have worked on Fact Families and finding the eight facts about a number. We have also been working hard on our Nativity play which is excellent practice for our speaking and listening skills.

Year 1 and 2 Learning (Chanel)

In English, this week the children began writing their first 'hot task' of the term - a auto-biography all about Coco Chanel! The children engaged amazingly with this and successfully applied all their knowledge and skills they have learnt over the past few weeks. They have taken a lot of pride over this piece of work and should be proud of themselves. In Maths, Year 2 have applied their addition and subtraction knowledge to answer tricky word problems. Year 1 continued their work on fact families and are demonstrating a fantastic knowledge of this. Nativity rehearsals are in full swing for KS1 (Key Stage 1), and the children have been working tirelessly to learn a variety of new songs!

Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)

This week year 3 have completed their scratch unit in computing. We have continued to build on our hockey skills and took part in a 1 v 1 game where one of us was the defender and one of us was the attacker. In maths we have started our multiplication and division unit and have looked at grouping, arrays, and multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s. We have written a diary as a character from voices in the park. In science we have started to look at different food groups and what the function is of each food group.



Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)

Year 4's Art lessons involved using the skills learned from previous sessions, to develop drawings into prints. Children worked in groups and were able to collectively choose the material they would print on and which colour of paint each of them would like to use. Once this had been decided, they elected whether it would be abstract or figurative (something recognisable) and then began by drafting the design for their final piece. Using the different materials in imaginative ways, each group then re-created their designs on cloth or card.



Year 5 Learning (Frank)

This week we have finished writing our non-chronological reports about our space-related insects! We included technical language and a range of sentence structures to keep writing engaging to read. In reading we have continued the Adventures of Odysseus exploring the different islands and monsters (including a six headed Hydra!) he has passed in his travels.

Comparing and ordering fractions has been the focus in maths, and we looked at several ways we can find common denominators to help us compare fraction values. Using our knowledge, we tried some tricky word problem challenges including GCSE algebra!

This week we also focused on Spanish and we explored 'las cuatro estaciones.' We learned each season in Spanish, sang songs and created a phrase about each one. Disfrutamos de nuestras clases de español y el Sr. Pepper nos hizo registrarnos en español también!

Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)

In science this week, the children investigated what happened when they added more components (bulbs) to a circuit. They completed several complete circuits with different numbers of bulbs and concluded that the more bulbs in a circuit, the dimmer they were.

Within maths, there has been some lovely collaboration, where the children are choosing to work together to share answers and methods to support their understanding of fractions.

Autumn Term 2023 Dates

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