



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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34th Sunday of Ordinary Time

We have come to the end of yet another busy week with once again lots happening. Our Reception children have been busily recreating the story of The Little Red Hen even baking their own bread using the same ingredients. Whilst our Year 5 children have been continuing with their Languages specialism of Spanish. Mrs Lopez has been extremely impressed!! Finally, I have shown a lot of families around the school this week and everyone has commented on how kind, polite and well-mannered the children were. I know that this made the staff feel enormously proud to hear! 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 quite low this week 91.9% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

ECO Club

Last week Miss Thompson announced the members of our first school ECO club. Congratulations to the following children who are our ECO club members.

Year 3: James, Chimamanda, Samhita

Year 4: Essa, Hallie, Nid

Year 5: Imogen, Ese, Kacper

Year 6: Danielle, Jeremiah, Aiman

Finally, I would like to thank James in Year 3, who has made badges for all the ECO club members.

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 will be entered into a draw to win an Amazon Gift Card.

<https://forms.office.com/e/KKfCMbzYtL>

Reverse Advent Calendar 2023

Last week we shared our plans for a Reverse Advent calendar to take place. Each morning, starting on Monday 27th November 2023, there will be an empty plastic box at the school gate, which if you are able to make a few small donations during Advent, they will be used once again to support the "Trussell Trust – Stop UK Hunger". Suggested food items are shown below. All our food donations 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
Tinned Beans	Pasta	Rice	Chocolate

Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

This week we were excited to make bread as part of our Little Red Hen learning. We learnt all about the process of wheat turning into flour in a mill through the story. We enjoyed adding the yeast to our dough and watching the magic happen as it rose bigger and BIGGER! Here we are kneading the dough to make our own delicious bread rolls. We will write instructions by spelling bossy verbs such as "mix", "add" and "put" so the other animals on the farm know how to make bread, just like the Little Red Hen!



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong)

This week in Armstrong Class we have finished off our learning about addition and subtraction. We have done lots of recapping the different methods they have used. In English we have had a week focusing on our basic skills of writing and comprehension. We started the week by writing basic sentences about a picture and at the end of the week we were upleveling our sentences to make them more interesting and detailed. We are continuing to practice our nativity; keep singing and practicing your lines at home everyone!

Year 1 and 2 Learning (Chanel)

Year 2 have worked extremely hard this week completing their Autumn assessments. They should be immensely proud of their efforts. In specialisms they started their new Geography unit looking at the question 'Would you rather live in a hot or cold place?' Within this, they used atlases to name the 7 continents and to locate the equator. They then went on to make well thought out comparisons between the UK, Kenya and Antarctica. Year 1 completed their addition and subtraction unit in Maths and demonstrated super recall of knowledge during this. In English, they focused on basic writing skills, using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces when describing exciting pictures. They also had endless fun when designing, making, and evaluating their own fruit pizzas - which were extremely delicious! Nativity rehearsals are coming on very well. Please continue to practice your lines and the songs at home!

Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)

Year 3 have had another busy week of learning. In maths we have continued our multiplication and division topic and have focused on multiplying and dividing by 3 and 4. In writing we have started to look at the features of a non-chronological report as we will be writing our own next week. In reading we have focused on answering questions based on explanation texts. We are enjoying our hockey learning and have played a 3 versus 3 game this week. We were exciting to look at the server within school as we are learning about networks and the internet within computing.

Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)

In D&T the class have been continuing their work on electrical systems and more specifically, torches. The past couple of days have seen them learning about the invention and history of the light bulb, discovering that Joseph Swan was in fact the inventor of the first electric light bulb, not Thomas Edison who is widely known and recognised. Thomas Edison developed Swan's lamp, holds the world record number of original invention patents, and co-founded the Edison-Swan United Electric Light Co. with Joseph. Year 4 also have gone on to explore the features of a torch and analyse different torch products. Using the knowledge gained from the product analysis tasks lead them to then create and design their own torches. They then began building the torches, which will be completed next week, working in pairs or small groups to do so.

Year 5 Learning (Frank)

In Maths we are adding and subtracting fractions and knowing that we need to ensure they have common denominator. We have solved lots of challenge questions using our new knowledge of calculating fractions. Online safety was the focus in Computing this week and we looked at several ways to communicate online. Mr Pepper told the class that there was no such thing as the 'internet' when he was at school, and he had to write letters and he did not play online games with his friends! Obviously, nobody believed this was possible! However, we also discussed ways we can be safe online and ways to deal with any type of online abuse or bullying. We are still training to run cross country and we have been doing laps of the field. Our lap times are getting better however, our shoes are still getting soaked in the wet grass! Mr Pepper says it is character building!

Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)

In PE this week, Year 6 have completed their first fitness test, doing short burst of exercises such as squats, planks and sit ups. Safe to say lots of us found it hard, but we are excited to see our progress over the next few weeks.



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