



# St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

### Volume 17 – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Another week has flown by here at St John Henry Newman with so much exciting learning taking place. Our Year 5 children have been creating their own Art installations, which our Year 3 children have been journey along the Rainforest. Year 1 have had a very 'egg-citing' week with the arrival of 13 chicks! The children have been learning how we look after these animals and how important animal welfare is. Finally, on Thursday Fr Jeffrey shared the story of Noah's ark with the school, the children were very reflective on this. Have a great weekend everyone.

**Jesus, you light up our lives.  
Help us today to follow you  
and place our trust in you.  
Amen**

Mr Cooper  
Headteacher

#### **Attendance**

Well done to Year 1 (Chanel) for having 97.8% attendance this week. Our overall school attendance this week was 95.7% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

#### **Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)**

During our previous learning, pupils have been discussing topics such as "Myself," "Birthdays" and the importance of belonging to a family. This term we are also learning about "present and past" in our history topic and "jobs and roles" in our community. Pupils had produced a family tree at home with their family and this week they all had the opportunity to share their project with their peers. As a whole class we talked about how all families can be different than others and we also discussed some different roles in our community. Children talked about their own family tree with adults and peers and described how many members their family they have. They also mentioned about how some of their family member looks like and their jobs in our community. All pupils enjoyed learning about each other's family, and they also had the opportunity to ask questions to each other.



#### **Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)**

There has been great excitement in Year One this week with the arrival of our chicks! We will be studying them for two weeks as part of our learning about Animals Including Humans in Science. The children have been so gentle and caring with the chicks and have loved getting to know them and spend time with them. In English we have finished off our learning all about The Day the Crayons Quit by writing a letter of apology to the crayons, hoping that they will come back! In maths we have continued our unit all about place value to twenty by looking at one more and one less and figuring out where to put the numbers on a blank number line.

#### **Year 2 Learning (Hamilton)**

Another super week in Hamilton class! In English, we completed our first Hot Task of the term - writing our own version of 'The 3 little Pigs.' We used our imaginations to change what animals were in the story and what materials the houses are made from. These ranged from flowers to slime! We completed our money unit within Maths and worked exceptionally hard when completing our end of unit assessments, which reflect how much we have learnt. In PE, our focus has been team building. In groups of 4 we were challenged to move a hula hoop across the playground using only two skipping ropes. Our effective communication and determination allowed us to succeed!

### Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)

This week in year 3 we have continued to read Mary Poppins within guided reading and are enjoying reading about the adventures Michael and Jane go on with Mary Poppins. We have started a new genre in writing, over the next couple of weeks we are going to be writing an alternative ending to Goldilocks and the three bears. This week we acted out the original story and have learnt how to use conjunctions within sentences. In maths we have started our new unit on length and perimeter. We have begun with measuring in metres, centimetres, and millimetres. We have also started our geography unit based on the Amazon rainforest, we looked at different pictures from the Amazon rainforest and discussed in groups what we could see.

### Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)

This week in Reading lessons, Year 4 continued their learning about The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. The children produced some **outstanding** work which looked in-depth at character summaries which were grounded in evidence. We concluded our second lesson by partaking in the ultimate debate: Is Turkish Delight worth sacrificing the location of your siblings for? The children taste-tested some Turkish Delight just like Edmund in the book to help them determine their answer to the debate! (Families will be please to know that the consensus was "no" - Turkish Delight is not good enough to sacrifice the safety of your family for!)



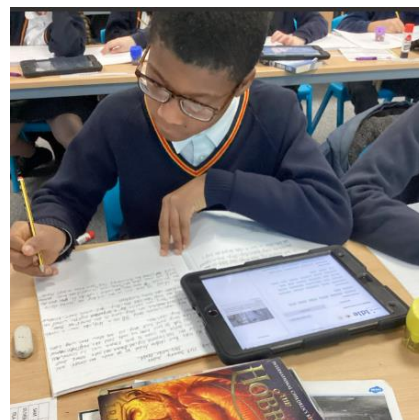
### Year 5 Learning (Frank and Hawking)

This week, Year 5 have shown that effort leads to success. In mathematics, the focus was on division; we learned different methods and decided on the most efficient one for the problem at hand. In English, we worked on perfecting paragraphs in our non-chronological reports to make them shine. Our budding artists, with creativity in full bloom, turned ordinary cardboard boxes into dazzling art installations. It has been a week of discovery, teamwork, and colourful imagination in Year 5. Keep up the fantastic work!

### Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)

This week brings a close to our first Hot Write of 2024. Having looked at a range of suspense narratives, the children have planned, written, edited and then produced their final piece of writing. The children were looking at ways that they can include speech to help move along the plot or tell us more about a character.

In maths, we have moved onto looking at ratio and Year 6 seem to have been confident. I am happy to see so many of the children using LbQ at home to practice their skills further.



**Parent Groups**

A few classes have parent/carer WhatsApp chat groups as an online space to seek support, ask questions, clarify, or give information. For those interested to join, please click on the applicable links:

Reception

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EsYGRLjf3ry3fdBPdC0O7U>

Year 1

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Dd1gG60RNXw8iRfjcpa49B>

Year 2

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HnXKAXF2FLJHekeH9aunoM>

Year 3

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/ExOh0mSMXbi8haZszKdd6t>

Year 4

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Hm7ypIjTYp8B0LmNoYaRQf>

**Spring Term 2024 Dates**

29-1-2024	Mock SATs week (Year 6's only)
14-2-2024	Ash Wednesday Liturgy

**Half Term (Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024)**

2-3-2024	World Book Day (More Details to Follow)
5-3-2024	Parent Meetings
6-3-2024	Parent Meetings
27-3-2024	Stations Liturgy
28-3-2024	1.30pm Last Day