



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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3rd Sunday of Lent (B)

Our first week back after half-term has gone by in a flash! We have had a great deal happening in school with the children starting several new learning units. This week has also seen all our children taking part in their daily Lent reflections. I have seen a number of these take place and I have been really impressed with how deeply the children have been thinking. Finally, I am looking forward to seeing many of you next week for your Spring Term parent meeting. Enjoy your weekend everyone.

Jesus, as I continue my journey through Lent, I welcome you into my heart. Be my guide as I GIVE to others. Be my strength as I ACT by making good choices. Be my friend as I PRAY and get to know you more. Amen

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Attendance

Well done to Year 3 (Yousafzai) for having 100% attendance this week. Our overall school attendance this week was 97.8% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

Music Achievement

Congratulations to Sydney in Year 3 for achieving a merit for her recent piano exam.

Parents Meetings

This week you will have received your appoint time regarding book your child's upcoming Parents Meeting Evening on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March 2024. Please make sure you arrive in suitable time for your time slot.

Big Lent Walk

Our entire school community will be taking part in a 'Big Walk' around the Hampton Water community on Friday 15th March 2024 at 1.30pm. We ask that on the day, families bring in a small donation which we will then gather and send to CAFOD. For more information on CAFODs Big Lent Walk and to read how your donations will be used please see: - [The Big Lent Walk \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://www.cafod.org.uk) If you wish to join us for our Big Lent Walk, please let your child's class teacher know. Please note that we will look to share the route we will be taking closer to the time.

Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

We went on a bear hunt this week in Reception and read everybody's favourite story by Michael Rosen! We very quickly picked up the repetition in the story and enjoyed singing and joining in with the actions. Following this, we created our own story maps by collaging different materials to represent the different settings in the story such as the grass, river, mud, forest, and snowstorm. Our favourite? The thick, oozy mud!! We enjoyed using the thick, oozy paint to add the mud to our story maps the most! Next week we will become authors and write our own versions of the story, choosing which animals we want to find and which different settings we want to travel through on our adventure to find it.



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)

This week, Year 1 have been learning about the four main compass directions and enjoyed learning the mnemonic to match the directions: North, East, South and West.

Year 2 Learning (Hamilton)

Another super week in Hamilton! We completed our end of unit Maths assessments on multiplication and division, and it is clear we have made good progress over the past few weeks. We started our fresh writing unit - Poetry. We are using the short film 'dangle' as our stimulus for writing these and have enjoyed sharing adventurous adjectives and adverbs to describe the nouns within the film.

Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)

Year 3 have had a busy week after returning from the half term break. We have finished reading the book Stone Age boy in guided reading which we really enjoyed following the adventures of the boy. In writing we have written a letter to Mary Poppins to thank her for looking after us during her stay at the house. In maths we have continued our topic on fractions, we have been comparing and ordering unit and non-unit fractions. We started our history topic on Romans, we have enjoyed learning about why the Romans invaded Britain and some of the key events that took place during their time here. We have also enjoyed learning about Boudicca and what she was really like in terms of her personality and appearance by looking at pictures of her.

Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)

Year 4 have started their new unit this week, studying poems. So far, they have looked at various types of poems including: a limerick, riddle and acrostic. During one of the lessons, students spent some time exploring how to perform a poem. They then had a go at practising and delivering a poem in groups, to the rest of the class.

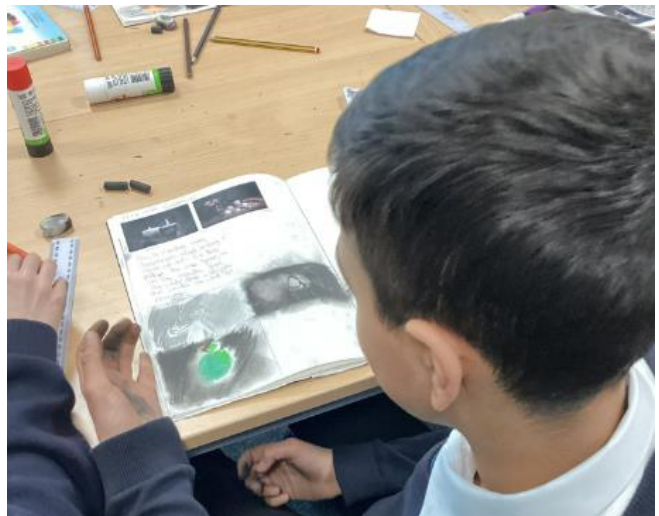


Year 5 Learning (Frank and Hawking)

In Year 5 this week, we have been exploring a new book called "If the World Were a Village," which is teaching us about how diverse our world is. In maths, we are getting better at fractions, decimals, and even thousandths. And in D&T, we have been cooking up some sumptuous and healthy Spaghetti Bolognese dishes. It has been a fun week for us all!

Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)

This week we have looked at chiaroscuro - using light and dark - within art. We began by using charcoal and pencil and then looked at oil pastels and colouring pencils to help us create a 3D effect. In English we have begun studying instructions, with a specific focus on using expanded noun phrases and adverbials of time and manner.



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

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Spring Term 2024 Dates

5-3-2024	Parent Meetings 3.30 – 6.30
6-3-2024	Parent Meetings 3.30 -6.30
7-3-2024	World Book Day
14-3-2024	10.45 Yr1 – 6 Mass – Parents Welcome
15-3-2024	Big Lent Walk (More details to follow)
25-3-2024	5.00 – KS2 (Key Stage 2) SATS Meeting (Year 6 Parents only)
27-3-2024	Stations Liturgy
28-3-2024	1.30pm Last Day