



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B)

We have had another busy week in school. All our children gather for a CAFOD schools' assembly to learn all about where the money we raised last week would be used. Children then in Key Stage 2 took part in several workshops to explore what difference we can make to our local and global communities. As our clubs are ending this week, parents were treated to two performances from our dance and gymnastics clubs. Also, across classes children have been completing their science learning; Year 6 even had a live heart dissection demonstration! Next week we will be marking Holy week with several collective worship opportunities including a Stations of the Cross service at St Lukes Church on Wednesday 27th March starting at 5.00pm. I really hope as many of you as possible can join us. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Jesus, be my path. As I continue my journey through Lent, help me to walk in your way. 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 Reception (Luther-King) for having 100% attendance this week. Our overall school attendance this week was 96.8% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

Big Lent Walk

Last Friday, our school community gathered to take part in CAFODs Big Lent Walk. All 250 children walked together around the Hampton Water area accompanied by some fantastic parent support. It was a lovely community event that also helped to raise almost £200 for CAFOD. Thank you to everyone for your support.



Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

We reflected on purple being the colour of the season of Lent - a colour for royalty during Jesus' time. We listened to a retelling of the Palm Sunday narrative from the point of view of the donkey that Jesus rides into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We looked closely at the page in the story of Jesus being greeted into Jerusalem, wearing purple. We paused the video and discussed what the people were cheering for, laying down cloth and palm leaves before Jesus and the donkey. In provision, we made our own palm leaves and had the opportunity to dress up and revisit the story we had told as a whole class.



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)

In Year One, we have continued our learning based on the book *Dogs Don't Do Ballet* by Sara Ogilvie. We have created our own story maps to tell the story and sequenced and summarised it. In maths we have been measuring length in height using non-standard units of measurement. In art we have created some beautiful artwork based on the work by Jasper Johns with a focus on using primary colours to create our own secondary colours.

Year 2 Learning (Hamilton)

This week in Hamilton class we have had great fun using weighing scales to compare the mass of different objects. We enjoyed challenging ourselves by attempting to balance each side of the scales! This proved a little trickier than first anticipated however we showed great perseverance! In English we are using the short film 'Lighthouse' as a stimulus for our next hot task. We are going to be writing our own endings to this short film, so have used roleplay and hot seating to form our own ideas.

Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)

This week, year 3 have written a recount based on the Big Lent Walk which we took part in last week. In guided reading we have continued reading the pebble in my pocket. We have now got to the point where the dinosaurs have lived and died out. We ended this week's reading session with the mammoths being on planet Earth which was a million years ago. In maths we have been learning about volume and capacity. We have been working out equivalent capacities and volumes using litres and millilitres. In science we have continued our learning on light. We have learnt about shadows, transparent, translucent, and opaque objects. In history we have looked at different artifacts and tried to work out what they might have been used for in Roman times.

Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)

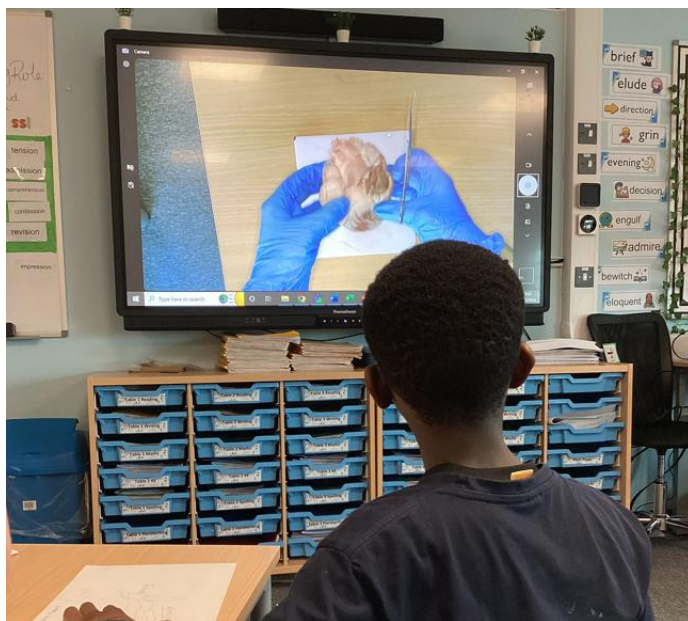
Over the past week or so, Year 4 have started learning about a new Geography unit – 'Where does our food come from?'. So far, they have looked at different foods growing in different biomes, the impact of food choices on the environment, understanding the importance of trading responsibly and how we get our chocolate by describing the journey of a cocoa bean.

Year 5 Learning (Frank and Hawking)

Following on from our discussions about climate change, we have begun a letter to the world to convince people to change their ways. We are persuading people to be more aware of climate issues and alter their lifestyle to help the planet. We have also created protest banners from cardboard to display to get our message across to the wider public.

Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)

This week, the Year 6 children were lucky to have a Biology Teacher from St John Fisher come in to dissect a heart with them. As a round up to our Science unit of the Circulatory System, the class were able to take what they have learnt to help them identify key parts of a real heart. Although much less squeamish than I expected, most of the class were shocked about how small the heart is!



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

25-3-2024	5.00pm – KS2 (Key Stage 2) SATS Meeting (Year 6 Parents only)
27-3-2024	Stations Liturgy
28-3-2024	1.30pm Last Day