



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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The Sacred Paschal Tridium (B)

It has been a lovely week in school this week! Our children have been putting the final additions to several Lent theme learning including their Easter cards. We also led a Stations of the Cross service at St Luke's Church. The children did amazingly well and made everyone feel enormously proud. Finally, as we have come to the end of our Spring term, I wanted to say a massive thank you to you all for your continued support. Our staff have commented over recent weeks how much of a connected school community we are continuing to develop, and this is all down to the strong relationships we are building with you as families. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

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 Year 1 (Chanel) for having 100% attendance this week. Our overall school attendance this week was 95.9% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

Stations of the Cross

On Wednesday evening we led a Stations of the Cross service at St Luke's Church. Children from all year groups, including from Reception class shared readings, reflections, and prayers. All the children read beautifully and did an amazing job leading this reflective service.



Britten Sinfonia

On Monday 25th March the Britten Sinfonia came to Saint John Henry Newman Primary School. They performed music to the story *The Robot and Bluebird*. Year 1 and 2 saw them perform. We had practiced some of the songs' - Albert Y2

'They brought a double bass, piccolo, clarinet, and a man who played percussion instruments. A woman called Sarah came and helped us perform the actions to the songs. It was so loud!' - Bryan Y2

'My favourite song was 'I'll be your heart'. I really enjoyed it and would like them to come again. - Zahra Y2



Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

We have been looking at patterns this week in Maths. We used compare bears, cubes, and counters to make our patterns within provision. Some of our patterns followed an ABAB pattern, others followed ABCABC patterns- tricky! Our teachers tried to trick us by making mistakes in some of the patterns that they made, but we were quick to spot those mistakes and reason how they needed correcting!



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)

Year 1 have been exploring colour mixing in so many interesting ways this week. We have looked at the works of Jasper Johns, Clarice Cliff and even a local Peterborough artist Jaroslav Jacek Sokol. The children have developed their understanding of primary and secondary colours and know which colours to mix to create new colours. This week we even looked at how to create lighter and darker hues! Their work looks amazing!

Year 2 Learning (Hamilton)

We have had a lovely final week of term in Hamilton class. We applied all the skills we have been building on and wrote our story endings to the short film 'Lighthouse'. We enjoyed reading these out and hearing each other's fantastic ideas! In Maths, we have continued our work on measure. This time focusing on volume and capacity. We enjoyed using a variety of water containers to compare these.

All the staff in Year 2 would like to say a big well done the children for their hard work this term and a thank you to families for their continued support. We hope everyone has a well-deserved Easter holiday. We cannot wait to welcome you back for an exciting summer term!

Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)

Year 3 this week have finished reading pebble in my pocket, we have enjoying following the journey of the pebble from 480 million years ago to today. In writing we have written up our recount in our best handwriting after editing our draft version. In maths we have compared capacity and volume along with adding and subtracting with this unit of measure. We have enjoyed working through several steps to solve problems. In history we have made our own shields and understood how different Roman armies formed. We had the chance to re-enact being part of a Roman army. In PE we ended our football unit with a Champions League competition with Year 4.

Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)

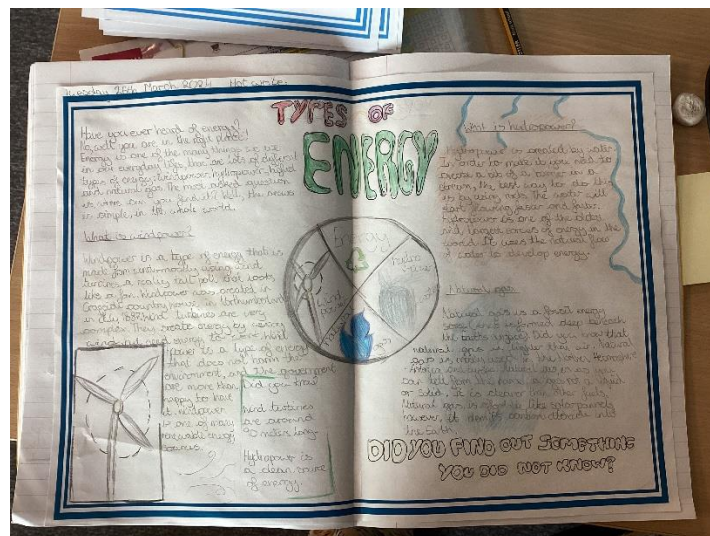
This week Year 4 have been learning about vegetables in Spanish, known as Las Verduras. They began by learning the names of 10 vegetables including: potatoes (las patatas), spinach (las espinacas), onions (las cebollas) and carrots (las zanahorias). The class have now moved on to learning how to ask for some vegetables at a supermarket and specific amounts – e.g. Quisiera un kilo de patatats por favor (I would like a kilo of potatoes please).

Year 5 Learning (Frank and Hawking)

This week has been full of exciting learning activities! In maths, we've been discovering how to measure perimeter and area in different polygons. During our English Reading sessions, we have been enjoying the events in "There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom," as we learn more about the main character, Bradley Chalkers. In our Writing lessons, we have continued to hone our persuasive writing skills and even published our work using laptops. It has been another fun week in Year 5.

Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)

To finalise our Spring Term, the Year 6 children have completed their non-chronological report writing on different energy sources. After several week of studying energy sources in Geography, the children were able to combine this with their Year 6 writing skills to produce some lovely pieces of written work.



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/EsYGRLjf3ry3fdBPdC007U>

Year 1

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Dd1gG60RNxw8iRfjcpa49B>

Year 2

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HnXKXF2FLJHekeH9aunoM>

Year 3

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

Year 4

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Hm7ypljTYp8B0LmNoYaRQf>

Summer Term 2024 Dates	
15-4-2024	School Starts
6-5-2024	Bank Holiday
13-5-2024	KS2 (Key Stage 2) (Yr6) SATs Week
20-5-2024	KS1 (Key Stage 1) (Yr2) SATs Week
Half Term Monday 27th May 2024 – Friday 31st May 2024	
3-6-2024	Training Day - School Closed
5-6-2024	5.00pm Welcome Meeting (New Reception)
6-6-2024	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
10-6-2024	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
13-6-2024	Year 6 Residential
14-6-2024	Year 6 Residential
19-6-2024	1.45 Stay and Play Session 1 (New Reception)
20-6-2024	9.30am Class Photos
25-6-2024	1.45pm Stay and Play Session 2a (New Reception)
26-6-2024	1.45pm Stay and Play Session 2b (New Reception)
28-6-2024	Sports Day
3-7-2024	1.45pm Stay and Play Session 3 (New Reception)
10-7-2024	2.00pm Year 6 Production
11-7-2024	5.30pm Year 6 Production
12-7-2024	Reports Out
15-7-2024	Year 6 Leavers Experience - More Details to follow
16-7-2024	3.30pm Open Session for Reports
17-7-2024	9.30am Move Up Morning
18-7-2024	9.30am Leavers Mass
19-7-2024	1.30pm Last Day