



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

We have had a lovely week in school this week. Our Reception classes have been 'living out' their class story by taking on the roles of the characters and recreating the long walk they took. Elsewhere in KS1, they have been having a very Arty week exploring both painting and modelling. I have also had the pleasure of spending time in several classes this week. I was incredibly pleased to see the learning attitudes of the children and how engaged they were in their learning, particularly in the youngest children!

Finally, we have restarted our after-school clubs offer. In total over 180 children have stayed for at least one after school clubs this week! It is great that so many children have taken up this offer. I wish you all a great weekend.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Attendance

Well done to Year 2 (Hamilton) for having 99.6% attendance this week. Our overall school attendance this week was a terrific 97.9% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

Parent, Teacher, and Friends Association Annual General Meeting

This week we held our first steering group meeting as part of the process to developing a StJHN Parent, Teacher, and Friends Association. The next step will be to hold an Annual General Meeting to establish the 7-10 committee members and lead roles: Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

This meeting will take place at 5.30pm on Tuesday 7th May 2024. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting even if you are not interest in being part of the committee and would just like to be involved in a small way going forward.

Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

Don't we all look fantastic in our hen headbands? This week we dressed up as the character Rosie then hen from our literacy book 'Rosie's Walk'. We followed in Rosie's footsteps and went for a walk, just like the one from the story! We used positional language such as around, over, under, through and across to navigate our way through the same landmarks as Rosie. We are ready to write the story now for ourselves!



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)

In Maths this week, Year One have begun to look at multiplication and have done this by counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. This is quite a tricky skill so it would be great to practice at home! In English we have written a fabulous letter from the Skyman describing some of the incredible creatures on his journey. In Art we have been looking at creating art and sculptures from paper, it has been great practice of our scissor skills and general fine motor skills.



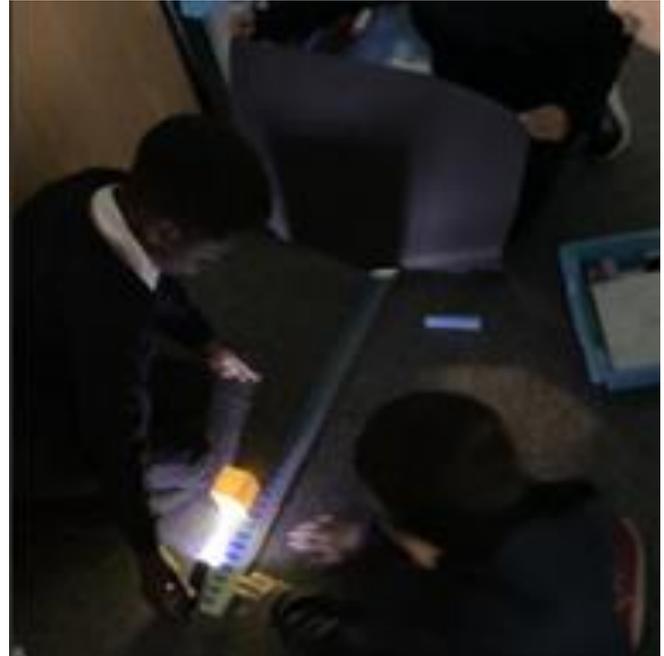
Year 2 Learning (Hamilton)

Another super week in Hamilton class! In Maths we have continued our work on Fractions. We used concrete manipulatives to find a half and a quarter of different amounts.

We also started our new Art unit - 'Painting and mixed media: Life in colour' We began by discussing what the primary colours were and where we can see them in our classroom. Next, we investigated what happens when we mix two different primary colours and what secondary colours they create.

Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)

Year 3 this week have had another busy week of learning. In maths we have continued our work on fractions working out unit and non-unit fractions of a set of objects. We have planned and written our non-chronological reports on a journey inside a computer. We have completed lots of science activities this week. We really enjoyed planning, completing, and evaluating our experiment on light. We investigated the question: how does the distance between the light source and the object affect the size of the shadow? We found out that the closer the object is to the light source the larger the shadow. We have started a new topic on plants and have learnt different parts of a plant and their functions.



Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)

This week, the children completed their radio advertisements! As a concluding reading lesson, the children tasted Jollof Rice (to end our unit on Africa) and then wrote and recorded a radio advertisement in response to this. The pupils thought very carefully about their choice of words and made some excellent links back to vocabulary learnt in their reading lessons - well done Year 4!



Year 5 Learning (Frank and Hawking)

This week, Year 5 have been diving into angles, mastering calculations while exploring angles around a point and on straight lines. Alongside the mathematical adventures, we have been captivated by the twists and turns of "Who Let the Gods Out," unravelling mysteries like the identity of Prisoner 42. Additionally, in our history lessons have taken us to ancient Greece, where we have been uncovering the profound wisdom of philosophers like Socrates and Aristotle. It has been an engaging time of exploration and learning across subjects!

Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)

This week, the year six children have further consolidated their learning of graphs, charts and tables including looking at timetables. Mr Cooper and I have been extremely impressed with how the children have approached their learning and are pleased to see the children feeling more confident in these areas. In English we have spent some time focusing on 3-mark questions - making sure we make our point, find evidence from the text, and explain our answer. In our computing lessons, the children used excel to create tables of results and learnt how to convert these into graphs.

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/HnXKAXF2FLJHekeH9aunoM>

Year 3

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

Year 4

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

Summer Term 2024 Dates

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