



# St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

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### Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

This week seems to have follow by with so much exciting learning taking place. Our Year 2 children have been producing some lovely non-chronological reports whilst at the same time Year 3 have been learning all about the different parts of a flower. In Year 4 they have been exploring poetry and I know Miss Spaven was impressed by the level of analysis the children showed towards their poems. Finally, with the nicer weather this week, it has been lovely seeing the children enjoying using the school field at lunchtime, something we could not do a great deal last year. I wish you all an enjoyable long 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 98.8% attendance this week. Our overall school attendance this week was a pleasing 96.7% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

#### **ECO Club**

This week in Eco club we had so much fun planting Sunflower Seeds. We discussed how we could ensure they will grow nice and tall! We then decided to enjoy the sunshine and played some wonderful team building games.



#### **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 7<sup>th</sup> 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)**

This week we opened our new garden centre role play. We stock everything from indoor plants to seeds! We have taken it in turns to be both customers and shop keepers, reading the prices on the items and counting out the 1p coins carefully- all the way to 20p. Our teachers have been setting us challenges such as "what two items can you buy for 5p?" and challenging us to find the items that cost the most and the least by comparing bigger and smaller numbers. We think this business will do well over the upcoming weeks as the garden centre is already extremely popular!

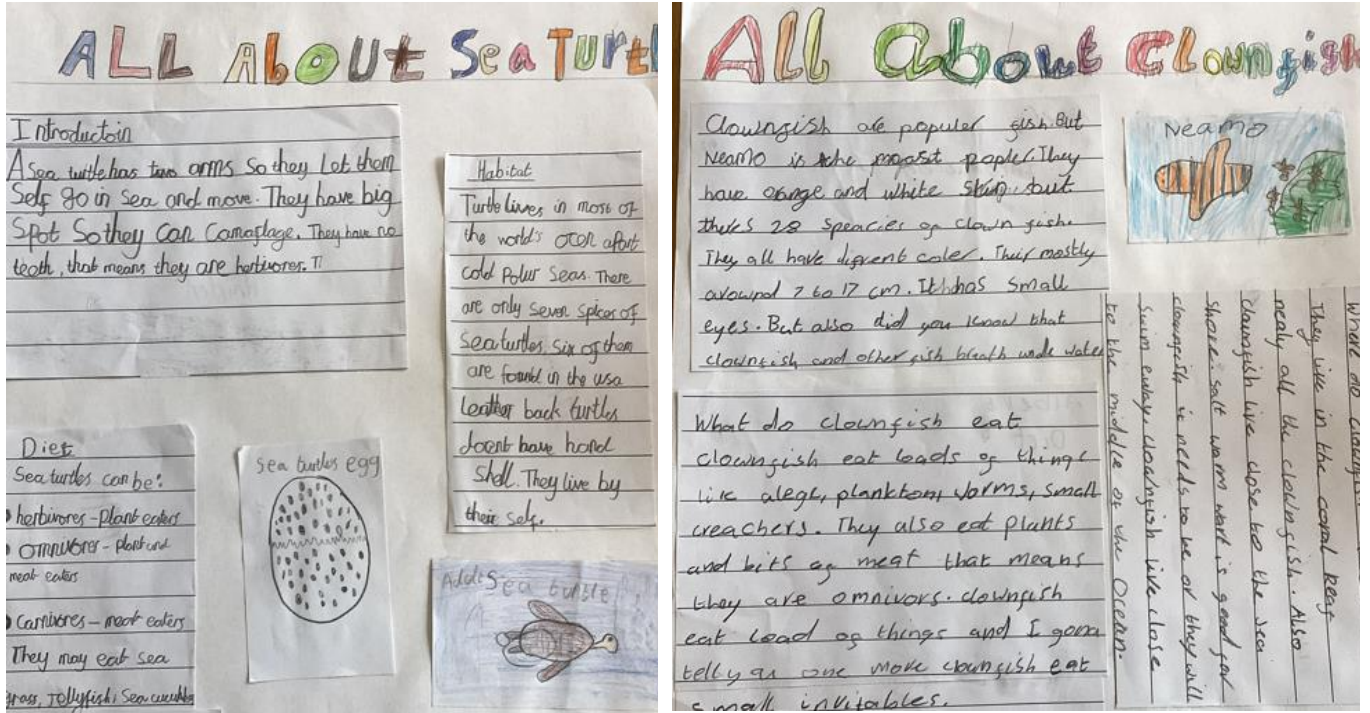


### Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)

We have been continuing to practice our 2s, 5s and 10s this week in maths, as well as learning how to group and share numbers. In English to be prepared for our upcoming big write, we have been brushing up on our understanding of how to alter word using the endings "ing," "ed," and "s". We recently finished reading "Please Mrs. Butler," a poem by Allan Ahlberg, and it has been incredible to hear the children read it aloud and enjoy it. The children have collaborated in Art to make an enormous spider and an octopus. They are beautiful!

### Year 2 Learning (Hamilton)

This week in Hamilton class we completed our non-chronological reports all about Sea Creatures. These are fantastic pieces of writing which include amazing detail and fantastically written sentences. We also continued our Art unit of work. We started making our collages based on natural elements (Volcanoes, Waterfalls, and Coral Reefs) We have a few more details to add before these are complete!



### Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)

Year 3 have enjoyed their science work where they have worked in groups to dissect a flower. We have planned an experiment where we had to predict whether the number of seeds within one plant pot affects the growth of plants. We cannot wait to see the results in the next few weeks. In maths this week we have focused on money, we had to know the value of different coins, add, and subtract different amounts. In writing we have started to look at features of explanation texts and learnt about impersonal language. We have learnt about different Egyptian gods and goddesses as part of our history topic.



#### **Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)**

In Year 4 this week, the children have been hard at work analysing poetry! The children initially studied "Dream Variations" by Langston Hughes and linked common themes, tones and structures to another poem entitled "Catch a Little Dream" by Eve Merriam. The children produced SUCH fantastic, in-depth comparisons that it would give Year 11 pupils a run for their money! Outstanding work Year 4, well done!



#### **Year 5 Learning (Frank and Hawking)**

This week in English we have been looking at created really engaging writing with dialogue. Looking at different ways to begin our sentences to ensure our writing is engaging to read. We are enjoying our class book: 'Who let the Gods Out?' and we are going to rewrite chapter 7 in our own way.

#### **Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)**

The Year 6 children have been working hard this week revising their Maths and English skills. It has been wonderful to see the children become more confident in what they are doing, showing a strong understanding of how to answer a range of question styles and being able to apply their knowledge. In IT, we have continued to look at data, this week exploring how data might be used to help solve problems such as which tube station is the quietest at certain times.



#### **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>

<b>Summer Term 2024 Dates</b>	
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
<b>Half Term Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024</b>	
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