



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Pentecost Sunday (B)

We have had an incredibly busy week in school with so much learning taking place. There seems to have been a real burst with our writing with children across all classes enjoying producing a wide range of pieces of writing. In Reception they have been innovating the Very Hungry Caterpillar, whilst Year 2 have been describing a very disgusting sandwich. At the same time Year 6 completed their end of Key Stage 2 Sats tests, they rose to the challenge incredibly well and really tried their best each day. Have a great weekend everyone.

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 6 (Pankhurst) for having 99.3% attendance this week. Our overall school attendance this week was a pleasing 96.9% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

SATs Week – Year 6

Huge congratulations to Year 6 for completing their Key Stage 2 Sats tests. Every child conducted themselves perfectly and showed incredibly levels of determination and resilience. They should be immensely proud of themselves; I know Miss Wardil and I are!!



Community Service

Last week, Emilia in Year 1 noticed that the new park opposite the school was very messy and decided to give up her time to clean it up. Emilia showed incredible community spirit at such a young age and demonstrated the values that we hold closely as a school. Very well-done Emilia!



Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

We have been inspired by the artwork of Eric Carle and decided to create our own Very Hungry Caterpillar collages copying some of the techniques from the illustrations in the story.

We worked in groups to collage large pieces of paper- to do this we experimented with colour, texture, design, and painting techniques. We enjoyed mixing white and black with red and green to create different tints and shades of each colour before applying the paint to the paper with various tools. The hardest part was patiently waiting for the paint to dry so it was ready for us to cut up to make our caterpillar collages.



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)

This week, Year One have really enjoyed exploring fractions. We have been doing this by using our knowledge of sharing and grouping from previous lessons to find half of objects, shapes, and quantities. For Geography this week, we have been learning what the continents are. Ask us about it!

Year 2 Learning (Hamilton)

We had an exciting week in Hamilton class this week - we made our very own disgusting sandwiches! We used a variety of ingredients including grass, bark, jelly, chalk, soil and even spaghetti hoops to represent slugs! We then linked this to our current writing unit and wrote a set of instructions explaining how we did this. Our pieces of writing were fantastic including a variety of imperative verbs, adjective and time connective.



Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)

This week year 3 have started their topic on time within maths. We have been learning to understand how to tell the time to 5 minutes and 1 minute on an analogue clock. In guided reading we have started to learn about play scripts and how these are read aloud. In writing we have written up our explanation texts on how plants grow. We have enjoyed our science learning this week as we have been learning about seeds. In history we have continued our learning about ancient Egypt and have enjoying learning more about the pyramids and how a pharaoh is mummified.

Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)

Year 4 have completed their science units on electricity and sustainable energy. During their lessons, they learnt about common household appliances, how to build and draw circuits, what conductor's & insulators are, what is energy and how we can reduce our own energy usage. They also had the opportunity to explore what items did and did not conduct electricity, using their own groups light bulb circuits.

Year 5 Learning (Frank and Hawking)

This week we started essay writing in English. We began by sorting relevant information into paragraphs and linking the information with various conjunctions. We are using our essay to explore the statement: How the Ancient Greeks have changed the world. Our introduction, paragraphs and conclusion need to link together to explain our statement. We undertook a dissolving investigation in science this week and explored various substances to see if they dissolved in water i.e.: were soluble.

Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)

Well, what a busy week in Year 6! The children should all be exceptionally proud of themselves for their hard work, their commitment, and their impressively positive attitude towards the SATs. Between tests, revision (although I am not sure the children were fully aware that we were revising with all the fun they were having) and even more tests, the Year 6 students have kept their focus and have shown excellent resilience. Thursday afternoon concluded the tests with an afternoon of pizza, cake, and The Pirate Game, and we spent Friday exploring the work of various artists, such as: Hannah Hoch, Chris Plowman, and Edward Weston.

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/Hm7ypljTYp8B0LmNoYaRQf>

Summer Term 2024 Dates

20-5-2024	KS1 (Key Stage 1) (Yr2) SATs Week
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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