



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Trinity Sunday (B)

We have come to the end of yet another busy half-term. All our children have achieved so much over the last 6 weeks, and they can be immensely proud of the effort they have put into their learning. This week we have had several visitors into school and every one of them have commented on the warmth they have felt being in our school. - this is from the staff, children, and families. I hope you all have a restful half-term break as we have a remarkably busy final few weeks when we return.

Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed is thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death Amen

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Attendance

We have had a REALLY strong week with our attendance with both Year 5 classes and Year 3 all having 100% - this is AMAZING!!! Our overall school attendance this week was a pleasing 97.91% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

This week we learnt that healthy food gives us energy. In The Very Hungry Caterpillar story, the caterpillar ends up getting a stomach-ache after eating far too many treats. Using the ideas from the story and our own knowledge of diet, we drew and labelled different foods and drinks before choosing whether to feed our ideas to either the 'healthy' or the 'stomach-ache' caterpillars.



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)

Year One have been busy this week! We have written some excellent books all about tigers; what Year One does not know about tigers is not worth knowing! In maths we have continued our work on fractions by looking at quarters of shape and quantity. We have also started our digital imagery unit in computing and have been learning how to take, manipulate and edit photos using an iPad.

Year 2 Learning (Hamilton)

This week in Year 2 we have been hard at work completing our end of KS1 (Key Stage 1) tests. We have worked exceptionally hard and are extremely proud of ourselves. We even enjoyed an ice-lolly treat to celebrate! We also started our new Geography unit 'What is it like to live by the coast?' Within this we used maps to locate the 4 countries that make up the UK and the surrounding Seas. We really enjoyed listening to songs to help us remember these! All the grownups who work in Year 2 would like to thank the children for their hard work this half term and families for their continued support. We hope you have a restful half term, and we look forward to welcoming you back for our final weeks of Year 2!

Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)

This week year 3 have read a play script, acted it out in groups and answered questions to show our understanding of the script. In writing we have looked at features of instructions including imperative verbs and time conjunctions. We will be writing our own set after the half term break. In maths we have continued working on telling the time, we have worked with analogue and digital clocks, am and pm. We have enjoyed completing art this week, we made papyrus paper and explored Egyptian art. We designed our own ancient Egyptian art piece in our sketch books and then added this design to our papyrus paper.



Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)

Year 4 have completed their history topic on 'The Vikings'. They learnt about whether they were raiders, traders or settlers and different events that happened during that time. Students created a timeline of key events, which covered King Alfred of Wessex leading the Anglo-Saxons into the battle of Edington, Eric Bloodaxe (the last Viking King) and King Cnut, who was crowned in 1016. Each of them also created a comic strip, highlighting some of these events. In one lesson the students were placed into different tribes and played a trading card game, whereby they had to barter and trade their items with other groups, to acquire at least one of each item.

Year 5 Learning (Frank and Hawking)

This week, our Year 5 students have been diving into the world of poetry. They have been reading, reciting, and crafting their own free verse poems, preparing to perform them for their peers. In science, the focus has been on understanding reversible and irreversible changes, exploring exciting experiments and concepts. Our pupils have been busy in Spanish, learning how to greet others and share a bit about themselves. In mathematics, the journey continues as we delve deeper into the world of decimals, enhancing our numerical skills and understanding. It has been a fantastic week of learning and growth!

Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)

Although a little more relaxed than last week, the Year 6 children have still been working extremely hard across the curriculum. In English, the children have lots of opportunities to develop their writing skills: reflecting and editing upon their first piece of Year 6 writing, writing an introduction to a balanced argument, and providing peer feedback and making edits based on this.

In Maths, we have started a new themed project where the children are exploring information about different countries such as the temperatures and their distances from London. As part of this we have read, interpreted, and drawn graphs and recapped conversions between kilometres and miles - we even had an outdoor treasure hunt style lesson!

In Art, the children have been looking at photorealism and - after looking at the artist Oscar Ukonu - tried to create their own photo-like portrait using pencil and crayons.



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**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