



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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10th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

This week we began our final half term of the school year. These next few weeks will be packed with engaging activities, from sports days and school trips to creative projects and performances. It is a time for the children to display their hard work and growth. Teachers are planning enriching lessons to ensure a strong finish to the year. Let us encourage our children to stay focused and make the most of these last few weeks together. Have a great weekend everyone.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, Fountain of Eternal Life, Your Heart Is a Glowing Furnace of Love. Amen.

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Attendance

We have had a pleasing week with our attendance with both Year 6 achieving 99.7% Our overall school attendance this week was 96.1% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

We read the story of 'Jasper's Beanstalk' this week and we were inspired to go on our own plant hunt around school (although we did not find any beanstalks!) We used magnifying glasses to look carefully at the small flowers growing in the grass and decided the minibeasts in The Very Hungry Caterpillar or in What the Ladybird Heard would like our outdoor areas to be their habitats. We used the iPads to take our own photos of all the Spring plants we could see growing. Back in the classroom, we have discussed what plants need to grow and next week we will talk about the different parts of plants too!



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)

This week, Year One have started investigating the question 'How have explorers changed the world?' They have been excited to find out more about people like Mae Jemison, who explored space, Matthew Henson, who explored the North Pole and Ellen MacArthur, who travelled around the world in just 71 days!

Year 2 Learning (Hamilton)

We have thoroughly enjoyed our first week back in Hamilton. In Maths we have been working hard learning how to tell the time in 5-minute intervals. At times we have found this challenging but have shown great perseverance. We also started our new Art unit 'Map it out!' We started this off by sketching out our routes from our homes to School. We thought carefully about how we could draw the different features we see along our way

Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)

Year 3 have had a busy first week back after half term. We have started a new book called A collection of African Tales. We enjoyed finding different countries on a map and recording facts about some of the countries we are going to read stories from including Namibia and Ghana. In maths we have continued to work on learning about time. In PE we have continued our athletics topic where we have worked on field events. In science we have continued to enjoy seeing our beans grow and measuring the length of the stems, this is part of our experiment to see if the number of seeds in a pot affect the growth of the seeds. Today we went on a school trip to Peterborough Museum, we will share more about our trip in next week's newsletter.

Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)

This week in Year 4, the pupils enjoyed an art day! The title of the themed day was "Mega Materials". Inspired by the renowned artist Barbara Hepworth, our young artists explored the principles of abstract and modernist sculpture, crafting their own miniature masterpieces. Throughout the day, students demonstrated excellent creativity and skill, transforming simple bars of soap into intricate sculptures that echoed Hepworth's iconic style. Well done Year 4!



Year 5 Learning (Frank and Hawking)

This week we began looking at oceans of the world both in guided reading and Geography. We used atlases to locate the oceans and discussed what humans primarily use oceans for. Focusing on Australia, we mapped out its trade routes around the world. We also researched information about the Great Barrier Reef and collected interesting facts about the natural wonder of the world.

In Maths we started looking at place value to ensure we can recognise the value of digits in lots of different values including decimals. We have also been revising our arithmetic to increase our efficiency of recalling number facts.

This week we began our swimming lessons, and we enjoyed having the chance to spend time in the pool.

Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)

In English this week, the children have edited their third person narratives focusing on using dialogue to move on the story and setting descriptions. Following this, we began looking at writing a persuasive letter - some children are hoping that Mr Cooper will allow us to watch one of the Euro football games whilst at school!

In Spanish, the children have started looking at clothes (La ropa) and are now able to identify some items of clothing. We will continue to work on this so that the children are confident in describing what they are wearing



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	
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