



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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12th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

We have had a terribly busy week once again in school with all classes busily creating amazing stories and poems. I had the pleasure of read several Year 2, 5 and 6 pieces of writing and they were amazing! Ask your child about what they have been writing; they love sharing their work. In addition, Sports Day is just around the corner! The children have continued practicing hard and having They are learning the importance of teamwork and staying active. We cannot wait to see them in action next week. Have a great weekend everyone.

Lord Jesus Christ, take all that I have and cherish you have given me. I surrender it all to be guided by your will. Your grace and your love are wealth enough for me. Give me these, Lord Jesus, and I ask for nothing more. Amen.

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Attendance

We have had an excellent week with our attendance, with Year 5 (Hawking) achieving 100% AGAIN! Our overall school attendance this week was a pleasing 97.6% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance over the final few weeks.

Boughton Woods – Year 6

The residential was REALLY FUN! The tents were big and really cozy. I could not ask for more. We learnt how to shelter to protect ourselves to the wildlife, start fires to keep us warm and to camouflage in the wilderness so we are not seen as a danger to other animals. We played game like the stick game (which once you know how to play is funny) or bungalow which is a game where you must copy someone dances. We also played wink, wink murder and it is so much FUN! The part I loved most was making smores. Biting into that chocolatey goodness mixed with the mushy texture of the marshmallow was DELICIOUS! I also liked breakfast because the garlic potatoes and sausages were AMAZING! If we had a chance to go again, I would go there again!!!

Joanna Year 6



Sports Day

I am pleased to invite you all to attend your child's Sport Day on Friday 28th June 2024. The sporting activities will begin at approximately 10.00am so the school gates will open around 9.40am to allow you to sign in and set up in good time. The competition will be paused for lunchtime to allow our school community to enjoy a picnic lunch together. We asked that you bring enough food for your family and your child to enjoy. **Food should not be shared between children.** Events will recommence after the afternoon registration and conclude around 2.50pm with a number 'Diamond League' events. I ask that your child comes dressed appropriately for the day, in a full St John Henry Newman PE Kit

- Navy t-shirt
- Black shorts/Joggers
- Socks
- Trainers

School Admissions Update

Last week I was pleased to confirm that we will be expanding our school to a Two Form Entry School starting September 2024. We have been informed by the local authority that families can apply for a place starting Friday 28th June 2024 via the Peterborough School Admissions website. [Moving schools \(in-year\) transfer - Peterborough City Council](#)
Families will then be informed from the 15th of July 2024 if you have been successful in gaining a place at St John Henry Newman. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to speak with the school office or myself on the school gate.

Friends of St John Henry Newman – Update

Our PTFA, Friends of St John Henry Newman, have been busy organising their first few events. The first event will be a stall on Sports Day selling refreshments and snacks. So do not forget to bring your pennies and support our PTFA. With the Disco soon approaching, I would like to remind you all that tickets will be on sale for another week until Friday 28th June. And finally, any old and no longer used school uniform that you may have is being collected by the PTFA to do a preloved uniform sale at the end of the school year. If you wish to donate, please bring in your uniform to the school office by 1st July.

Please follow and support the PTFA's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61560642718045>

And should you wish to donate to help the PTFA get started, they have put together an amazon wish list: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/C9XKAXJ5HCCY?ref=list_d_wl_ys_list_1

Sam the chair of the PTFA would like to send her warm thanks to all the support they have received so far!

Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

We have been enjoying the book, Handa's Surprise, where Handa goes on a journey with a fruit basket full of surprises to visit her friend Akeyo in a neighbouring Kenyan village. In our construction area, we have been busy building our own maps of the route that Handa took by building and labelling the villages themselves, the animals Handa encountered and the fruits that the sneaky animals stole from her!



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)

This week, Year 1 have been learning a lot about Christopher Columbus and Matthew Henson. We learnt about what these amazing explorers discovered and achieved (and whether it was an accident or not!) We also had the chance to design our own coat of arms creating drawings to represent the most significant parts of our chosen explorer's story.

Year 2 Learning (Hamilton)

This week in Year 2 this we have worked creatively designing and creating our own line prints. We used our existing maps from our previous learning and chose a specific section to draw onto polystyrene. We then used rollers to place ink onto our polystyrene squares and then pressed onto card to reveal our replicated design. This was messy work, but we had so much fun, and we are proud of our creations.

Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)

Year 3 have had another busy week of learning. We have started our maths learning on shape. We have continued reading stories from African tales in guided reading. In writing, we have focused on adverbials of time and adverbials of place. We have also planned our opening of a narrative based on Egyptian tombs. In science, we have started learning about forces and friction.

Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)

In maths, we focused on converting 12-hour clock times to 24-hour clock times and understanding the concept of AM and PM. The children have been developing their narrative writing abilities in English, including the use of emotive and descriptive language, in preparation for our hot task next week. In history, we delved in challenges faced by early settlers in Britain, exploring how this influences the spread of Christianity and deepening our understanding of Anglo-Saxon beliefs. This topic sparked lively discussions in class.

In science, we are exploring world of food chains and covering the relationships between producers to consumers, predators to prey.

Year 5 Learning (Frank and Hawking)

In Maths we have focused on Fractions this week and reminding ourselves that we need to have a common denominator to add and subtract fractions. We have also look at word problems involving fractions – quite challenging ones too!

Oceans have been the focus in Geography, and we have looked at the vital part they have on the Earth. We went on to see the negative impact humans have had on the oceans consequently leading to serious effects on ecosystems and different species. However, we also looked at projects all over the world that are helping save our oceans.

We have also been practising for sports day!!

Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)

The children have worked extremely hard this week, finalising their last few bits of writing! It has been a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect upon the progress every child has made in English over the year.

We also completed a "countries of the world" project, where the children (either independently or with a partner) chose a country and have created presentations filled with information such as the main language spoken, the currency and some even included recipes. The class are looking forward to sharing these with one another next week.

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

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)
4-7-2024	PTFA School Disco
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