



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Volume 3– Friday 20th September 2024

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

Last week was filled with excitement as we welcomed Bishop Peter to our school. He led Mass for all Ks2 and then visited each class spending time with all the children. In the classrooms, the children have been working hard on their biographical writing projects. Each class has been learning about the inspirational figures their classes are named after. They've enjoyed researching these important individuals and are proud to share their completed biographies. It's been a fantastic way to connect with history and celebrate great role models. Finally, next week sees our Welcome Ceremony taking place. I look forward to seeing lots of our families come together for this school celebration.

“If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family.” St Theresa of Calcutta

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Attendance

Well done to Year 4 (Gandhi) for both having 100% attendance this week, this is the second week in a row!!! Our overall school attendance this week was an amazing 98.3%. Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

Bishop Peter Collins

On Friday 13th September 2024 Bishop Peter Collins visited St John Henry Newman. He began his visit by leading our school community in Mass. Following this, he spent some time with members of our Governing Body and our school team. He then took time to visit each class and spend time with all the children. The children really enjoyed meeting him and asking him questions. Throughout his visit, Bishop Peter could not believe how quickly the school had grown in such a short space of time. When walking around the school, he was taken back to see how calm, purposeful and focused the school was. Thank you very much to Bishop Peter, and we hope to see him here at St John Henry Newman soon.



Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

It has been another busy week in Reception! We have continued our literacy learning about Elmer and have enjoyed retelling this story in class and sequencing pictures. We have continued learning all about matching and sorting objects in maths and working hard to use mathematical vocabulary. In phonics we have been learning how to read and write 'i,' 'n,' 'p' and 'g.' We have enjoyed making our own Elmers out of the milk cartons we collected from home. During circle time, we had a look at pictures of us as babies and toddlers. We enjoyed seeing if we could work out who was who from the photos. We have enjoyed playing in the water tray with a range of different animals this week.



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)

This week in Year 1 we have been doing some super writing! We have retold the story of 'Coming to England' which we really enjoyed. We've also talked about our favourite parts of the book and explained why we like them. In maths, we've been doing one more and one less using number lines to help us. We are getting so good at counting. In PE, we have been practising jumping, which was really fun!

Year 2 Learning (Hamilton and Lennon)

This week in Year 2 we have been continuing our work on place value, specifically at the different ways to make two digit numbers eg. $74 = 70+4$, $74 = 60+14$, $74 = 50+24$ etc. We have done this using our dienes and then using part part whole models. In English we have completed our first big write, an information leaflet all about Malawi. We have finished our geography unit on *Would you prefer to live in a hot or a cold place?* And we have started our new art unit which will focus on storytelling.

Year 3 Learning (Pankhurst and Frank)

Following on from reading about Anne Frank, we have been writing our own biography about her. We have focused on relevant paragraphs and making our writing interesting to read. In Maths we have been finding values on number-lines all the way up to 1000. We have had to work out the intervals and find different values on a range of tricky number-lines. Skeletons are the focus in science and we learned about how they protect, support us and help us move. We have also been busy in PE by learning how to improve our movement and fitness.

Year 4 Learning (Gandhi and Yousafzai)

This week in maths, we have been working hard on our understanding of numbers up to 10,000, learning to represent and partition them in different ways, and place them on a number line. We have had to really think about this and use our knowledge of number bonds to make sure we were working accurately. In Geography, we have been looking at the geographical features of New Delhi, and human and physical features, and land use, to our local area.

Year 5 Learning (Curie and Hawking)

This week in Year 5, we've been exploring life during World War II, learning about the Blitz and what evacuation was like for children. In English, we've been planning and drafting diary entries from the perspective of a WW2 evacuee, working on capturing their experiences. In reading, we've continued *The Adventures of Odysseus*, diving into the exciting story of how Odysseus escaped the Cyclops' cave. In P.E., we've been developing our fitness and challenging ourselves to beat our personal bests. It's been a week full of history, creativity, and thrilling adventures!

Year 6 Learning (Rashford and Biles)

This week in English, we refined our skills in punctuating dialogue accurately. We worked diligently to express characters' personalities and emotions through our vocabulary choices and reporting clauses. In Maths, we focused on addition and subtraction, tackling both arithmetic and reasoning style questions. We demonstrated impressive perseverance and understanding as we explored various strategies for solving these calculations. Finally, in our Geography lessons, we engaged in a thought-provoking discussion about the benefits and drawbacks of living in a desert climate. We expressed our opinions on whether we would like to relocate to such an environment,

Parent Groups

A few classes have parent/carer WhatsApp chat groups as an online space to seek support, ask questions, clarify, or give information. Please be advised some of the links have been updated from last week. For those interested to join, please click on the applicable links:

Y1 Armstrong

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DugarZYurh810e95pGd48y>

Y1 Chanel

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EckDaF74QvmDdumYb1gi3z>

Y2 (both classes)

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Dd1gG60RNxw8iRfjcpa49B>

Y3 Frank

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BdglqY4TFPaH0Xg4jEOoq2>

Y3 Pankhurst

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DZNgjpNrlI6GagkE1qGLQS>

Y4 Mr. Gandhi

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/ICRpp2BldtMD8PXKKyiq51>

Y4 Yousafzai

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BnKc8HdbA1VFPrt9t7E7vZ>

Y5 Marie Curie

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Hm7ypljTYp8B0LmNoYaRQf>

Y5 Hawking

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DISHbH2oNwAD7p6bLgfQBb>

Autumn Term 2024	
25-9-2024	4.45pm Welcome Ceremony
27-9-2024	Schools Mass in Norwich
1-10-2024	Heritage Month
9-10-2024	Feast of St John Henry Newman
15-10-2024	Parent Meetings
16-10-2024	Parent Meetings
17-10-2024	9.30am Reception and Ks1 Harvest
17-10-2024	10.15am Ks2 Harvest Celebration
Half Term 28-10-2024 to 1-11-2024	
11-11-2024	9.30am School Photos
11-11-2024	Anti-Bullying Week
25-11-2024	Reverse Advent Calendar Starts
4-12-2024	4.30pm Advent Service
5-12-2024	6.00pm Peterborough Schools Carol Service
10-12-2024	2.00pm Nativity Reception
11-12-2024	2.00pm Nativity Reception
12-12-2024`	2.00pm Year 1 Nativity
13-12-2024	2.00pm Year 1 Nativity
19-12-2024	Christmas Jumpers
19-12-2024	Christmas Lunch
20-12-2024	1.30pm Last Day