



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

We have had a great week this week in school. Our school clubs have officially re-started, offering over 17 hours of extended provision for children to enjoy, from sports to art and more. We were delighted to hold a special welcome ceremony for our new Reception class, celebrating the beginning of their school journey with us. In other news, Year 5 children have had the opportunity to take part in flute lessons as part of their music curriculum, and we can't wait to hear the progress they make. Finally, please don't forget to book your parents meeting appointments, more information about this can be found below. Have a great weekend everyone.

Generous God, in you we have all we need. Help us to put you first in all that we do and to trust that you will care for us always. Amen.

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Attendance

Well done to Year 5 (Curie) for having 100% attendance this week. Our overall school attendance this week was an amazing 97.9%. Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

Parent's Meetings

You will have received an email regarding book your child's appointment for our upcoming Parents Meeting Evening on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October 2024. Please ensure you have booked your appointment to allow us to allocate you a time slot as close to your request as possible._

Reading Challenge

Well done to Sydney for completing the Summer Reading Challenge. This week she was presented with her award for completing this challenge.



Welcome Ceremony

On Wednesday, we warmly welcomed our new Reception children and families with a special Welcome Ceremony. This important event, held in the school hall, brought together teachers, parents, and pupils as we introduced the youngest members of our school community. Led by our Reception teaching staff and Year 6 buddies, the ceremony included prayers and a blessing for the children as they begin their educational journey here at St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School.



Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

In literacy we have consolidated our learning about Elmer and have labelled pictures from the story with the initial sounds we have been learning. In maths we have been exploring mass, capacity and patterns and continued to develop our mathematical vocabulary. We have also been continuing given patterns and designing our own patterns using resources within the provision. In phonics we have been learning how to read and write 'o', 'c' and 'k' as well as reviewing sounds we have previously been taught. During circle time we have been discussing what makes a good friend and thinking about our new friends within reception. In science we were learning about our body parts and the different things we use them for. In the provision we have had a go at labelling a body outline. We have even made up our own versions of the song 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes'!



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)

This week in Year 1 we have had another busy week. In Reading and Writing, we have started to look at the book 'We Are All Wonders.' This is a beautiful book, and the children have enjoyed role-playing parts of it and showing off their brilliant acting skills. In Maths we are still enjoying and learning about place numbers, and they amaze us with their understanding of number bonds.

Year 2 Learning (Hamilton and Lennon)

This week in Year 2 we have been finalising our work on Place Value by working on flexible partitioning of numbers up to 100. In Literacy we have started looking at our new text *The Stinky Cheese Man*, we have begun to read it together and started to practice the skills we will need to write a diary entry based on the story. In Art we have been looking at how everyday objects are made up of shapes and drawing some fabulous teddy bears made up of ovals. We have also begun to prepare for Harvest by doing some beautiful Harvest artwork and practicing the songs we will sing in the Harvest Festival.

Year 3 Learning (Pankhurst and Frank)

What a busy week in Year 3! We have completed our biography writing and begun our next book: *Voices in the Park*. We will be writing our own story based on this book and we are looking forward to using lots of description. In Maths we have begun to add and subtract challenging values using written methods including equations that require exchanging. We looked at animal skeletons in Science and looked at how some animals have the same types of bones but completely different skeletons. PE was tiring and sweaty as we completed circuit training in the hall. We had to stay doing exercise at each exercise station for 90 seconds which was quite tough!



Year 4 Learning (Gandhi and Yousafzai)



In Year 4 we have finished our Geography topic on settlements with a fieldwork walk around our local area. We saw lots of human and physical geographical features on our walk to Teardrop Lake, with land being mostly used for residential and commercial purposes. Apart from some achy legs, we really enjoyed having the opportunity to look at our local area in a new light! In reading, we have been continuing reading 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' and particularly enjoyed reading about the silly pirates with fake wooden daggers!

Year 5 Learning (Curie and Hawking)

In Year 5 we have completed our first Hot Write task of the year – A dairy entry based off the book ‘When the sky falls’. We have very much enjoyed building and applying our skills throughout our writing. We have also finished our first Maths unit of place value. During this unit, we have developed our knowledge of digits and the value they hold when they are within a number. We have also looked at the value of a digit when rounding and estimating! We look forward to using both our Maths and English skills in our next units.

Year 6 Learning (Rashford and Biles)

In Year 6 we have completed our first hot task of the year – A first person narrative based on a journey. We worked exceptionally hard to embed all the higher-level skills we have been learning about and are very proud of our end pieces! We also have come to the end of our Geography unit ‘Would you like to live in a desert?’ We had fun testing our knowledge on an online quiz using the iPads. It is clear we have absorbed loads of knowledge over the past few weeks and have thoroughly enjoyed this topic. This week we also had the opportunity to support our reception buddies in the Welcome Ceremony. We showed maturity and took on a caring nature in this role.

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/ICRpp2BltdMD8PXKKyiq51>

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

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