



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Volume 5– Friday 4th October 2024

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

We've had an action-packed week at school filled with lots of learning experiences! Year 1 students had a delightful time during their *food tasting* activity, where they explored different types of tastes. In Year 4, the focus was on *diet and nutrition*, with students discovering the importance of balanced meals for growth and energy. Meanwhile, Year 6 has been immersing themselves in the vibrant world of *Mayan art*. I would also like to extend a *thank you* to all parents and carers for being more considerate with parking this week. Your efforts in ensuring the safety of our children and the smooth flow of traffic are greatly appreciated. Have a wonderful weekend!

God of justice and wisdom, help us to keep on praying and never to doubt that your truth will protect us in all that we face. Amen.

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Attendance

Well done to Year 4 (Gandhi) and Year 5 (Curie) for having 100% attendance this week. Our overall school attendance this week was an amazing 97.3%. Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

Catholic Schools Mass

On Friday 27th September 2024, we joined together with all the other Catholic School from around our Diocese in Norwich Cathedral to celebrate Mass together. Mass was led by Bishop Peter and it was a lovely way to officially mark the start of the new academic year.



Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

In literacy we have started learning about The Three Little Pigs, we have learnt some key words from the story as well as retelling the story with actions. We have also labelled pictures from the story with the initial sounds we have been learning. In maths we have copied and continued patterns as well as making our own patterns using stickers and bingo dabbers. In phonics we have been learning how to read and write 'u', 'b' and 'f' as well as reviewing sounds we have previously been taught. We have continued to practise using scissors this week. During art we have designed our own harvest hats and we cannot wait to wear these during our harvest festival! During circle time we thought about our family and shared who we live with. We also got to draw our family in a house, it was great to hear about all our different families.



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)

Year 1 have had a great week learning about We're All Wonders. We imagined that we travelled to Pluto and what it would be like. We used adjectives to describe the surface of the planet and what we might see. In maths, we have started to complete addition number sentences and do part whole models. This has helped our number bonds to ten. In science, we tasted some different foods and drinks that were sweet (honey), sour (lemon), savoury (crackers), salty (crisps) and bitter (bitter lemon). Most of us liked most of them! Crisps were the most popular and lemon was the least!



Year 2 Learning (Hamilton and Lennon)

This week in Year 2 we have been working hard on consolidating our skills to count in 2s, 5s and 10s; this will really help us with our future learning on multiplication. In English we have continued our work on *The Stinky Cheese Man*; we have retold the story orally as well as ordering and annotating pictures of it and creating our own story maps. We have combined some of our PE and science learning as we have learned all about how exercise impacts the human body.

Year 3 Learning (Pankhurst and Frank)

Year 3 have been reading their new text called *Voices in the Park*. We have been looking closely at each of the characters and how they interact with each other and using our reading to infer information from the book and its pictures. We also have been exploring how apostrophes are used correctly in some words. We recognised them within the text and wrote sentences using apostrophes. During Maths lessons this week, we have looked at adding and subtracting values and exploring how we can do this efficiently using our number bonds to 10. We began our geography this week with a discussion on how the world is formed in layers and went on to create and label the various layers. Diet and nutrition are the focus in science, and we explored the main food groups and how they contribute to our body's health and growth. In PE we concentrated on balancing with a range of activities to test how we can manoeuvre our bodies and keep us balanced in our movements. (we also managed to dodge all the rain showers too!)

Year 4 Learning (Gandhi and Yousafzai)

This week in Year 4, we have been coming to the end of lots of different topics! We have completed our first hot write of the year – a biography about our respective class namesakes – and we have worked hard to apply all of the skills we have learnt into our writing. We finished our Geography unit on ‘Are all settlements the same?’ with a Kahoot quiz – we were all really excited to show how much we had learnt and remembered! In maths, we have been working hard this week on learning to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. In our current science unit on grouping and classifying living things, we were focusing this week on grouping plants in different ways, for example into flowering and non-flowering plants, and comparing the features of certain plants.

Year 5 Learning (Curie and Hawking)

This week in Year 5, we’ve been busy with lots of exciting learning! In Writing, we’ve been focusing on adding variety to our sentence structure by using simple, compound, and complex sentences, and punctuating speech correctly as we apply it to short stories. In Reading, we continued to explore *The Adventures of Odysseus*, delving deeper into his epic journey. In History, we learned about the important roles women played during World War II and how their contributions had a lasting impact. In Science, we began planning an experiment on air resistance to determine the best shape for a parachute. Finally, in Maths, we worked on developing mental methods to solve addition and subtraction problems quickly and efficiently. It’s been a fantastic week of learning across all subjects!

Year 6 Learning (Rashford and Biles)

What a fantastic week in Year 6! In Maths we have been tackling challenging division calculations. We showed excellent times table knowledge which supported use greatly when answering questions. We worked hard to use the correct mathematical terminology (quotient, dividend and divisor) to enhance our explanations. In English, we started looking at a new text type – play scripts! We had great fun watching a recording of a play and discussing how the actors deliver their lines. We even went on to perform a section of a script, taking careful note of the stage directions!

Our new art unit is called ‘*Make my voice heard*’. We started by looking at Latin American Artist Diego Rivera and the influence Mayan artwork had on his. We then went on to create a research page in our sketchbooks to gather imagery, pattern and colour ideas from Maya art – just as Rivera may have done.



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/DZNgjpNrlI6GagkE1qGLOS>

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	
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	
5-11-2024	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