



# St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School Newsletter Volume 6– Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

We have had another wonderful week in school with so much happening. We celebrated the Feast of St John Henry Newman in which all children participated in reflecting and celebrating the life of our school Patron Saint. Also, the children have begun to prepare for next week's Harvest Celebration. Finally, I just wanted to remind you all about our parents' meetings next week on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, I know that staff are very much looking forward to updating you on how your child has settled into life at St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

**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**

Amazingly, Year 3 (Frank), Year 4 (Gandhi), Year 5 (Hawking), Year 5 (Curie) and Year 6 (Rashford) all had 100% attendance this week. Our overall school attendance this week was an amazing 97.7%. Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

## **Feast of St John Henry Newman**

On Wednesday we celebrated the Feast of St John Henry Newman. Our children spent their day learning all about him and understanding why he became a Saint. The children then presented their showcases for everyone to enjoy.



## **Harvest Celebrations**

We are delighted to invite you to join us for a special Harvest Celebration on **Thursday 17th October 2024**. These celebrations will take place as shown below.

- Reception and Key Stage 1 – 9.30
- Key Stage 2 – 10.30

In the spirit of giving, we kindly encourage all families to contribute **non-perishable food items and toiletries** in the days leading up to the celebration. These contributions will be collected and distributed to support those in most need, both within our school community and through local and citywide food banks, including our partnership with the local church food bank. Suggested donations include:

- Canned goods (vegetables, fruits, beans, etc.)
- Dried pasta, rice, and other grains

- Toiletries (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, sanitary products etc.)
- Long-life milk and juice
- Snacks and other non-perishable items

We are delighted to also share that we will be holding a coffee morning prior to the Harvest Celebrations. This will take place from 8.45 – 9.30am on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024, all are welcome. We do hope as many of you can attend as possible.

### **Parent's Meetings**

You will have received a letter confirming your child's appointment time for your upcoming Parents Meeting Evening on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024. Please arrive in good time for you appoint to ensure that all teachers keep to time. We look forward to seeing you all next week.

### **Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)**

In literacy we have continued our learning about The Three Little Pigs and have focused on sequencing events from the story. We also had a go at writing some cvc words from the book including 'p-i-g', 'b-i-g' and 'b-a-d'. In maths, we have been continuing our learning about 1, 2 and 3 and then been introduced to the concept of 1 more and 1 less. During our phonics lessons, we have been learning how to read and write 'f', 'l' and 'h' as well as continuing to review sounds we have previously been taught. We have learnt the 'PANTS' rule from the NSPCC about keeping ourselves safe. During the Feast of St John Henry Newman, we made our own St John Henry Newman's and worked together in our classes to create a fingerprint heart as he was a very loving man.



### **Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)**

This week in Year 1 we have started to look at the amazing book 'The Tiger that came to Tea'. We have looked at afternoon tea and when we have it. We have all decided that it looks delicious! In Maths children have been wowing us with their understanding of adding problems and have even challenged us with their own maths problems. In Geography we are getting ready to design our perfect playground, so we spent time looking at the best and the worse parts of our playground. We are excited to see their work next week.

### **Year 2 Learning (Hamilton and Lennon)**

Year 2 have been learning about Online Safety in our computing lessons. We have looked at real and fake news and used the iPads to research topics to make real and fake sentences for our partners to see if they can tell the difference. As part of our writing lessons, the children have written a diary entry; they were the Stinky Cheese Man and were writing about their day. In Maths the children have been learning to count in 3s. During the Feast of St John Henry Newman, the children have made bookmarks. They drew Jesus and using chalk on black paper, made Him the Light of the World.

### **Year 3 Learning (Pankhurst and Frank)**

We have reached the fourth voice in our reading this week and we analysed the emotions of our characters. We used the images in the book to help build up a picture of what the characters are feeling about each other and themselves. We are also learning how to write descriptively in preparation for our story writing next week. In science we created our own menu using all the food groups and trying to have a balanced diet so we can stay healthy and grow. In maths, we are now using the written method to add and subtract 3-digit numbers. We have been very successful in keeping our numbers organised and in place value order to help with our adding and subtracting. On Thursday, we wrote some beautiful harvest prayers in preparation for harvest assembly next week.

### **Year 4 Learning (Gandhi and Yousafzai)**

This week we learnt about St. John Henry Newman in great detail, on Feast Day. We began by learning about his life and discussing his mission to help people understand their faith better. He is well known for his deep love for the truth and helping people find their way to God. We also looked at the meaning behind one of his famous quotes "To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often" plus a couple of fun facts, including that he loved writing letters and wrote over 20,000. Each child contributed in class to creating a stained-glass window and a writing a leaf of kindness, explaining what kind acts they would do over the next month or so. The class also created fruit and vegetables for the Harvest Festival, in preparation for next week.

### **Year 5 Learning (Curie and Hawking)**

Year 5 have been learning about showing acts of kindness in RE. During this lesson, our classes took a walk around the school and as they went, they did little acts of kindness. These could have been fixing any wonky displays, closing open lockers and cleaning up any mess. It was amazing to see all the acts of kindness that were shown, not only in the lesson, by the days after. In science, the children are finally gearing up to complete their air resistance experiment. The children have fully prepared their research, their materials and their methods of recording. For the Feast of St John Henry Newman, the children greatly enjoyed learning about him and his life. We spoke about how we can be a light just like St John was for others. Our stained-glass church was our way of showing how bright we can be if we come together.



### **Year 6 Learning (Rashford and Biles)**

This week in Year 6 we had our 'first look' at the End of KS2 SATs tests that we will be sitting in Maths. This was a great opportunity to showcase our fantastic existing knowledge and help us understand which areas we need to further work on. In Art we are continuing our unit entitled 'Making my voice heard'. We looked at the 20 Mayan 'Wayobs' (symbols which show certain characteristics and personalities) We decided which Wayob we resonated with most and replicated this in our sketch book. We then designed our own Wayob and filled with patterns inspired by those found in Maya art, as well other symbols we thought of that showcased who we are.

### **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:

Reception (both classes)

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/F8PAcyHBkfB754dth6Ap61>

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**

15-10-2024	Parent Meetings
16-10-2024	Parent Meetings
17-10-2024	8.45 – 9.30am Coffee Morning (All welcome)
17-10-2024	9.30am Reception and KS1 Harvest
17-10-2024	10.30am 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