



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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30th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

What a fantastic end to the first half-term! This week, our school community came together for two special events. Firstly, our Year 6 football team played in their first league game of the season. We also celebrated Heritage Month in style. We displayed the family's homework projects exploring different cultures, stories and traditions. It was a wonderful way to celebrate our diverse community and learn from one another. We have achieved a great deal in the past 8-weeks together and seen our school community continue to rapidly grow; however, our purposeful, calm learning environment has remained as strong as ever. We wish everyone a restful break and look forward to seeing you back after half-term, refreshed and ready for an exciting and hard working next few weeks.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding." – Proverbs 3:5

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Attendance

Year 3 (Frank) and Year 4 (Gandhi) both achieved 100% attendance this week – well done! Our overall school attendance this week was a pleasing 97.3%. Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

Football Team

On Tuesday our School Football team played their first league match of the season. They played well and stayed in the game for a long, long time. Unfortunately, three late goals resulted in a 4-1 defeat. I know that both Mr Pepper and Mr Longden were very proud of how they played.



Heritage Celebration

To conclude our Heritage Month, we displayed the family homework projects in the form of a gallery. We then 'opened' this to families after school. Over 150 families came in to share in this event. Thank you to all the families for getting involved and supporting the event.



Parent View Feedback.

Over the last few weeks, we have been gathering feedback from you as parents about life here at St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School. We are pleased to share with you all the results from these questionnaires.

Parent View Results Autumn 2024

We are delighted with the feedback, and it has also provided us with some key areas to work on over the coming months.

Year 3 and 4 Hockey

A selection of children from Years 3 and 4 travelled to the City of Peterborough Hockey Club to play in a tournament against 7 other local primary schools. The team won 3 out of their 7 games and scored an amazing 12 goals in those seven games. The children were resilient when they lost the games or picked up an injury, and were gracious when they won. They showed great sportsmanship in shaking the hands of the opposition and umpires at the end of each game. All children showed great promise at being hockey players in the future, and are all looking forward to next year's tournament.



Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

In literacy we have continued our learning about Supertato. We have sequenced the story as well as drawing a story map. In provision we created our own Supertato. In maths we have been continuing our learning about capacity and mass. We have enjoyed weighing different vegetables to see what is heavier and lighter. During our phonics lessons, we have been learning how to read and write 'v', 'y' and 'w' as well as continuing to review sounds we have previously been taught. In our understanding of the world lessons we have discussed the different senses we have. We used our eyes to spot different things around our school. We used our noses to smell different ingredients and discussed if we liked the smell of them. As part of our geography learning we have created 3D maps in the construction area, we made our school and surrounding areas as well as Serpentine Green and it's surrounding areas. As part of our PSHE lessons we read Ruby's worry and spoke about what we should do if we have a worry.



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)

In Year 1 this week we have been finishing off the brilliant book by Judith Kerr – The Tiger Who Came to tea! We all had a tea party in class to celebrate the end of this book. We ate cupcakes with lots of sprinkles, drank delicious squash, played party games, drew our own tiger plates, listened and talked about why we liked the book, and if we wanted to have a tiger come to our house for tea! We all had so much fun! Also, for writing we have finished off writing a report all about tigers – they are all tiger experts. The Year 1 team hopes you have a lovely and restful half-term, and we are looking forward to seeing you in a week.



Year 2 Learning (Hamilton and Lennon)

Year 2 have continued their addition and subtraction learning in their maths lessons this week, adding by making 10 and adding three 1-digit numbers, consolidating their number bonds to 10 learning in Year 1. During the computing lessons this week, the children have continued looking at algorithms and how to debug errors in the algorithms. The children had fun role playing a set of instructions to clean their teeth and were able to identify errors in the instructions. This links in well with our science learning on how we can keep our teeth healthy by brushing them twice daily for two minutes. The children have focussed on one of the stories in the text Black and White and have been writing sentences using 'and' and 'but'. They have also been identifying links between the different stories.

Year 3 Learning.(Frank and Pankhurst)

We started the week with a great lesson in PE. We have been focusing on fitness and we combined the two Year 3 classes and played some tag games before a cross-country challenge to see if our fitness had improved since the beginning of the term. By the number of laps of the field completed, our level of fitness has definitely increased. In maths we have been using our new methods of addition and subtraction to solve more complex problems.

English has been fun this week as we have been reading Revolting Rhymes by Roald Dahl. We have been surprised by the crazy poems about some of the stories we know. Red Riding Hood specially made us all laugh! We then went on to create some verses of our own and recited them to the class. We are continuing our Art with sketching plants and flowers. We then used our toning skills to bring them to life on the page!

Year 4 Learning (Gandhi and Yousafzai)

Year 4 has had a fantastic week filled with lots of interesting learning! In Writing, we've been diving into 'Journey' by Aaron Becker, and the children have been busy writing first-person narratives, imagining themselves as the main character and using descriptive language to really bring their stories to life. In Maths, we've focused on addition and subtraction, and the class has been getting the hang of using the inverse operation to check their answers. For Science, we've wrapped up our topic on classification, with the children revisiting animal classification keys and discussing the distinguishing features of the six main animal groups. Well done on a fantastic half term of learning, Year 4!

Year 5 Learning (Curie and Hawking)

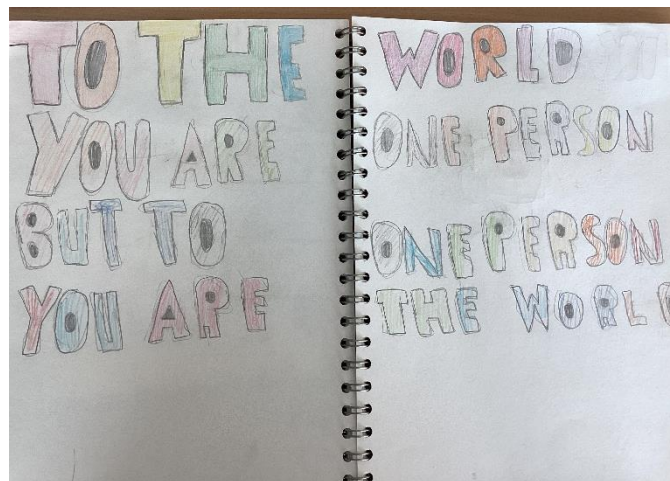
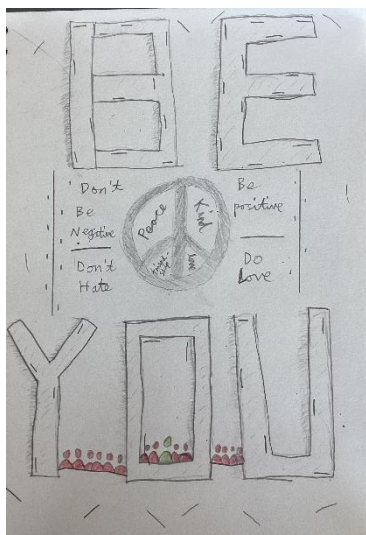
During our final week of this fantastic term, Year 5 have really put in the hard work! After weeks of learning all about DADWAVERS, speech and much more, we have finally written our first-person narratives. These narratives tell a tale of the events that occurred at a run-down zoo during WW2. This is linked to our book 'When the Sky Falls'. Along with finishing this English unit, we have also sadly finished our science unit on forces. The children have very much enjoyed learning all about the forces and applying our knowledge when doing their experiments!

Year 6 Learning (Rashford and Biles)

In Year 6 this week we continued our art unit '*Making my voice heard*'. Within this, we looked at street art and the important messages it can give people. In our sketch books we had great fun creating our own 'street art' pieces. It was nice to walk around the classroom and look at the uplifting quotes our peers had created.

In Reading we also came to the end of our lessons reading 'Holes'. To conclude this, we achieved some of our Spoken Language objectives by making links to our playscript writing unit. We performed the playscripts that we had produced in our writing lessons. This was a wonderful activity where we worked collaboratively with others and demonstrated our fantastic acting skills.

The Year 6 would like to thank the children for their hard work and dedication this half term. We hope you have a fun and restful break and look forward to welcoming you back in November!



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

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Autumn Term 2024

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