



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a refreshing and enjoyable half-term break. It's been wonderful to see the energy and enthusiasm from children as they settle back into learning. This week, we were thrilled to host a football match between our Year 3 and Year 4 teams. The children showed excellent teamwork, sportsmanship, and determination on the field. Well done to all involved! We also welcomed parents into the school for an open session, giving them the chance to see our school in action. Feedback was incredibly positive, with many parents commenting on the calm, focused, and purposeful atmosphere throughout the school. Have a great weekend everyone.

Peace is God's gift; let's share kindness and love with all

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Attendance

Well done to Year 4 (Gandhi) for achieving 100% attendance this week – excellent! Our overall school attendance this week was 96.2%. Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

Football Team

This week was the first competitive match for our newly formed Year 3 and 4 team. Fourfields school came to visit with a strong established team on Thursday after school. Unfortunately, our team made a disastrous start conceding a goal in the first minute and then a second within five minutes. However, the team lifted their game and began to pass the ball with more confidence and we pulled a goal back, from Arvin, just before half time. The second half was a lot closer with both teams having opportunities but some wonderful goalkeeping from Harry kept them at bay. Eventually they scored another two and Arvin scored a second and the game ended on 4-2 to the visitors. The boys all played a great match, supported each other and are looking forward to some more games in the future. Well done lads!

Year 5 and 6 Hockey

A selection of children from Years 5 and 6 travelled to the City of Peterborough Hockey Club to play in a tournament against 4 other local primary schools. Eden scored twice and Ben scored once during the tournament. Matheus stopped the ball on the line on many occasions and both Kyla and Isaac showed great promise with their dribbling skills. The children showed great resilience having been defeated in their games; the opposition were outstanding!



Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

In literacy we have started our learning about Biscuit Bear. We have looked at key vocabulary in the story and discussed what we will need to make our own biscuits. In provision we used play dough to create our own biscuit bears. In maths we have been started learning about circles and triangles. In provision we created artwork using circles and triangles, we coloured different parts along with talking about straight and curved sides. In our understanding of the world lessons we have discussed the difference between us now, when we were a toddler and also when we were a baby. We drew a picture of ourselves as a baby, toddler and now. We have started to learn our nativity songs for our performance and are excited to find out what parts we have. On Tuesday, we learnt all about Bonfire night and completed lots of activities related to fireworks. This included creating our own bonfire pictures with fireworks. Outside we created a bonfire using the different blocks.



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)

Year 1 have had a good week this week. In English, we have been learning about Coco Chanel (Chanel Class) and Neil Armstrong (Armstrong Class). We have learnt information about their early lives and why they were significant figures. In Science, we have started a new topic of Materials. This week we went on an Autumnal Walk and looked for signs of Autumn around our school grounds. We are continuing to learn about ourselves in History and creating memory boxes with special photos and pictures from our pasts. We have also started to learn our songs for our Year 1 Nativity. Please look out for lines and scripts which will be sent home next week to children to practise at home.

Year 2 Learning (Hamilton and Lennon)

This week in Year 2 we have been continuing our addition and subtraction unit, exchanging 10 ones for 1 ten to add across a 10. The children have been using base 10 to see the concept in action prior to completing some calculations. In our new DT unit, we have been exploring wheels and axles in preparation for constructing a fairground wheel in the coming weeks. Thank you for all the boxes and egg cartons that you have been saving and sending in for this project. We have concluded our English unit with a Hot Task, retelling one of the stories from the book Black and White. The children had learnt how to use 'and' and 'but' in their sentences and have really used them well in their task. In PE this term, we will be participating in some fitness activities and how these affect our bodies; this follows on from last terms science topic and will consolidate this learning. PE remains on Wednesday's and Thursday's unless otherwise directed.

Year 3 Learning (Frank and Pankhurst)

What a busy but brilliant start to the new half term in Year 3. We have begun a new science unit looking at rocks and we started by identifying and describing 15 different rocks using hand lenses. Alongside this, we have started a new book called 'A Pebble in my Pocket' which shows the formation of a pebble from 480 million years ago! We are also going to research all we can discover about a rock of our choice and write a non-chronological report about it. In Maths we have started working on multiplication and we have focused on multiples this week including 2, 5 and 10. We ended the week solving a range of word problems where we could apply our multiples knowledge to solve them.

Year 4 Learning (Gandhi and Yousafzai)

This week has seen both classes begin to publish their own 1st person narratives based on the book – Journey. In maths we have moved on to a new unit focusing on area, where students have calculated the total area of rectilinear shapes, using the squares in their books or on the worksheets to help them. They then continued by making their own shapes and comparing area between different shapes. Our computing unit about online safety has continued nicely, with students looking at 2 lessons; exploring ways that companies encourage us to buy online, so we can ensure when we might be spending money so that we seek permission to do so first and how we can determine between facts, opinions and beliefs, to ensure we try to identify reliable answers to our questions and new information that we are keen to discover.

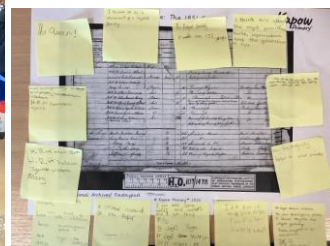
Year 5 Learning (Curie and Hawking)

This week in Year 5, we've covered a lot of ground! In Maths, we've been working on multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, and 1000. In English Writing, we've been crafting biographies, focusing on using relative clauses and the present perfect tense to add depth and clarity to our writing. In Geography, we've identified the location of the Alps, using atlases to explore this mountain range in detail. It's been a week full of new skills and discoveries!

Year 6 Learning (Rashford and Biles)

This week, Year 6 have started their first History unit of the year where we have begun looking at what a census is, and its purpose. After looking at both an original copy and a transcribed copy of the 1851 census, the children then created their own class census. There were some excellent discussions around some of the flaws around how the data has previously been collected.

In English, we have been researching Simone Biles and Marcus Rashford in preparation of our next Hot Write: biographies.



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

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