



# St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School Newsletter Volume 10– Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

This week has been full of activities and important events. Our week began on Monday when we gathered to observe Armistice Day with a thoughtful Liturgy and two minutes of silence; a meaningful reminder of the importance of peace and gratitude. Our Year 3 and 4, as well as Year 5 and 6, children showed great teamwork and sportsmanship in their football matches, making us all proud with their effort and enthusiasm. We also took part in Anti-Bullying Week, where classes engaged in discussions and activities promoting kindness, respect, and inclusivity, helping us reinforce our commitment to a safe and supportive environment. Have a great weekend everyone.

**"Peace is a gift from God that helps us feel calm and safe. When we share peace, we spread God's love."**

Mr Cooper  
Headteacher

## **Attendance**

Well done to Year 4 (Gandhi) for achieving 98.7% attendance this week – excellent! Our overall school attendance this week was 96.1%. Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

## **Friends Donations**

This week we had a delivery of Advent Resources from our Friends of St John Henry Newman. They kindly purchased a range of classroom and corridor Advent Resources. These will be put to good use very soon and for many years to come.



## **Sports**

The year 3 and 4 football team attended a tournament at Jack Hunt Secondary school this week. The boys had trained well leading up to the day and had worked on playing more as a team by passing and making space on the pitch. This proved to be valuable as they won 3 out of 4 matches with one of them a 7-1 victory. They represented our school well and enjoyed their games. Mr Longden and Mrs Galietti were proud of their efforts.



The year 6 boys also had a local derby match against Hampton Hargate on Thursday which was a very close match. We took the lead in the first half with a great strike by Kacper after some great build up play in the middle. Unfortunately, Hampton struck back before half time and then ran out winners in the second half. The team put in a great effort with lots of strong tackling and some promising link up play. Thank you to Mr Spencer for helping with the team.

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

This week, we have continued our learning on Biscuit Bear and have made our own! We went upstairs to the DT Room and worked in small groups to follow the recipe to mix the dough, roll out and cut the biscuits and then cook them. We have also learnt about Remembrance Day and painted our own poppies with cotton buds. To mark anti-bullying week, we came to school in our odd socks and learnt what bullying is and how to 'choose respect'. In maths we have continued our learning about circles and triangles and worked using our shape spotters to find them within our environment. We are also well underway with learning our songs and lines for our reception Nativity and we cannot wait to share this with you.



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

In Year 1 this week, we were extremely lucky to have a special guest who came to talk to us about what their life was like growing up in our living history. They were brilliant and showed us all lots of amazing pictures of their life growing up. The children were all shocked to learn that there were no tablets or mobile phones and that there was no McDonalds! The children also asked some great questions that helped us with our learning, and they took a lot away from this experience.

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

This week in Year 2, the children have started to learn about their classroom namesakes, Lewis Hamilton and John Lennon. They have been sorting facts about Hamilton and Lennon to prepare to write a biography. It was great to see so many children had already discussed Hamilton or Lennon at home and were able to share their knowledge with the rest of the class. In Maths, we have continued learning about addition and subtraction, exchanging or re-grouping tens and ones to enable us to complete calculations. It has been anti-bullying week and the children have spent an afternoon learning about anti-bullying through an assembly and some activities; both classes joined for the assembly and then went back to their respective classes to write about how they choose respect and to design a poster about choosing respect rather than bullying. It has also been Maths Week and the children have been using their estimation skills to guess how many jelly beans there are in a jar. We have read some maths-related stories and taken part in a challenge to draw a series of shapes to make a picture.

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

This week we have continued to read *The Pebble in My Pocket* book and exploring what happens to the pebble as the world begins to slowly form. We have looked at different types of rocks and explaining their properties through observations. We have also started planning our report about the rock type of our choice. Maths has been fun looking at grouping, sharing and exploring how this is multiplication and division. In PE we have been improving our football and hockey skills by dribbling and passing. We are preparing for a inter year group tournament later in the term!

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

This week has seen us start some new units! In writing, we have begun learning to write a newspaper report, considering the key features we will need to include in our writing. As part of our writing, we have been learning to write in the past perfect tense, using 'had + past tense verb' to convey that something had already happened. Our new maths topic, multiplication and division, is giving us the chance to deepen our understanding of the times tables in which many of us are already confident! We are thinking about different ways we can represent multiplication and division, as well as developing our fluency in counting in 3s, 6s and 9s.

We are coming to the end of our computing unit, and this week have been learning about internet 'bots' and the benefits and risks associated with using them. We have assessed our own 'screen time' and considered why we use devices, and the potential positive and negative impacts of this.

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

This week, Year 5 have started new units in Maths and English! In maths we are delving into the world of fractions and have started by looking at equivalent fractions and converting improper fractions to mixed number fractions. We have made sure to use our skills in multiplying and dividing to help us. In English we have started our unit of persuasion, and the children have very much enjoyed trying to use their new persuasion techniques! This unit has been linked to the Greek myth of 'Pandora's Box' and the children will be writing a letter to her, trying to persuade her to open or to not open the box. This week has also been a week of reflection for Year 5 and a week of looking at the anti-bullying theme of respect. We have explored what it means to show respect and how we act with respect through making a pledge, making fantastic posters and performing some role-play situations.

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

Year Six started their week with a drama workshop from a local company that worked on the ideas of ‘Friendship’ and ‘Conflict Resolution’. Although some were a little apprehensive to begin with, the children got stuck in and had a great session. We also had our first Year 6 swimming session this week, and whilst many of our children took part in swimming lessons last year, it was some children’s first time in a pool! In History, we looked further into example Census’, looking particularly at Queen Victoria’s entry from 1841. From this, we explored what it was like to be a child working in a factory during these times and thought like historians by asking big questions, such as “What was life like for 10 year-old at this time?”, and “Why were the 10 year-old children working and not at school?”

### **Parent Groups**

A few classes have parent/carer WhatsApp chat groups as an online space to seek support, ask questions, clarify, or give information. 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**

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