



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

What a fantastic week it has been! Our Year 6 football teams shone brightly during their matches, demonstrating exceptional teamwork and sportsmanship. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and dedication on the pitch. We also had a range of visitors this week. All of the different groups were full of praise for the calm and purposeful learning environment throughout our school. Their kind words were a testament to the hard work and focus of our staff and children. Finally, we are looking ahead to the Friends Association Film Night next Friday. It promises to be a great community event - Don't forget to grab your tickets. Have a great weekend everyone.

Jesus is our loving King. He rules with kindness and care. Let's follow His example of love and goodness every day

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Attendance

Well done to Year 4 (Gandhi) for achieving 100% attendance this week – excellent! Our overall school attendance this week was 97.1%. Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

This week, we have started our learning on The Little Red Hen. We have listened to the story and wrote cvc words of the animals that are in the story. In provision we have drawn our own storymap of The Little Red Hen, made our own little red hens out of circles and triangles. We have also made a windmill using paper and split pins. In maths we have started learning about the number 4 and 5. In provision we have had a go at making the number 4 in different ways. We have opportunities for writing in our classrooms and like to practise writing cvc words. 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)

Year 1 have been learning about 3D shapes this week. We have been recognising, naming and sorting them. Ask us which shapes we know (sphere, cylinder, cone, cube, cuboid, pyramid). Next week is 2D shapes! We are continuing to practise the Nativity and learn the songs, actions and lines. Children have been told which part they are, and we will be providing costumes for most children. We will let you know if we need you to provide anything. Thank you for your support with this. We are learning about materials in science and using words like strong, waterproof, hard, bumpy and more to describe them. We finally finished our memory boxes for our history project which has been great fun. Thank you to those who sent in photos to support this. Please do add to your child's memory box at home by putting special objects and items inside.

Year 2 Learning (Hamilton and Lennon)

In Year 2 this week, we have been designing our fairground Ferris Wheel. As part of the design brief, the children have incorporated images of lakes and trees to blend in with our local surroundings. They have started to build their designs using the resources you have kindly saved and sent in with the children. The children are proud of their designs and cannot wait to finish their builds so they can bring them home to show you! In our English writing lessons this week, we have been learning about how to change our present tense words into past tense by adding 'ed'. We have continued to learn facts about Lewis Hamilton and John Lennon and have included these facts in our past tense sentences. In maths, we continue to learn addition and subtraction and have been using dienes to help us exchange tens and ones to help us complete the calculations.

Year 3 Learning (Frank and Pankhurst)

A very rock-related week this week in Year 3. In science we experimented on types of rock to explore their properties. We used sandpaper, nails and drills to see how hard they were. We put water on them to see if they were porous and we even tried putting them in acid to see how they reacted. There was a few surprises and we learned more about them through our investigation. In reading we are coming to the end of *A Pebble in my Pocket* text and we have enjoyed reading about the journey of a pebble from 480 million years ago until the present day! We have also completed our non-chronological reports on the rock of our choice, and we filled it with lots of good information. Continuing football in PE, we did some drills to improve our dribbling and passing on Monday. We also are looking at multiplication and division in Maths which has certainly tested our times tables knowledge!



Year 4 Learning (Gandhi and Yousafzai)

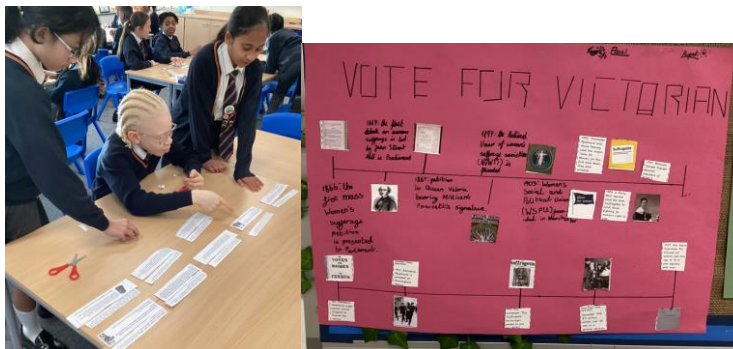
This week in writing, we have been planning and drafting our newspaper reports. We have based these on 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' which we read last term, in which the King's elephant is stolen by the firework maker. The children have been enjoying writing articles about this. In maths, we have been continuing with our multiplication and division topic, this week looking at the 3, 6 and 9 times table together, comparing them and seeing the patterns and links between them. We completed our computing unit on online safety, and enjoyed thinking about and comparing our screen-time calendars, seeing how much time we really use technology for a day, and considering the benefits and risks of this.

Year 5 Learning (Curie and Hawking)

This week in Year 5, we've been diving into some fantastic learning! In Maths, we've been working with improper fractions, learning how to convert them to and from mixed numbers. In English, we've been drafting persuasive formal letters, honing our skills in structure and language. In Art, we've been getting creative by making collagraph prints using a variety of textured materials. Finally, in Geography, we've been exploring the geography of our local area, thinking about its features and how it has developed. It's been a fun and productive week!

Year 6 Learning (Rashford and Biles)

In writing, we began exploring explanation texts, focusing on how adverbials can help build cohesion both within and across paragraphs. The children have enjoyed experimenting with these techniques to make their writing flow more effectively. In History, we delved deeper into examples of the census, analysing how different types of jobs provide insights into local communities. Additionally, we explored the inspiring suffragette movement, discussing its significance and creating detailed timelines to map key events.



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

2-12-2024	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