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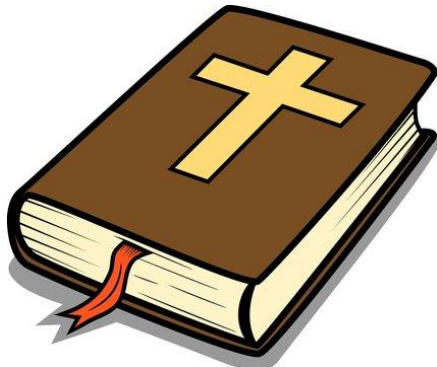


Newsletter 12

8 March 2024

At St Bernadette's Catholic School, you will find us caring, hardworking and co-operative. We follow the ways of Jesus using our talents and gifts to make our school special. We show respect to all and welcome you.

The Gospel of St. John will be shared with us at mass on Sunday this week. John 3:14-21



Moses lifted up the snake in the desert. It is the same with the Son of Man. The Son of Man must be lifted up too. Then everyone who believes in Him can have eternal life. "For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son. God gave His Son so that whoever believes in Him may not be lost, but have eternal life. God did not send His Son into the world to judge the world guilty, but to save the world through Him. He who believes in God's Son is not judged guilty. He who does not believe has already been judged guilty, because he has not believed in God's only Son. People are judged by this fact: I am the Light from God that has come into the world. But men did not want light. They wanted darkness because they were doing evil things. Everyone who does evil hates the light. He will not come to the light because it will show all the evil things he has done. But he who follows the true way comes to the light. Then the light will show that the things he has done were done through God."



Our Young Disciple has written this week's reflection.

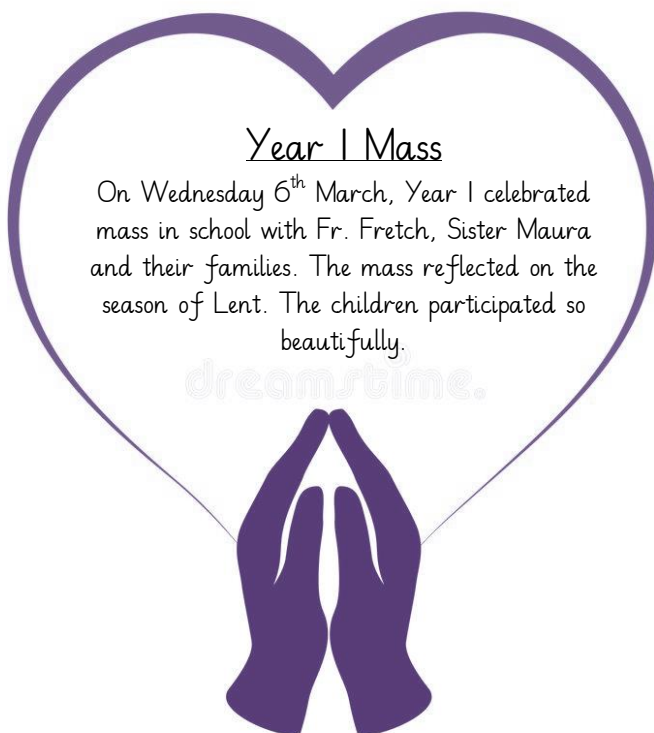
When we look to Jesus and learn about God from Jesus, then we will shine with God's love and light. We should believe, pray and ask for forgiveness to achieve eternal life in Him. God loves us so much that He sent His only son to us. Jesus wasn't sent to judge us, but to help us. When we speak the truth and do the right things, God will see this and let us have eternal life in Him.

Dear God,
Thank you for Jesus who helps us see you better.
Help us to do the same for others.
Amen



Easter Half Term

We will be breaking up for Easter on **Friday 22nd March**. We will return to school on **Monday 8th April**.



Year 1 Mass

On Wednesday 6th March, Year 1 celebrated mass in school with Fr. Fretch, Sister Maura and their families. The mass reflected on the season of Lent. The children participated so beautifully.

dreamstime.

Light a candle to offer a prayer

Your prayers are asked for:

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The mother of Mason

The mother of Chloe

The mother of Safana

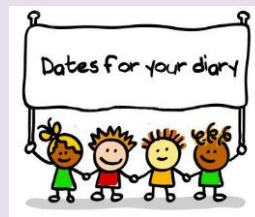
Miss Corkery and her family

Mrs. McCartan

Nancy



Diary Dates



Monday 11th March

Book fair in school all week

Tuesday 12th March

Individual photos

Parents Evening (Maths focus)

Wednesday 13th March

Parents Evening (Maths Focus)

Thursday 14th March

Year 5 confession

Friday 15th March

Feast of St Patrick (17th March)

5CB & all Children to wear green- 50p

Monday 18th March

Year 3 - Condoover Hall

Entries for Decorate an Egg completion in school by today.

Entries for the Easter Bonnet Parade in school by today.

Good Shepherd Donations to be returned

Tuesday 19th March

Year 3 - Condoover Hall

Feast of St Joseph (RCB own clothes)

Easter Bonnet Parade

Decorate an Egg competition

Wednesday 20th March

Whole School Mass 9:30am at Holy Family Church

Year 3 - Condoover Hall

Thursday 21st March

1:00 pm – Year 6 Confessions

Gold Star own clothes day

Gold Star Trip to Kenilworth Bookshop

Friday 22nd March

Easter Egg Raffle

Feast of St Oscar Romero (3EG - own clothes)

100% attendance own clothes

Attendance video afternoon

Finish for Easter

The Liturgical Season of Lent

After the end of Christmastide, we entered a few weeks of Ordinary Time before beginning the season of **Lent**, which began on Ash Wednesday (14th February 2024) and ends on Maundy Thursday (28th March 2024), the day before Good Friday. Lent is a time when the Church invites everyone to look carefully at their lives, to make Lenten promises and make a fresh start with God and with each other. Lent lasts for 40 days and the three 'pillars' of Lent are **PRAYER**, **FASTING** and **ALMSGIVING**.



FASTING:

Fast from, feast on

Fast from judging others, feast on finding Jesus within them.
Fast from words that hurt people, feast on words that lift people up.
Fast from anger, feast on patience.
Fast from negatives, feast on encouragement.
Fast from giving up, feast on trying your best.
Fast from fear, feast on faith.
Fast from bitterness, feast on love and forgiveness.
Fast from sadness, feast on joy and humour.

PRAYER: Lent helps us to focus upon the precious gift of the Lord's Body and Blood, the Holy Eucharist and His many Sufferings and Death in His Sacred Passion.



ALMSGIVING. – During Lent, we will be **GIVING** to **The Good Shepherd Appeal**. We were so lucky to have a visit from Kevin from Father Hudson's Care who spoke to the children about this charity. The Good Shepherd Appeal is a Lenten fund raising appeal run by Father Hudson's Care and is something we, at St Bernadette's, have supported for a number of years. Father Hudson's Care is the social care agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham. They work in Oxfordshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and the West Midlands to help people in need. The children have brought home a recyclable plastic money bag, we ask you to fill this with whatever you can afford. Perhaps the children could donate some of their sweet or treat money, or raise money in other ways. All the money raised will help to care for children, families and adults in need.



Please return the Good Shepherd bags to school by **Monday 18th March**. Thank you to those families who have already returned their Good Shepherd money bags. A special mention to Neil in Year 3 who donated £50 to the Good Shepherd Appeal. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Don't forget
parents'
evening!

By now you should have already booked your child's parents' evening appointment for either **Tuesday 12th March** or **Wednesday 13th March** via the link sent from Teachers2Parents. The focus of this parents' evening for Years 1 to 6 is Mathematics. Parents of children in Reception and Nursery will see their class teacher.

Easter Egg Raffle

We will be holding our annual Easter Egg Raffle in school for all pupils. Tickets will be sold in school on **Monday 18th March** and **Tuesday 19th March**, costing £1 per strip. All money raised will be donated to the Good Shepherd Appeal. Good luck!



School Meals Price Increase

From 1 April 2024, the cost for a school meal will increase as follows:-

Nursery £2.30 per day £11.50 per week

Children in KS2 £2.60 per day £13.00 per week

This increase is due to the continued unprecedented inflationary rises on food.

If you would like to change your child from a school meal to a packed lunch please notify us via email enquiry@stberns.bham.sch.uk

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please log onto the Free Schools Meals Eligibility Checking Service www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham



Y6 France Trip

Please could all parents of children travelling on the Y6 France trip ensure that payments are up to date and children's passports and GHIC cards are in date for travel (in date until October 2024).



More information about travel details will be given soon.

Can you help?



On Wednesday 20th March we will be celebrating Mass at Holy Family Church. We are looking for parents to volunteer to walk down to Holy Family Church with us. We will be leaving school at around 8:50am and will return to school at around 10:50am. If you are able to help, please let your child's class teacher know. We would be very grateful of your time and support.



Individual Photos

On Tuesday 12th March, the photographer will be in school to take individual photos.

Leukaemia^{UK}

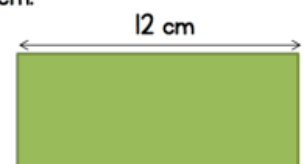
We are delighted to announce that Year 1 raised £303.30 during their year band fundraising events. This money will be donated to Leukaemia UK. Thank you to all our pupils and families who supported the Year 1 fundraising events last half term.

Math Mania: Solve It!

Answer to the last question shared: 5

Key Stage 2 problem:

The perimeter of the rectangle is 36 cm.



What is the area of the rectangle?

This half-term, Year 2 are raising money for Cafod World Gifts. Gifts. As we are currently in the Liturgical season of Lent, we are reminded of our duties to help and care for others. The children have donated items such as Easter eggs, Easter craft and activity books to create four of their very own egg-cellent Easter hampers. We will be selling raffle tickets at 50p for one ticket or a strip for £2 to raise money for Cafod. If you would like to enter this amazing raffle, please bring your money in. We will draw the raffle towards the end of the half-term. Good luck!



Cafod World Gifts are a range of virtual charity gifts that will hugely help people around the world by transforming the lives of families and communities who are currently experiencing poverty. Once we have raised our final amount, the children will have the opportunity to select which causes they would like to donate to. Here are just some of the things that World Gifts offer:



Winter survival kit
£30.00



Safe place to call home
£49.00



Life-changing loan
£200.00



Build a greenhouse
£54.00



School starter pack
£25.00



Teach someone to read
£10.00



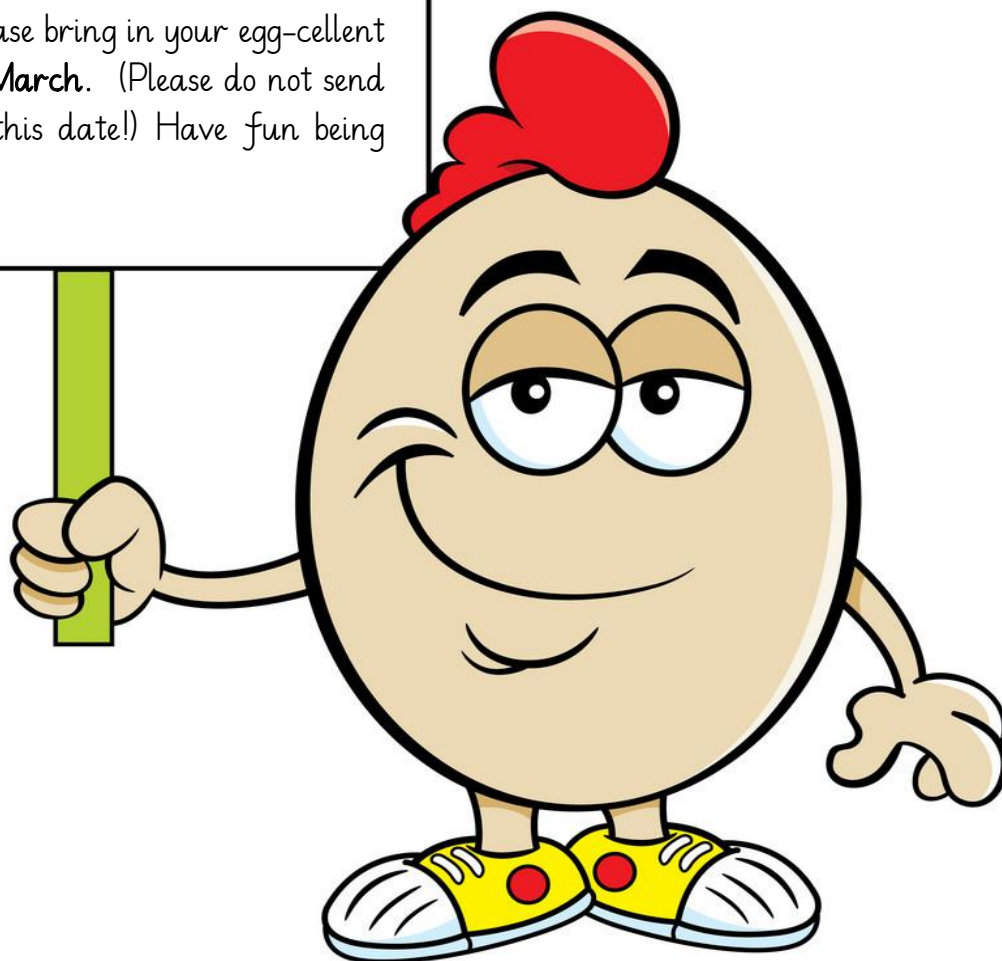
Help a refugee child
£46.00



Emergency shelter
£40.00

Decorate an Egg Competition

Children in Year 1-6 are invited to decorate a hard-boiled egg on the theme of **Religious stories – old and new testament**. Please bring in your egg-cellent entries by **18th March**. (Please do not send entries before this date!) Have fun being creative.



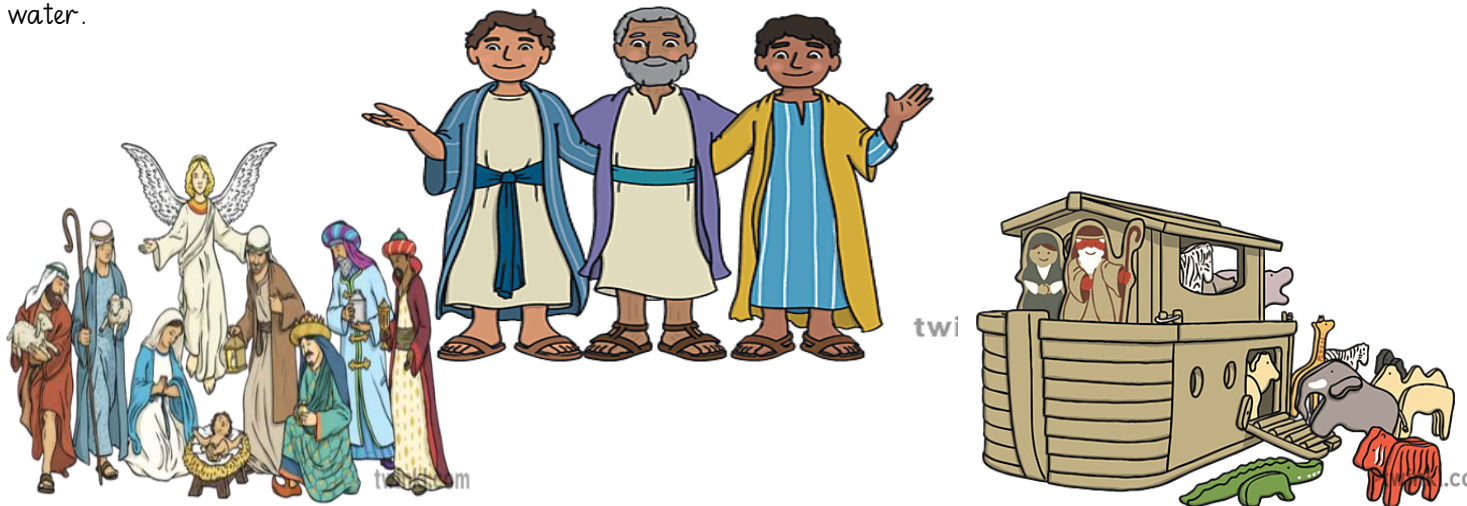
Here a few examples that you can draw inspiration from:

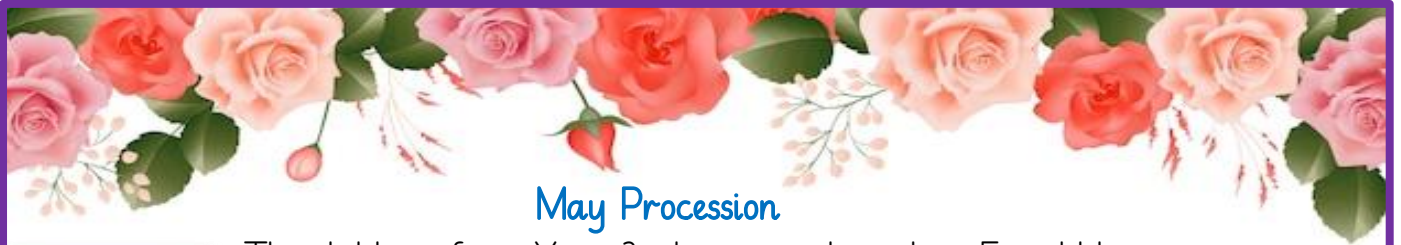
Traditional stories – The Nativity, The Last Supper, Holy Week (an event), Jesus gets lost in the temple, The Presentation.

Old Testament stories – Creation story, Noah's ark, David and Goliath, Moses, Jonah and the Whale, Daniel and the Lions, Joseph and his brothers.

Parables – The Lost Sheep, Prodigal son, Parable of the Talents, The Good Samaritan,

Miracles– The Wedding at Cana, Jesus heals a blind man, Feeding of the Five Thousand, Jesus walks on water.





May Procession



The children from Year 3 who are making their First Holy Communion this year will join the children from Corpus Christi in a May procession at Corpus Christi Church. The procession will take place on Monday 20th May at 2.00pm. The children will be transported to Corpus Christi Church in the school minibus and will return to school for the normal pick up at 3.15pm. The children are asked to bring flowers to decorate Our Lady's Altar in the church and should attend in their school uniform.



thank you

Sainsbury's
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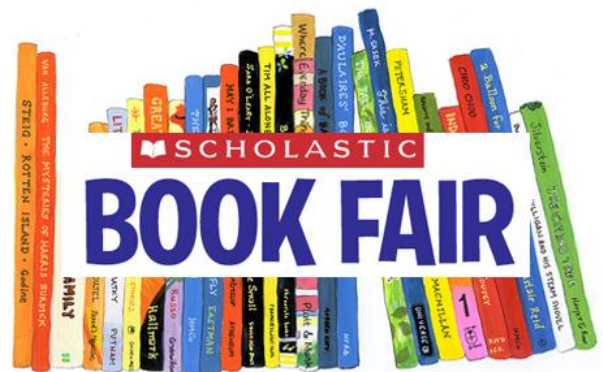
We wanted to say a huge 'Thank You' to Gill Swinnerton and the staff at Sainsbury's and Argos for their very generous donation to school. We were delighted to receive £500 worth of books for our school library and £500 worth of brand new school coats for children in school on Friday last week. For the second year in a row, Sainsbury's have been incredibly supportive of our school community and we are hopeful this will continue next year.



Times-Tables Tribe – Glorious Gold

The children in Year 4 are working hard in preparation for the National Multiplication Tests that they will sit in June. Congratulations to these children who have recently achieved their Gold Stars which means they know and can quickly recall all of their times-tables up to 12 x 12.

Zoya
Abby (Elizabeth)



There will be a Book Fayre in school in the week beginning the 11th March, Parents' Evening Week. Parents will be able to come into school at the end of the day on Monday 11th March – Thursday 14th March 3.15pm-3.40pm to purchase books for their children. Alternatively, parents can come in before school from 8:30am-9:00am on Tuesday 12th March – Friday 15th March.

Staffing Update

We are pleased to extend a warm welcome back to Mrs. Heeley as she returns to school this week. Her dedication and support have always been invaluable, and both staff and children were delighted to see her back.

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Harston as she prepares for the joyous journey of maternity leave, which will commence in May. During her absence, we are fortunate to have Miss Connaire stepping in to cover her class until the end of the academic year, ensuring continuity for the children.

Year 4 swimming



Unfortunately, we will not have the pop-up pool in school for Year 4 this half-term. Mr. MJ is currently working with the provider to arrange an alternative date. Once we have a confirmed date, you will be informed.



'Bring It On Brum!' is running FREE activity clubs in Birmingham for young people aged 4-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Throughout the Easter holiday, there are many FREE, engaging and fun-filled holiday clubs available across the city. Designed to provide a safe and stimulating environment for your child during the holidays, Bring it on Brum! holiday clubs guarantee your child an unforgettable experience packed with exciting activities and opportunities for learning and socialising. Activities include sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music. All clubs provide a nutritious and delicious meal too! Programmes vary depending on location. Can't attend a face-to-face holiday club? Activity packs and food boxes are also available. Please read the 'Bring It On Brum!' letter which was emailed to parents and carers of children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals this week. If you believe you are eligible for benefits-related free school meals but didn't receive a letter via email, please contact Miss O'Neil in the school office.

www.bringitonbrum.co.uk

Do you have any crates like the ones below that you no longer use? If so, please donate them to Mrs. Jones, our EYFS co-ordinator. They will be used for large construction.



St. Bernadette's Sports Spotlight

Last week, Mr MJ & Miss Hulse took a group of children to The Rosary School for a hockey match. The group of children across KS2 thoroughly enjoyed playing a competitive match against pupils from another school. Mr MJ would like to give a special mention to Junior in Y6 and Jake K in Y3. Their effort and enthusiasm throughout were outstanding. Every student tried their hardest and never gave up. Well done!



This week, a group of Year 4 children visited Rosary Primary School for an evening of basketball. All the children had a great time and were an absolute pleasure to take. Well done, Year 4!



Additionally, alongside basketball this week, Mr. Baker took a group of Year 5 and 6 girls to Hobmoor to compete in a football final against various other schools. The girls played fantastically, winning one match and losing two. Nevertheless, they should be extremely proud of themselves for reaching the finals.

British Science Week Poster Competition



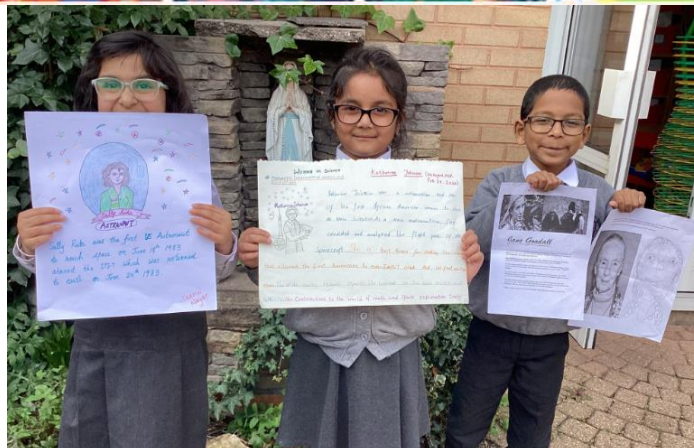
This year, the theme for British Science Week is 'Time' and at St Bernadette's we will be celebrating by creating a poster all about Time and what it means to you. Could you create a future invention?

Could you go back in time and change something that's already happened? Does time move? What would happen if time stopped? Does time exist in space? How do you spend your time? How many seconds, minutes, days, weeks, months and years have passed? What's a century?

There are so many questions you could pose and so many different ways you could get creative!

Closing date: **Monday 18th March**. Please submit your entries to Mrs. Hussain

Prizes are available!



A huge well done to our winners from the poster competition about International Women in Science Day. Miss Finnegan and Mrs Hussain were both very impressed with the level of detail and creativity of the posters! It was a difficult choice to select our winners as all entries were so fantastic!

A huge thank you to Mrs. Hussain for organising this competition!

Mr. Abbott's Coding Club



One day a week, Coding Club takes place from before school, where children are able to express their creativity by making a game.

So far, in Coding Club, I have created a game called 'The Duo Racers'. It is a two player game where you have to work together to win points and defeat the BOSS, but there is another goal insight! Betray your teammate and take the trophy for YOURSELF!

Thanks to Mr. Abbott, we have been able to show off our creativity and improve our coding skills.

By A (Year 6)



So far in Coding Club, a club where children are encouraged to create a game which they think is suitable for others to try, I have created a game called 'Apple Eater'. It is a two-player game; player 1 has to use the right joy stick on their controller to move the Kodu (a bot) around, whilst player 2 has to use their keyboard (the letters W A S D) to move around. The Kodu has just landed in Rover Land and the King Rover is trying to get the Kodu whilst the other rovers seek protection (you won't see them in the game). If King Rover touches the Kodu the game is over and KING ROVER HAS WON! However, if the Kodu is able to outsmart King Rover and eat all the apples, whilst dodging the dangerous clams, the game is over and the Kudo has won!

Thanks Mr. Abbott, we really enjoy our time at Coding Club! The computers, headphones, controllers and other equipment is provided for no fee!

By G (Year 6)

Miss Mander's challenged her class to write a Lenten acrostic poem. Take a look at this beautiful acrostic poem by Janet. She used the word CHANGE to help her reflect on her Lenten mission.

C
Consider other people's feelings.

H
Help people who are in need.

A
Apologise to your friends if you did something wrong.

N
Notice when you play if someone is sad or lonely.

G
Give money to charity or to the poor.

E
Exchange being rude and jealous for kindness and love.

Attendance

Every minute counts






Frequent absence can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning and can seriously disadvantage your child in adult life.

- 5 minutes late every day means around 3 ½ days of education are missed.
- A score of 90% in a test would be a good result but 90% attendance means that a child will have missed around 100 lessons over a school year.

Attendance figures can be seen below. Congratulations to 2EO, 3EG, 5CB and 6LC for the best attendance in KSI and KS2! Also a big well done RCB for the best attendance in the Foundation Stage!

Attendance update

We continue to track attendance every week and work hard to ensure every child in school demonstrates good attendance and punctuality. If children are to reach their full potential they need to be in school every day, unless they are too unwell to attend. **We will make home visits from time to time, particularly if we have safeguarding concerns or if a child's attendance is causing a concern.** Even if a parent has called the school to give a reason for their child's absence, a home visit may still occur. We aim to offer both support and challenge where needed, but always have the child's best interest at heart.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
90%	RSJ 92%	ICOT 94%	2SH 93%	3OB 95%	4RW 95%	5CB 96%	6KH 95%
	RCB 93% 	IAS 95%	2EH 95%	3EG 96% 	4AMJ 95%	 5CG 95%	6LC 96% 
	RLC 90%	IPD 94%	2EO 96% 	3CM 93%	4KL 94%	5FM 95%	6ZB 95%

Whole School Attendance	94%	Currently, the whole school attendance is 94% which is below the 96% that is expected.
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Behaviour Ambassador of the Week

Well done to the following children who have been a fantastic role models in demonstrating our behaviour expectations and values for the last two weeks:

Reception	Sophia (RCB)	Ahsan (RCB)	Carter (RSJ)	Luca (RSJ)	Qaisaan RLC	Nancy RLC
Year 1	Phoebe Grace (IML)	Tehilah (IML)	Adobea ICOT	Iyla ICOT	Aseed IAS	Isaiiah IAS
Year 2	Reah 2EO	Basco 2EO	Saanvi 2SH	John Paul 2SH	Faustina 2EH	Bilal 2EH
Year 3	Martin 3EG	Adonay 3EG	Rio 3OB	Neil 3OB	Greis 3CM	Michelle 3CM
Year 4	Felicia 4AMJ	Zakariya 4AMJ	Harley 4KL	Jawad 4KL	Danielle 4RW	Alex 4RW
Year 5	Lillie-Grace 5CB	Anne 5CB	Victoria 5FM	Charlie 5FM	Cziara 5CG	Sienna 5CG
Year 6	Lacey M 6LC	Nathan 6LC	Alysia 6ZB	Haris 6ZB	Montaha 6KH	Evelyn 6KH

Special Certificates - Each week a child from each class is nominated to receive a special certificate through the post. The pupils who are awarded these certificates have shown that they really understand what it means to live as Jesus taught us, perhaps by being particularly kind or helpful. Well done, to the following children:

CLASS	NAME	REASON	CLASS	NAME	REASON
Nursery (Blue)	Sienna	For a great first week in nursery.	Nursery (Red)	Taylor-John	For improved behaviour.
Nursery (Green)	Charlie	For always working hard and making good choices.	Nursery (Yellow)	Arabella	For being extremely helpful and kind when people need it the most.
RCB	Emily	For working hard during our Literacy lessons!	30B	Ayat	For trying hard in Topic!
	Kamsi	For excellent behaviour and a positive attitude this week, well done!		Lisa	For settling into school beautifully!
RLC	Abel	For continually trying hard with his writing. Well done!	4AMJ	Muhammad Hassan	For representing the school team!
	Kingsley	For working so hard with his phonics. Well done!		Orlaith	For a fantastic score in her Maths test.
RSJ	Luca-Solomon	For trying so hard in his phonics. Well done!	4KL	Dolce	For trying her hardest in all lessons.
	Carter	For his improved reading of CVC words. Great work!		Samriddha	For representing our school so well in last week's hockey match.
IAS	Albie	For his amazing reading in Mass.	4RW	Inayah	For her fantastic modern day parable.
	Mikaeel	For his fantastic reading in Mass!		Mia-Rose	For her fantastic modern day parable.
ICOT	Lumiina	For excellent answers in RE.	5CB	Teddy	For his valuable contributions in class lessons!
	Conal	For excellent work in Computing.		Ashleigh	For always being polite and helpful.
IML	Muhammad Hussain	For excellent effort during Maths lessons.	5CG	Zachary	For asking such insightful questions across the curriculum.
	Zachariah	For giving fantastic answers during Topic.		Nuala	Readiness to help her teacher and her friends at all times. Thank you!
2EH	Jenson-James	For being so helpful around the classroom.	5FM	Finley	For working so hard on his writing.
	Covenant	For super answers and understanding in RE.		Kahil	For impressive poetry performance, which was shared with the year band.
2EO	Greear	For always making sensible decisions in lessons.	6KH	Sean	For constantly working so hard in all lessons.
	Flynn	For helping the teachers with jobs every morning.		Rayn Manna	For always being so helpful, reliable and diligent.
2SH	Jaiden	For being a lovely friend and making good choices.	6LC	Isabella	For always working so hard in lessons.
	Hugo	For being a positive, polite member of our class and a lovely friend to all.		Maisy-Mae	For producing such an excellent piece of writing.
3CM	Ayah	For fantastic effort in all of her lessons.	6ZB	Georgio	For always applying himself in English.
	Anish	For excelling in music.		Ava-Louise	For always being very polite and working hard in lessons.
3EG	Ana Maria	For her thoughtful comments towards our author.			
	Declan	For his focus during Mass.			

A WILD DAY OUT THIS EASTER

JOIN IN WITH OUR
BRAND-NEW ZOO CREW
TAKE PART IN INTERACTIVE
ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES
AROUND THE ZOO. TO EARN
FREE BADGES

MEET OUR ANIMAL
KEEPERS DURING TALKS
AND FEEDING SESSIONS

COME CLOSE TO 100'S OF
ANIMALS FROM SOME OF
THE WORLD'S MOST
ENDANGERED SPECIES

RUN FREE IN OUR WETWILD
SPLASH PAD AND SWING INTO
OUR PLAY AREAS



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