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At St Bernadette's we are fully committed to safeguarding our children. We expect all staff, parents and visitors to share this commitment.



Britain's Got Talent

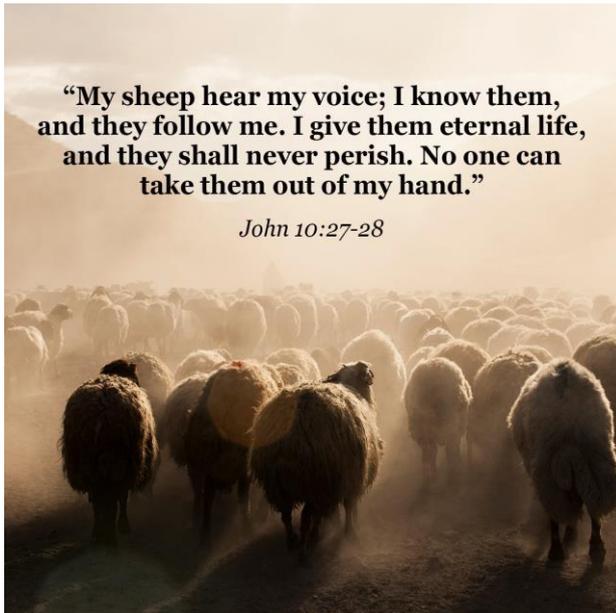
Mischa from Year 4 will be appearing on BGT tomorrow night.
Please make sure you tune in.



The Gospel this Sunday is from St John's Gospel

Jesus said:

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."



This reading is telling us that Jesus is our good Shepherd who gave His life that we might live. We are His sheep and we hear His voice. Hearing and recognising the voice of our heavenly, caring Shepherd comes from listening to His voice attentively – hearing the Word of God repeatedly and trusting the truth of all that He says.

France Trip:

All children travelling to France on the 16th May need to be at school for 5.15am for a prompt departure. Please ensure your child has a sleeping bag, a packed lunch in a carrier bag and that all medications required for the week have been passed onto Mrs Kerrigan. Inhalers **must** be in hand luggage. **Please ensure the school office has up-to-date phone numbers so any information is passed on.**

Mass for Fr Phillip 8th May

Father Philip will return to Holy Family Church on Sunday 8th May, to celebrate the 10.30am mass. The parishioners will present him with a gift in appreciation of his work in Holy Family Parish. Parents are welcome to attend the mass and if they wish make a contribution to the collection. Fr Phillip is now the Parish Priest at Our Lady and All Saints in Stourbridge.

Diary Dates

Please note dates may be subject to change at short notice depending on the current COVID situation.

Diary Dates

Monday 16th May – Friday 20th

May

Year 6 residential trip to Paris

Tuesday 24th May

9.00am Year 2 behaviour assembly

Tuesday 24th May

2.30pm Year 6 behaviour assembly

Wednesday 25th May

5.00pm First Holy Communion meeting for Year 3 children and parents

Wednesday 25th – 27th May

Year 4 residential trip

Thursday 26th May

Feast of Ascension KS2 mass Holy Family Church 10.00am

Friday 27th May

Vocations day

Friday 27th May

School closes for Half term

School Uniform

In the summer term, the children are able to wear the summer uniform which is short trousers and a polo shirt or a blue and white striped dress. Children who choose to continue to wear the winter uniform with a hard collared shirt, must continue to wear the school tie. Please ensure that your children have suitable school shoes throughout the summer and children in Key stage 1 and Foundation stage do not wear any jewellery. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Year 4 Charity

This half term, Year 4 are holding a TTRS-a-thon! Staff are trying to encourage their pupils to learn their times tables, whilst also hoping to raise money for the charity, ‘

‘THERAPY DOGS NATIONWIDE’

who have been doing some wonderful work with us over the last few weeks. We hope that this will be a really fun half term for the children, getting them fully engaged with times tables (a crucial part of the maths curriculum) and raising money for a very special charity.



SATs 9th May

The week commencing 9th May, the children in Year 6 and Year 2 will begin their end of key stage statutory assessments. It is important that the children are in school every day this week and arrive promptly for lessons. Schools are obliged to follow the SATs timetable that has been set for all Year 6 children nationally and we are unable to deviate from this timetable. Any Year 6 child who is absent from school next week, will be unable to sit these assessments. We will provide breakfast for all of our children in Year 6 next week and they are asked to arrive in school by 8.15am so they can eat their breakfast prior to the start of lessons. It is essential that the children have a good night's sleep if they are to perform at their very best. The children in Year 2 will complete their assessments over a two week period concluding Friday 20th May.

Egg raffle – thank you for your generosity.

Termly Reports

Staff have now completed the termly report for children in each year band. This will be emailed to parents within the next week. This report gives a summary of your child's attainment in the core subjects compared to National Age Related Expectations.

All children from year 2 to year 6 were assessed in reading, maths and grammar before the Easter break and the results of these assessments indicate whether your child is working at, above, or below the national standard. The expectation is that most children will be working at the expected standard by the end of the academic year.

The children in Year 2 and Year 6 were given a past SATs paper in March. Parents should remember that at this time, there was still much of the curriculum that had not been covered. Therefore, parents should not be concerned if their child's report shows that they are working below the national standard at this point in the year. Children in years 3, 4 and 5 completed other standardised tests in March. Once again these children will only have covered half a year's worth of work and therefore are unlikely to be working at the national standard yet. Children in the Early Years and Year 1 did not complete any standardised test. Their attainment is based on a teacher assessment.

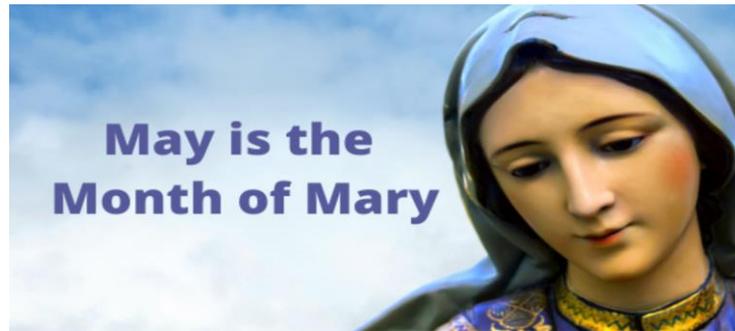
The report also includes a section regarding effort, attitude to learning, behaviour, homework, attendance and punctuality. From the report it should be clear to see if your child is doing well as they will have green or purple sections on their report. With the exception of the Attainment section, if your child has any orange sections within their report please talk to them about how improvements can be made in these areas.

Inconsiderate Parking

We regularly receive calls from residents living in Berkeley Road East regarding parking. Many of parents are using the private car park opposite Berkeley Road East, to park and pick up children from nursery. This is a private car park for resident use only. Please do not park here and leave the parking places free for those family living in the flats.

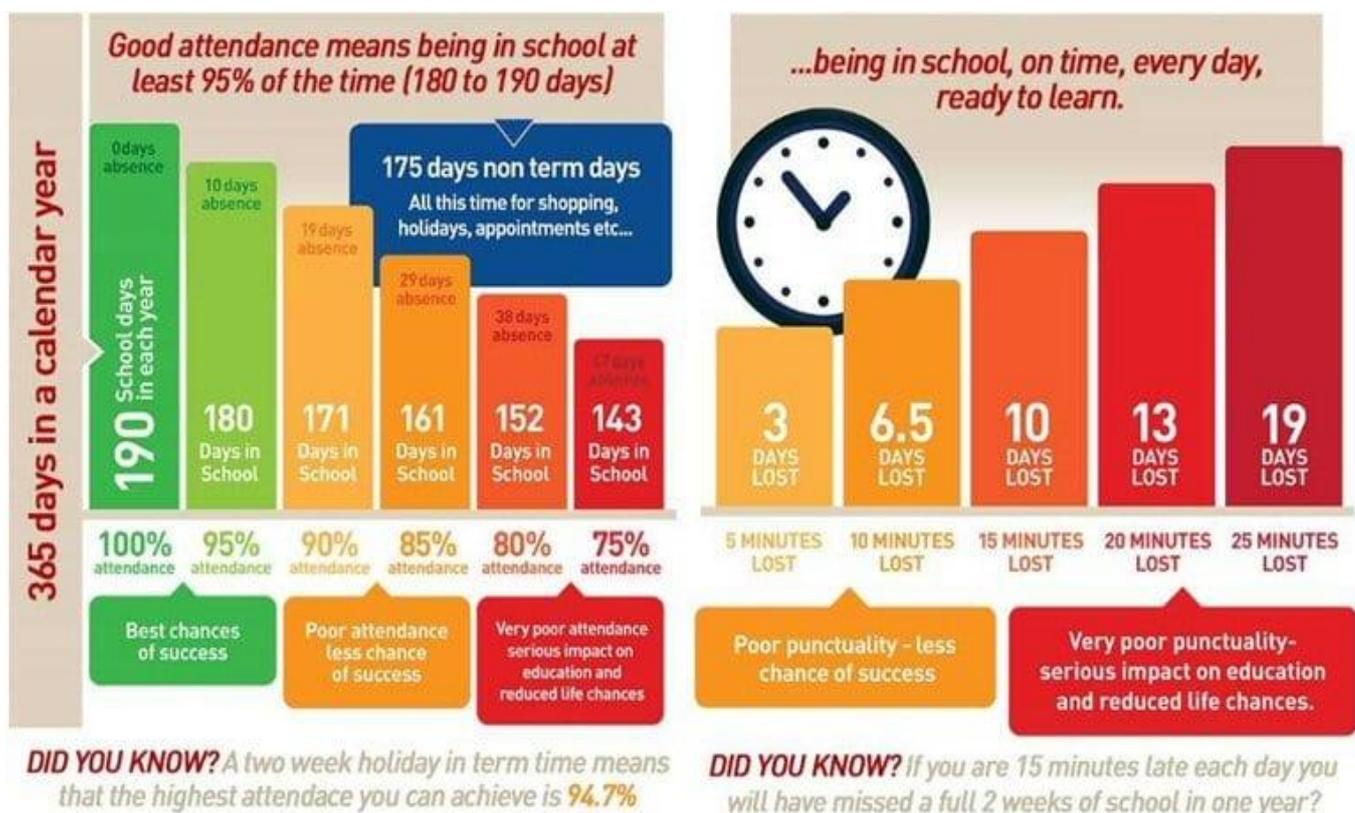
The Month of May

May is a very special month for the Church as we remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all. Please encourage your children to pray to our Lady this month and perhaps to bring in some flowers to stand in front of her statue in school.



Attendance and Punctuality

We continue to have a number of children who are arriving in school late every morning. Please remember that lessons begin promptly at 8.45am. Children who arrive after this time, miss out on their learning.



First Holy Communion Meeting for parents of Year 3

The final meeting to be held in school, prior to the children making their First Holy Communion in June, will take place on Wednesday 25th May at 5.00pm. All children and parents are expected to attend this meeting as the final arrangements for the day will be shared. As stated at the first meeting, we are restricting the numbers in church. Each family will be allowed 6 people in church, in addition to their child who is receiving the sacrament. A bench will be given to each family and space will be provided between each of the pews. This will allow us to ensure we keep everyone safe. We ask that our families keep our children in their prayers as they make their final preparations before receiving the sacrament.

Too Good to Go

The Too Good to Go app lets you buy and collect food at a great price so it gets eaten instead of wasted. Check it out!



Reading at Home

Your child will now have received their new Communication diary for this term. This diary contains important information for you as parents. The diary dates for the summer term are included and if any of the dates need to be changed, you will receive a text from school informing you of the changes. There is a page included which gives parents suggestions about how they can help their children to develop a love of reading. Achievement across the curriculum depends on a child's ability to read, therefore they must be able to read in order to succeed. Research shows that reading offers children and adults an escape and is proven to help mental health. We ask that you listen to your child/ children read at home at least three times per week although daily would be even better. You should then sign your child's communication diary to show that you have shared a book with them. If you do not sign their diary at least three times each week, they will not receive their gold star that week. If the children want to enjoy a non uniform day at the end of this academic year, they must have earned at least 10 gold stars this term. We do monitor how many words children in key stage 2 are reading every fortnight. Many of our children are reading almost two hundred thousand words per fortnight. These are the children who really enjoy reading and who are able to write engaging pieces of work with a good degree of confidence. We have other children who repeatedly have a zero word count week after week. Parents are notified of this via a letter and we ask that they address this with their child. Whilst staff in school can encourage them to read at home, ultimately it is a parent's responsibility to ensure this happens. If you want to support your child, then the best thing you can do is spend time with them and a good book. Thank you.

Transition Day

The official transition day for Birmingham schools this year will be Wednesday 6th July. Those children who will transfer to a Birmingham secondary school in September, will have the chance to visit their new school on this day. Children moving to John Henry Newman School will have two transition days, Tuesday 5th July and Wednesday 6th July. Our children in school will have the opportunity to meet their new class teachers over two days in July. At this time, the children who are currently in our nursery, will meet their new Reception Teacher but those children who are not moving to St Bernadette's school in September should remain at home on Tuesday 5th July and Wednesday 6th July. Parents will receive the name of their child's teacher for September later in the term.

Attendance

It is essential that children attend school regularly each day as poor attendance has a serious and long lasting impact on your child's development and education. If your child tests positive for COVID, the advice is for your child to isolate for 5 days.

Attendance figures can be seen below. Well done RPD for the best attendance in Foundation Stage. Also a big well done RPD and 2SF for the best attendance in KS1 and to 3TK to for the best attendance in KS2 and in the school.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
86%	RSD 94%	1OB 94%	2SF 95% ★	3EH 93%	4CB 96%	5EB 94%	6KL 94%
	RND 92%	1EG 94%	2SH 91%	3TK 97% ★	4CM 94%	5KH 93%	6AMJ 94%
	RPD 95% ★		2COT 93%	3EL 94%	4RW 93%	5LC 96%	6ZB 94%

French Theme Day

Thursday 19th May will be our French theme day, when the children are encouraged to dress up in their French costumes. Our school cook is preparing a French menu on that day so please ensure you have completed the menu choice for your child.

Link to menu <https://forms.gle/XEHN3D2xzoYNS86AA>



Special Educational Needs – Provision and Policy

We have a number of children in school with additional needs, some of whom receive specialist support from outside agencies and others who benefit from additional support in the classroom. If you would like to find out more about what constitutes special educational needs and what support may be available for your child, then please come along to one of the sessions that will be held in school later this term. Mrs Bhella will be leading four sessions on the following dates, for parents of the specified year bands.

If you would like to attend one of these sessions, please email Mrs Bhella directly at senco@stberns.bham.sch.uk.

The meetings will be held on the following dates:

13th June 1.00-2.00pm Nurs and Reception parents

14th June 1.00-2.00pm Year 5 and 6 parents

16th June 9.00-10.00 Year 1 and 2 parents

23rd June 1.00-2.00 Year 3 and 4 parents

Residential Trips

We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team of staff at St Bernadette's who are willing to give up their time to organise and attend a residential trip. This year, all children in Key stage 2 have had the opportunity to attend a residential experience. There are very few primary schools who will offer this, as it increases staff workload significantly.

Our children in Year 6 will be travelling to France on 6th May and I am very grateful to Miss Lakin for organising this trip. Parents must ensure that their child has a valid passport if they are attending the French excursion. Whilst Miss Lakin has invested a considerable amount of her personal time completing risk assessments and making the necessary travel arrangements, she cannot chase up passports for families. Parents must take responsibility for this. Without a valid passport your child will be unable to travel and no refunds can be offered. Please be proactive and contact the passport office now, before it is too late.

I would also like to thank Miss Manders for her time in organising the residential trip for the children in Year 4 and Mr Carroll for arranging the Year 5 camping trip to Wales for our children in Year 5.



Grateful and Generous

This term, in school, the children are trying to be Grateful and Generous. They are encouraged to be grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and generous with their gifts, both now and in the future.

We need to say thank you to God for the many things which he has given us: our family, our friends, our school and the gift of new life in the season of Spring. We can also thank God when he has answered our previous prayers

Swimming

On Monday of next week swimming lessons begin for the children in 5LC and 3EH. All children in these classes are expected to attend their swimming lessons every week as this is part of the national curriculum. The boys should have a suitable pair of swimming trunks and the girls a full swimming costume. Children should not be wearing bikinis or long swimming shorts. All children will require a towel. Unless a medical note is provided, all children in these classes will be expected to attend their lessons.

World Earth Day 2022

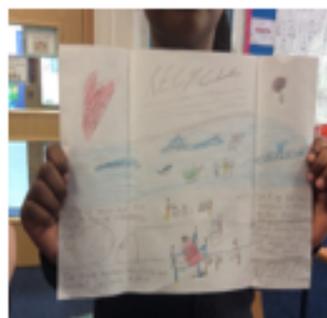
On Friday 29th April 2022 we celebrated World Earth Day. The aims of the day were to allow your child to experience our school's journey towards educating our pupils in how to protect the environment. We encourage them to think locally and globally about how we use resources and energy in order to allow for a balance between humans and the natural environment. Below is a brief description of each year bands learning, through pictures or quotes collected on the day.

Nursery, Reception and Year 1



In these year groups they shared a very special book 'Here we are' by Alex Jeffers. In this book we hear all about how wonderful our Earth is that God has created, the people, the creatures, even the changing seasons. When I asked the Nursery children about what they had learnt they shared these comments: Albie said "Litter is bad, we must keep our playground tidy." Ynanna "We must look after the animals and plants." All of the children interviewed on the day could describe what recycling is and Ynanna talked about the red worms in Mrs. O'Brien's compost bin.

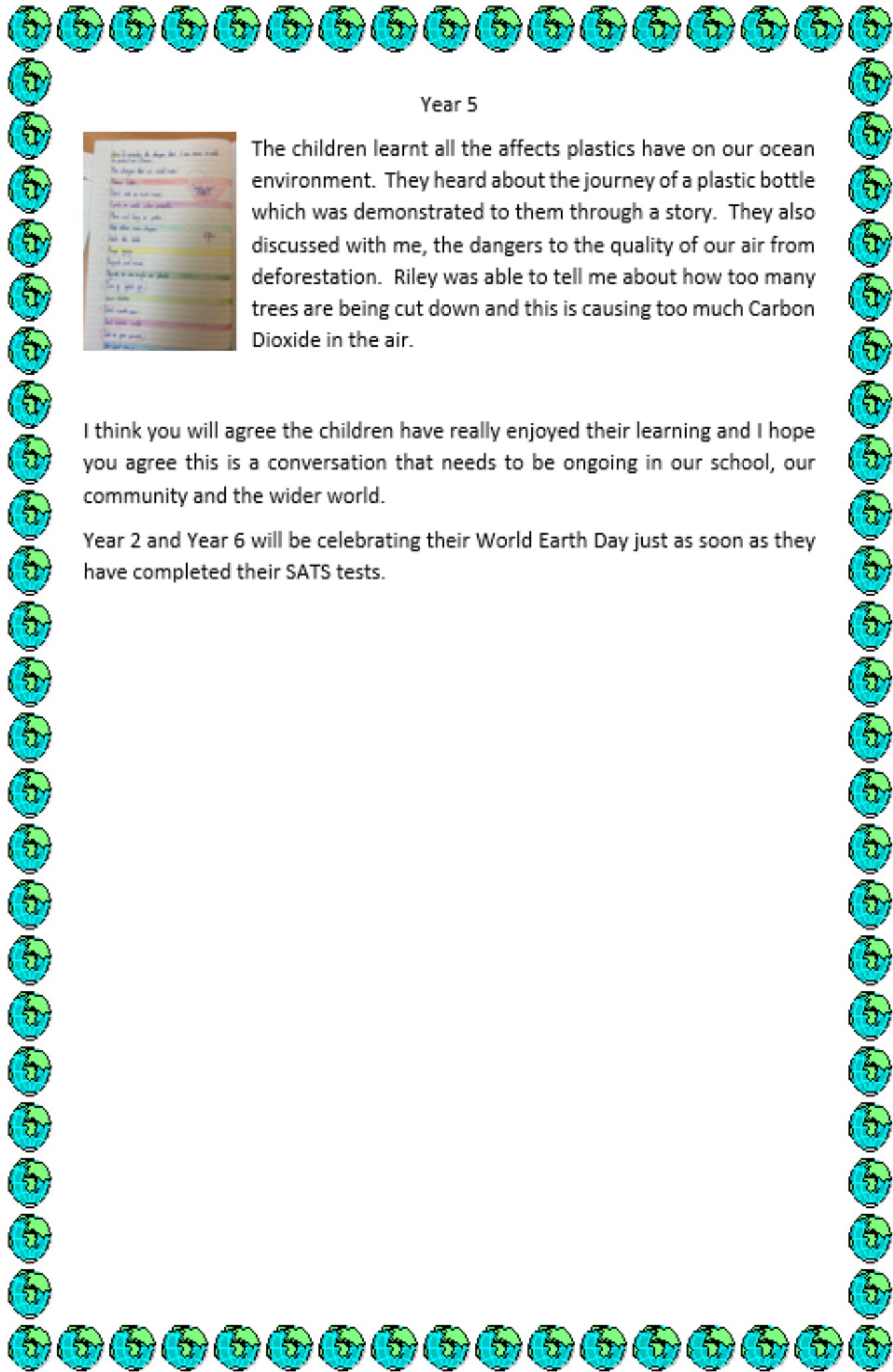
Year 3



The children recorded facts about why the ocean is so important to us all. They learnt how throwing litter on the floor creates a problem in the ocean. Tilleah was able to describe that if we drop litter in the River Cole, this is a problem "...because it leads into the bigger river, which eventually leads into the sea." Some of the children made a leaflet which explains this issue.

Year 4

Isabella was able to tell me a lot about the Zoom they had with Chester Zoo about deforestation and how this affects the rainforest habitat. She was able to tell me, "In the forest when people cut down the trees there could be floods because it overloads the soil and spreads everywhere."



Year 5



The children learnt all the affects plastics have on our ocean environment. They heard about the journey of a plastic bottle which was demonstrated to them through a story. They also discussed with me, the dangers to the quality of our air from deforestation. Riley was able to tell me about how too many trees are being cut down and this is causing too much Carbon Dioxide in the air.

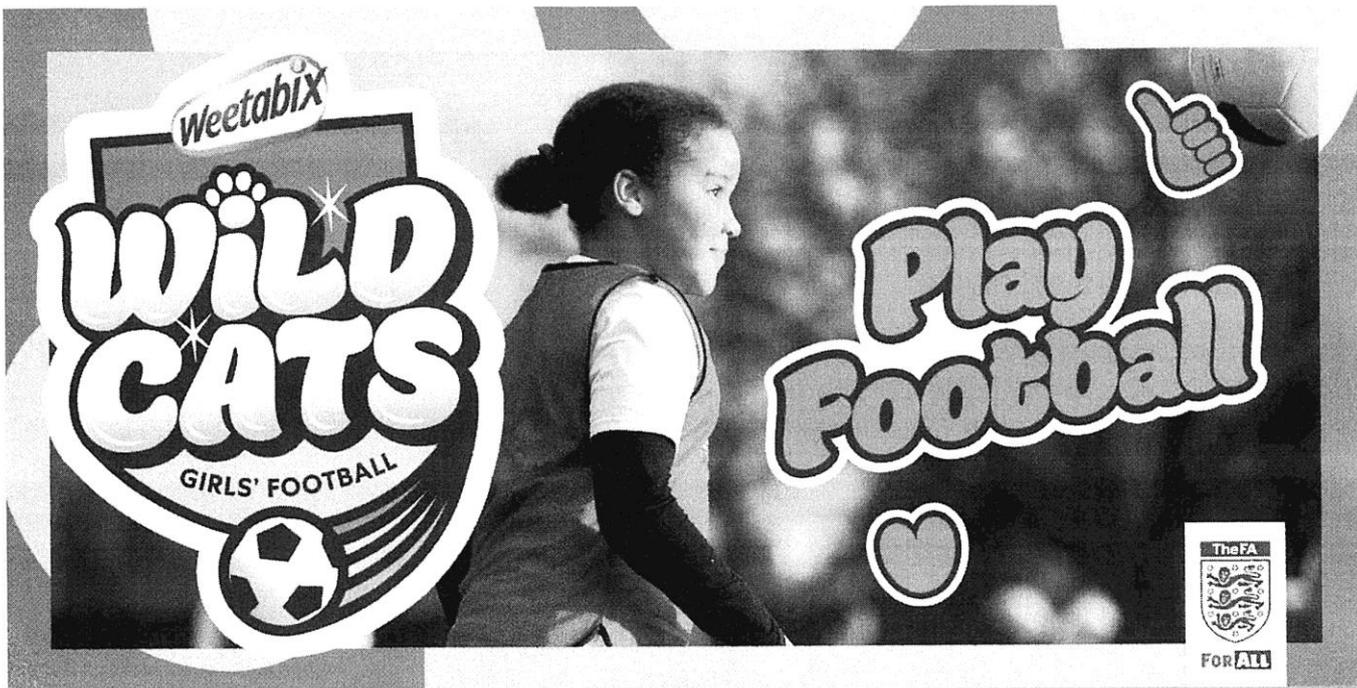
I think you will agree the children have really enjoyed their learning and I hope you agree this is a conversation that needs to be ongoing in our school, our community and the wider world.

Year 2 and Year 6 will be celebrating their World Earth Day just as soon as they have completed their SATS tests.

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)	Keegan	For fabulous Maths.	Nursery (Red)	Pawlos	For making good choices in nursery. Well done!
Nursery (Green)	Aliza	For building lovely friendships in Nursery.	Nursery (Yellow)	Reylin	For wonderful counting and number recognition.
Nursery (Orange)	Isaiah	For fabulous number recognition.	3TK	Rumaisa	For his fantastic verbal contributions in RE.
				Charlie	For his enthusiastic contributions to our class discussions.
RND	Hugo	For always being so sensible.	4CB	Louis	For being a great role model for his classmates.
	Emily-Rose	For playing so nicely in the 'cafe' with her peers.		Cara	For handwriting so neat that she was awarded her pen!
RPD	Aiza	For beautiful manners!	4CM	Andrew	For displaying fantastic cookery skills on our farm trip.
	Issa	Excellent reading!		Delna	For always being helpful to her peers and teachers.
RSD	Freddy	For sharing his knowledge about the Antarctic with his peers.	4RW	Kai	For working hard in Maths.
	Adam	For trying really hard to blend C-V-C words		Alaarna	For trying hard with her handwriting and presentation.
1EG	Louis	For his continued effort in Maths. Keep up the hard work.	5EB	Rhys	For being a good role model.
	Maiya	For always being cheerful and helping others.		Spencer	Excellent model making in topic work.
1OB	A'Miyah	For her beautiful RE work!	5KH	Isam	Excellent model making in topic work.
	Wing Wa Jen	For her fantastic effort in Maths!		Lola	For being a kind and considerate pupil.
2COT	Gabriella	For working hard in her lessons	5LC	Arees	For trying really hard with his English work.
	Kieron	For hard in Maths.		Esther	For being a fantastic role model for her peers and working hard in all lessons.
2SF	Leo	For his excellent reading!	6AMJ	Reegan	For working hard and trying his best in Maths.
	Lily	For working hard in all her lessons.		Lorraine	For her spectacular effort in maths lessons.
2SH	Callum	For working hard in maths lessons and putting his hand up.	6KL	Deven	For excellent effort with his arithmetic.
	Ismaeel	For always trying his hardest in lessons.		Jasmina	For being consistently hard-working and trying her best at all times.
3EH	Jaxon	For his amazing knowledge of the ocean during our World Earth Day work.	6ZB	Ashin	For showing such kindness to our new pupil.
	Anngelina	For her fantastic effort in Maths.		Lola-Faryl	For her excellent effort in maths lessons.
3EL	Isaiah	Isaiah			
	Josh	For his fantastic verbal contributions in RE.			



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