



Friday 16th April 2021

## Achievements

### This week's Stars & HT's Awards:

EYFS JHN:

Star: Anthony.

HT Award: Ali Hussein

EYFS Vieira:

Star: Jackson.

Year 1 Jacinta:

Stars: Alfie, Olivia & Zach.

HT Award: Summer-Mei for cutting 11 inches of her hair off for charity!

Year 2 John Paul II:

Star: Poppy & Summer.

HT Award: Darcie, Max & Hanna.

Year 3 Faustyna:

Star: Tylah for being an amazing member of Year 3 & St Catherine's!

Year 4 Teresa:

Star: Diogo.

Year 5 Drexel:

Star: Lola & Harry S.

HT Award: Zahra, Mya, Sophie & Naisha.

Year 6 Bakhita:

Star: Aliabbas & Leah.

Year 6 Orione:

Star: Tamsin & Oliver S.

## Easter Newsletter:

On Monday, we held a staff Inset focused on equality, diversity and inclusive practice. The morning was spent considering how to become an actively anti-racist school, with a focus on anti-Black racism. The afternoon sessions addressed other issues around discrimination, including gender stereotyping, gender identity, sexual orientation and religious discrimination. We also looked at the Catholic perspective around these matters. Although we addressed some challenging and sensitive topics, we ended the day united in our belief that every pupil in our care is a child of God and deserves to be treated with respect, tolerance, empathy and, above all, love. It was a really inspiring day.

As ever, it was great to see our pupils come back to school bursting with excitement after the Easter holidays. The novelty of getting to see and play with friends hasn't worn off yet. Everyone is making the most of spending time together, alongside all their important learning.

There's no time to waste in Year 6. Our diligent Orione and Bakhita classes were straight into mock SATS on Tuesday. I was so impressed by their maturity and positive attitude – they really are all striving to achieve their full potential. Today they received a reward – their Year 6 Leavers' t-shirts, in a gorgeous shade of light-blue! Thank you so much to the PTA for paying for this significant marker of their time at St Catherine's.

Well-done to Summer-Mei in Year 1 for making a big sacrifice and having a huge 11 inches cut off her hair for charity! Along with her mum and aunts, she has donated her locks to the Little Princess Trust, who make real-hair wigs for children who have lost their hair to cancer or another condition. It is a fantastic cause, so please do support if you are able:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tammygrace>

On Sunday it is Zimbabwe's Independence Day. We have loved learning about this beautiful country and its culture. Alana in Year 1 especially enjoyed showing where her dad was born!

Congratulations to Nishi in Year 6 Orione who is a Runner Up in Stempoint's Create-an-Insect competition. She will be receiving a trophy and voucher as her prize. You may have noticed that our school birds are once-again roaming free. Like us, they have finally been released from their lockdown! The danger of Avian Flu has passed and so it is 'party central' on the farm, with the ducks, guineafowl, hens and our new foster-chicken (Monster) all mixing without the need for masks or social distancing.

They are obviously very happy as we have been rewarded with lots of eggs! Over the next few weeks, the children should get back into a routine of visiting the farm on a rota basis. We also look forward to two new members joining our farm – some guinea-pigs! Thank you to the Ferreira family for our new additions.

Breakfast Club is back up and running, socially distanced. There are lots of fun activities, including arts and crafts, construction etc. Please speak to Mrs Robinson if you haven't used the service before, but would now like to. For those registered, children can be dropped off as usual.

From next Friday we will get back to each class giving the highlights of their week as part of the newsletter.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,  
Ms Kane