



Friday 12th March 2021

## Achievements

### HT's Awards:

EYFS JHN:

Star: Mason.

HT Award: Amerie.

EYFS Vieira:

Star: Frank.

HT Award: Michaela.

Year 1 Jacinta:

Stars: Ethan.

HT Award: Amelie May  
& Elijah.

Year 2 John Paul II:

Star: Poppy &  
Noa-Isabella.

HT Award: Holly,  
Sienna & Maxim.

Year 3 Faustyna:

Star: Hassan.

HT Award: Stefi,  
Adrian, Ethan &  
Tiana.

Year 4 Teresa:

Star: Louis.

HT Award: Rocky &  
Mark.

Year 5 Drexel:

Star: Iris & Tommy.

HT Award: Mya, Sam R  
& Alana.

Year 6 Bakhita:

Star: Samara &  
Stanley.

Year 6 Orione:

Star: Nishi & Natasza.

## Weekly Newsletter:

I'm delighted that we opted to celebrate World Book Day in school, as well as during lockdown. As ever, the kids went to town with their costumes! It is always such a lovely day, filled with joy and fun! Thank you to Miss Holt for managing to make it so special, despite the challenges of Bubbles. Well done to every winner, whether for their WBD competition entries or costumes. I hope that the event has inspired our pupils to try new authors and continue reading for pleasure.

Thank you to Michaela (and mum) in EYFS for bringing in fantastic clothes and photos to help us learn about Ghana; Amerie (and dad) in EYFS for the amazing Powerpoint (and presentation led by Amerie) all about Mauritius and Jaiden (and mum) in Y6 for sending in absolutely delicious Ghanaian food which was sampled by Y6, Y1 and some very happy SLT members! We also had a selection of delicious Irish food brought in by Poppy Y6 (thank you mum) and enjoyed by pupils and staff!

As well as celebrating different cultures, this is cross-curricular learning at its best. We are combining geography, history of different countries and civilisations around the world and some deep, challenging questions about colonialism. Sampling a range of food (and evaluating it) doesn't just fulfil D&T objectives, it also broadens culinary horizons. I've heard lots about Jollof Rice, but had no idea how delicious it would be. I hope that our pupils enjoy trying new and exciting things!

On Tuesday we will be taking part in the National Day of Reflection. It is a sobering thought that it has been a year since the first UK lockdown. Thank God that with the vaccination programme we are starting to see light at the end of the tunnel.

Tuesday is also a Governor Day at St Catherine's. Our Governing Body are a group of dedicated volunteers who have a vital role in the Leadership of the school. They are often referred to as 'critical friends', who question my decisions and probe to ensure that the school is continually developing and improving. Their role is not to become involved in the day-to-day management of the school (that's my remit), but to maintain strategic oversight. In order to do this effectively, the GB need to be in touch with what is happening in the school and listen to a range of stakeholders. The Governor Day will involve them meeting virtually with staff, pupils and parents. Please do attend the parents' session if you can.

We will be ending the term with a Lenten liturgy, held in class. This is an opportunity for us to continue our spiritual preparation of growing closer to God in the run-up to Easter. During Lent, God invites us to pick up our cross and take His path, the Way of the Cross. He invites us to walk together with others who are forced to walk a path of suffering, humiliation and death. He invites us to know our own weakness and brokenness and not be afraid to keep walking. We walk in hope of the fulfilment of God's promise, 'That all may have life and have it in abundance'.

God bless,  
Ms Kane