



Friday 14th May 2021

Achievements

EYFS JHN:

Star: Austin and James

EYFS Vieira:

Star: Evie

Year 1 Jacinta:

Star: Aaron and Finley

Year 2 John Paul II:

Star: Eliza

HT award: Alex, Jacob, Caroline and Sophie

Year 3 Faustyna:

Star: Stefi

Year 4 Teresa:

Star: Frank and Mya

HT award: Ella

Year 5 Drexel:

Star: Sophie

Year 6 Bakhita:

Star: Aliabbas

Year 6 Orione:

Star: Jaiden

This week:

In any normal year, this week would have been KS2 SATs Week. As a school, we made the decision that we would not ask the children to sit past papers this week. They have worked incredibly hard and fully prepared for the exams, but – in an already challenging year – it seemed unnecessary to put them through the stress of completing assessments. Instead, the week has been relaxing, with some lovely rewards. Thank you to the PTA for their ice-cream van treat and to all the staff who took them to Leavesden Country Park. I am told that their behaviour was exemplary and they had a wonderful time!

Part of our school Mission Statement is 'Be who God created you to be.' We want each child to fulfil their potential and utilise their God-given gifts and talents. I am aware that some pupils excel in extra-curricular activities. Mrs Robinson is creating a display in the hall to showcase their achievements. Please do send in photos, copies of certificates etc. show that we can all celebrate our pupils' accomplishments.

I'm delighted to say that Forest School will recommence after half-term. A timetable will be sent out in due course. Mr Phil is eager to make the most of the summer weather for new, exciting learning opportunities!

Finally, Eid Mubarak to our Muslim brothers and sisters! Many of our children of the Islamic faith have shared information about Ramadan and Eid in their classes. It has been wonderful to learn more about this important festival and how it is celebrated. I am so happy that after last year's lockdown, families are finally able to come together to pray, share food and take joy from each other's company.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,
Ms Kane



This week:

This week the students became the teachers! We put our writing skills to the test making registers and lunch menus, as well as class stars for our friends. We led our own PE sessions outside and coached a game of finger football. In the role play area we thought about healthy food choices and made our own packed lunches. We also had our first visit to the school chapel! The children behaved impeccably and showed great care and respect when there. The children commented on how calm and comfortable they felt inside.

Incredible instructions! This week Year 1 read and followed a range of instructions, making yummy 'knobbly knees' cakes! We also found out where chocolate comes from and how it is made! In Dance, we embraced the weather and created 'puddle' themed routines! We finished our RE topic of 'Special Meals' by creating beautiful chalice artwork. Next week we will be writing our own set of instructions and continuing with multiplication.

Creativity at its best!

Inspired by the artist Max Ernst, Year 2 created frottage made from rubbings of different textures. We explored movements of objects and created linkages using strips of card and split pins. We are reading 'Scaredy Squirrel finds a Friend' and consolidating our understanding of sentence types. We have continued our work on fractions. In RE, we learnt about the importance of Pentecost Day to the Church.

This week in Year 3, we have started to look at telling the time in Maths! We have looked particularly at minutes past the hour, and how we can quickly find out how many minutes are left in the hour. In English, we have started our new book and we are beginning to write fact files on Earth Hounds - you can ask us all about these! In RE, we have looked in detail at the life of Oscar Romero and why he is an inspiration to so many people today. We linked his life to the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and looked at how he used these gifts to accomplish so much.

Year 4 started a new book this week "The King who banned the dark" in English. We had an interesting debate in class about whether we should keep or ban the dark and used persuasive language to persuade others to agree with our views. In Maths, we did word problems with money and took orders from the McDonalds menu and totalled orders and calculated change. As a part of our Mental Health week, we discovered the colours of nature and found natural items to match the colours of our colour wheel. In Art, we learnt about tone and tried our hand at tonal shading. Another great week of amazing learning!

This week in year 5 we have been multiplying fractions by whole numbers and finding fractions of amounts. In English, we have been continuing our work on 'Monsterology' and have been working hard to use co-ordinating conjunctions in our work. In RE, we have started to think about people who follow the Ten Commandments and in science we compared the life cycle of an amphibian and a mammal. We had our first singing lesson on Monday and are looking forward to continuing these in the upcoming weeks!

This week, Year 6 were meant to be sitting their SATs papers. On Monday morning, we walked down to the hall, began sitting our paper and found out that it was a joke SATs paper! To celebrate the end of SATs, we had a fun day on Monday - playing outside with our friends and watching a film. We also got to go on a trip to Leavesden Country Park on Wednesday morning where we were all impeccably behaved and were a real credit to the school. Finally, to finish off the week, on Thursday afternoon, we all got ice cream! We were so excited to be visited by an ice cream truck. Orione also had a road safety session on Monday afternoon where we learnt lots about safe road crossings. Bakhita will be having their session next week. We also began some narrative writing, began designing our own playgrounds and started learning our leavers songs! Phew! It's been a busy week for Year 6.