



Friday 23rd April 2021

## Achievements

### EYFS JHN:

Star: Ella

### EYFS Vieira:

Star: Michael

### Year 1 Jacinta:

Star: Phoebe & Karina

HT award: Jacob,  
Reagan, Grace and  
Aaron

### Year 2 John Paul II:

Star: Mia and Alex

HT award: Cherilyn

### Year 3 Faustyna:

Star: Harvey

HT award: Sienna,  
Jamie and Stefi

### Year 4 Teresa:

Star: Tallulah

HT award: George, Ella  
and Sophia

### Year 5 Drexel:

Star: Kourtney and  
Dilshan

HT award: Lucie T,  
Sam W, Sophie and  
Harry S

### Year 6 Bakhita:

Star: Adam S

### Year 6 Orione:

Star: Lexie and  
Natasza

## This week:

It's amazing the difference that a bit of sunshine makes! The kids have loved being able to get outdoors for their learning, and for fun! We know how important it is that our pupils make accelerated progress in reading, writing and maths. However, this term it is equally key that they have the opportunity to grow and flourish through lots of time spent on foundation subjects such as PE, art, music and D&T.

Generally at St Cath's, we have a cross-curricular approach to our subjects. Everything is centred around a theme such as the Craft Fayre or Enterprise Week. Much of this hasn't been possible due to Covid, so we are having more discrete subject lessons. Where possible, these will be linked to our class topics. Please check Twitter to see the amazing work going on in every class.

Thank you to everyone who has completed our heritage survey. The feedback has been really positive and there have been some excellent suggestions about ways in which we can celebrate the rich heritage of our pupils. As Covid restrictions continue to ease, I look forward to implementing these ideas.

Happy St George's Day to you all! Today it was lovely to celebrate something that unites us all. Whatever our background, we all have the right to call ourselves English!

Wishing a wonderful weekend,  
Ms Kane



## This week:

This week was all about waste collection in EYFS. We are continuing to learn about people who help us and we found out why waste collectors are so important! Some of our activities included; writing a thank you card for our local waste collectors, building a recycling centre and sorting out items into different recycling categories. We enjoyed pulling lots of faces in our emotions based PE and trying out some ball skills during lunchtime.

This week we have been superhero superstars. We have been making masks, building headquarters and giving ourselves superhero names. We have been writing our own 'Stanley Stick' books with a beginning, middle and end focussing on capital letters and full stops. In Maths we have been sharing and dividing amounts in equal groups. We loved reading and role playing Handa's Surprise in Guided Reading and am looking forward to making our own fruit smoothies on Friday.

This week, Year 2 have been setting up tests in Science and in RSE. We are testing the best conditions for plants to grow and the effects of different liquids on teeth respectively. In maths we have been looking at sharing and grouping in division with and without remainders.

Year 3 have had such a busy week full of Science, Art, DT and PSHE and so much more! In Art, we learnt how to spot simple shapes in objects and sketch these lightly, to allow us to easily correct mistakes. In DT, we have been looking at foods from around the world and seasonal fruits and vegetables in the UK. This got us thinking about food miles and how we can shop to help our planet. We got to taste a seasonal rhubarb crumble too! In PE, we had coaches from Watford Football Club come to teach us some ball skills - this may have been the highlight of the week for quite a few!

Year 4 have been creating their own fantasy maps and mythical creatures in English. We have been using conjunctions to extend our sentences and tried to use expanded noun phrases and adjectives to describe our creatures. We had some lovely imaginative creatures with some great description. In Maths we learnt about the place value of decimal numbers and how we order and compare them. In Science, we studied sound and how sound waves travel to reach our ears. In Art this week, we used charcoal to make exciting, energetic marks to create an expressive array of lines, patterns, colours and symbols. It was messy but exciting! Another week of fantastic new learning for us!

This week in Year 5 we have been working hard on simplifying fractions as well as turning improper fractions into mixed numbers. In English, we have been continuing our work on 'The Wolves in the Walls' by Neil Gaiman. We have thought about how our main character can save the day and have written reports on what the wolves have been up to whilst partying in the house. We've been learning about the Holy Spirit in RE and have thought about the highs and lows of friendship in PSHE. We have also loved being able to enjoy PE in the sun!

This week in Year 6, we started our new English text "Night of the Gargoyles". We are focussing on creating atmosphere in our writing and this week looked at using expanded noun phrases accurately. We have been recapping our work on angles in Maths- using a protractor to measure and draw angles and using our angle rules to calculate missing angles. We have also begun playing rounders in PE which we love! Finally, in Art we looked at graffiti and learnt how to create our names in a graffiti style.