



Friday 8th October 2021

## Achievements

Martin de Porres:  
Reception Class  
stars: Ella, Kush,  
Daithi

Year 1 Class Stars:  
Daniel, Amelia  
Sharkey, Evie

Year 2 Jacinta:  
Class Star: Harry  
HT Award -

Year 3 John Paul  
II:  
Class Star: Nikola

Year 4 Faustyna:  
Class star - Yassin

HT Awards -  
Danielle, Feran,  
Gio, Hassan,  
Ethan

Year 5 Teresa:  
Class Stars: Adam  
HT award - Olivia,  
Rocky, Adriana,  
Oskar, Louis,  
Frank, Tallulah

Year 6 Drexel  
Class star: Dilshan

## This week:

Although our Community Week plans were once again somewhat curtailed by Covid, the staff still did a brilliant job of ensuring that our pupils got the opportunity to serve the community. Our recent work on Fratelli Tutti has reminded us that we are Global Citizens and that we have a duty to all – every person is our ‘neighbour’, our Brother or Sister.

Acting for the Common Good isn’t just about fundraising, or giving to charity, it is also about doing. So, it was great to see our pupils getting their hands dirty, metaphorically and literally! Whether scooter washing, gardening, cleaning, singing or supporting Afghan refugees, the children were all putting their faith into action.

On Tuesday, Year 4 Faustyna led a beautiful collective worship on the theme of Noah Day. It was lovely that so many families came to support them and join us in prayer. Faustyna are to be commended for how well they coped with the pressure of an all-adult audience, and for managing to hold the singing without the rest of the school.

Congratulations to Year 6 Drexel for their marvellous performance in football and netball tournaments during the Junior Sports Day at St Michael’s. We were incredibly proud of their attitude, sportsmanship and brilliant behaviour. They were a credit!

October is traditionally Black History Month in UK schools. We have spoken previously about the fact that we want to move to a truly inclusive curriculum, where the contribution of every race and ethnicity is recognised, celebrated and embedded throughout the curriculum every day – sadly, we aren’t there yet. So, we will be embracing the theme of this year’s Black History Month, ‘Proud to Be’ and highlighting to our children why Black people should be rightly proud to be Black. Over the upcoming weeks (into November), we will be learning about significant Black figures in world history; the contributions of Black Britons to making our country great; and modern, inspirational Black Britons. We will also take the opportunity to celebrate Black culture through music, poetry, literature and art. We will be learning about key historical figures (often previously overlooked), but we also want the children to be inspired by young Black people who are making their mark on the world today, such as Marcus Rashford, Kadeena Cox and Stormzy.

I’m a massive Strictly fan, and on Saturday I was struck by Rhys Stephenson talking about the power of seeing yourself represented. I’m sure that there were children all around the country thrilled to finally see a Black Spiderman on prime-time TV! ‘Proud to Be’ month is a chance for us to show every child that they can be whatever they want, whether the Prime Minister or a Superhero! Next week I will be sending out an overview of our plans – please do contribute by emailing me any additional thoughts/ideas that you have.

God bless,  
Ms Kane

Be who God created you to be and you will set the world on fire.



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## This week:

Reception and Year 1 have had a colourful week! We continued with our colour monster theme and spoke about which colour we were feeling at different parts of the day! For community week, we washed scooters for children in our school! The children loved getting soapy and using their gross motor skills to scrub them clean! We spoke about why, as Catholics, it is important to help others and give our time to people in our school community and beyond!

Year 2 have had an amazing week! For Community Week, we were out on Wednesday tending the Shubbery behind the Head's office and tidying the Prayer garden. Children worked really hard and sensibly – Thank you!!! In maths we played games and revisited all the learning we had done on number and place value. In English we explored non-chronological reports and wrote one ourselves on Penguins. In RE, we drew pictures to show our understanding of Fratelli Tutti and about Anti-Racism.; children created beautiful artwork showing a world where there was love and respect for everyone. In Science we explored our local habitat. All in all a very rewarding week!

It has been a wonderful week in Year 3. For community week, we created cards and pictures for the people living in Lancaster care home. We learnt a few new songs and held a zoom on Friday to try and bring them joy. We have been discussing the importance of uniting as children of God and spreading happiness and love. In RE this week, we created anti-racism artwork; reflecting on our learning that has taken place this unit. Maths has been a challenge this week! We have learnt a new method for multiplying numbers and we are beginning to apply our understanding. In our English unit, we have stepped back in time to the stone age! We read a book called 'Stone Age Boy' where we developed our understanding of using emotive language and adverbs. On Thursday, we began writing a diary entry as if we were really there! Well done for a great week Year 3.

This week has been incredibly busy for Year 4! We have been practising column subtraction in Maths and started work on our new book, 'Escape from Pompeii', in English. Our hard work paid off on Tuesday as we confidently presented our Worship on Noah Day. Later in the week, we linked the story of Noah's Ark to our collective worship on 'patience'. Noah's story encouraged us to think about how we can be patient just like he was on the Ark. For community week, we have been collecting items for the local food bank and created beautiful posters explaining the importance of these in our community. We also thought about our duty as Catholics to support those who need help. Using the laptops, we researched the work of Sakari Douglas Camp and chose our favourite sculpture of hers to sketch. We ended the week by celebrating our Feast Day and eating lots of snacks!

For Community Week Year 5 five supported Watford and Three Rivers Refugee partnership by collecting toiletries and good condition toys to donate to the refugees. This week we worked on what it means to be a refugee and also did lessons to understand why people become refugees and the difficulties they face on arrival in another country. During the week we looked at different refugee stories to create empathy and have a better understanding of the reasons that force them to migrate. In Maths, we tried incredibly hard to learn long multiplications. Even though we are such a whizz with short multiplication, we had to work extra hard to master long multiplication. In RE, we researched an inspirational personality and found out what they did to fight for equality and against racism. We learned about different materials and their properties in science where we touched and explored different materials like silk, wood, wool, paper, plastic, denim, steel etc and described their properties using scientific vocabulary like rigid, flexible, opaque, transparent, translucent etc. Finally, this week has been about learning our dance and hymn for our One World celebration on 12th of October. We are really excited and are looking forward to sharing it with you all on the day!

Year 6 have had an incredibly busy week! In maths we have looked at missing number problems and solving word problems involving the four operations. In English, we learnt about our final creature! We have been using hyphens and subordinate clauses within our writing. In RE, we created a piece of artwork to summarise our learning from our Fratelli Tutti unit based on equality and justice. We then took these with us to the church and they have been displayed for the whole community to see! For community week, we did an amazing job of cleaning the church as well as doing the weeding and planting some bulbs in the church gardens. Finally, we demonstrated amazing sportsmanship and teamwork at the junior sports day at St Michael's on Friday. We were so supportive of each other and managed to get a netball and football team to the quarter finals!