



Friday 4th November 2021

Last half term

Martin de Porres:  
Reception Class  
stars: Mia, Lily  
and Eleni

Year 1 Class Stars:  
Ailish, Rocco and  
Mason

Year 2 Jacinta:  
Class Star: Aaron  
and Lara  
HT Awards -  
Anna and Zach

Year 3 John Paul  
II:  
Class Star: Luca

Year 4 Faustyna:  
Class star -  
Mason

Year 5 Teresa:  
Class Stars: Louis

HT award -

Year 6 Drexel  
Class star: Zofia

This week:

It has been fantastic to see the children get so passionate about COP26 and caring for our 'Common Home'. Following CAFOD's campaign, every child in the school made a set of eyes, themed around climate change, to remind world leaders that the 'Eyes of the World' are on them as they make decisions about the future of our planet. Year 5 brought their amazing Eyes of the World pieces to church with them today. They are now proudly displayed in the church, spreading the message to all the parishioners.

We continued our enrichment programme with Diwali dance workshops. The children loved learning the story of Rama and Sita, through the medium of dance. Thank you to those members of our school community who shared their faith with us, teaching pupils and staff more about the Festival of Light. We hope that you had a joyful and blessed Diwali celebration!

Our youngest pupils loved their first St Martin de Porres Feast Day. They celebrated with food, games and learning more about this inspirational saint, the patron saint of racial harmony.

Looking ahead, Thursday is Remembrance Day. Please send your child in with donations for Poppies. We have a selection of items from the Royal British Legion, which the pupils can purchase.

Wishing you all a safe and happy bonfire night.  
God bless,  
Ms Kane

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



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## Achievements

## This week:

Martin de Porres:  
Reception Class  
stars: Matthew,  
Link and Jaiden

This week in the Martin de Porres Unit, we have been learning all about Diwali! We heard from our friends who celebrate Diwali, created lanterns, made rangoli patterns and wrote Diwali poems! In RE, we learnt about the Creation Story and reflected on how it reminds us of the importance of our world that God created for us. We linked this to COP 26 and Laudato Si and talked about how our actions can impact our world. On Friday, we had our first football coaching session with Game On! We practised dribbling the ball in and out of a space and to our friends, using control.

Year 1 Class Stars:  
Daisy, Amelia  
Soltys and  
Michaela

It has been a very busy and exciting week in Jacinta Class. We dived into our whole school RE topic of Laudato Si' and COP26. We listened to Pope Francis's message about taking care of our common home and being 'Stewards of Creation'. We designed our 'Eyes of the World' to remind world leaders that we were all watching the decisions they take at COP26. We went on a nature walk, and reflected on the wonders of nature and why we needed to treasure them. We learnt the Diwali story through music and dance. In maths, we are learning to recall multiplication and division facts and in English we are exploring our new text, 'Toby and the Great Fire of London' - Phew! Well done Jacinta!!!

Year 2 Jacinta:  
Class Star: Samuel

What a busy week for Year 3! In RE, we have been learning about COP26 and the Laudato Si'. We have been discussing our role of climate change and how it is our duty as Stewards of Creation to make a change and stand up for our common home. We created Eyes of the World and a mini-video clip (to follow soon!) to share with our world leaders to get them to make a change. For Diwali, we have a wonderful dance workshop and created Rangoli patterns in art. English was very exciting and different this week. Mr Phil taught us how to create a fire! We are learning about writing instructions and we will base on writing on this next week. What a superb and fun-filled week.

Year 3 John Paul II:  
Class Star:  
Akshara

This week in Year 4 we have been learning how to multiply numbers by 10 and 100. In English, we have been continuing on our work from before half term on 'Escape From Pompeii'. COP26 was a central part of our week as we discussed the need for change in our world. The 'Eyes of the World' campaign had us drawing eyes for our window display to let the world leaders know that we are watching their actions. We enjoyed our weekly swimming lesson and loved our Diwali dancing workshop too!

Year 4 Faustyna:  
Class star -  
Stephanie C

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to the half term. We started our new topic in RE based on Laudato si and COP26. We have been looking at Pope Francis' encyclical and thinking of ways how we can live wisely, think deeply and love generously. We absolutely loved our Diwali dance workshop on the story of Diwali and we also created our own dance depicting the story. In Maths, we have been learning to interpret data from bar charts. The highlight of the week was the Mass we attended at church this week. We had readings to read and we also made up our own bidding prayers for the Mass! We also got an opportunity to display our artwork in church. We drew eyes to symbolise the "Eyes of the world campaign" depicting the world we want to see in future.

Year 5 Teresa:  
Class Stars: Julia

Year 6 Drexel  
Class star: Billy

In Year 6, we have been spent the week looking at war poetry from WWI and WWII. We analysed the poems for their hidden meanings and identified poetic techniques. We finished the week by creating our own poems and artwork to go with them. We have created a class poem book with all of our efforts! In Maths, we have been looking at graphs. We have drawn and interpreted line graphs, interpreted pie charts and learnt how to calculate the mean. In RE, we began our new topic based on Laudato Si. We wrote our own versions of the canticle of the sun by St Francis of Assisi. We also wrote about why it is important to look after the planet, linking our ideas to scripture. We absolutely loved learning about Diwali this week! Naisha created and shared an excellent powerpoint with the class and we learnt about the origin story behind Diwali in our dance session. We had so much fun in the dance session and loved representing different characters and emotions through movement.