



Friday 11th March 2022

Achievements

Martin de Porres:
Class star: Sophia

Francis of Assisi:
Class star: Millan

Year 1 Vieira:
Class star: Olivia and Jackson
Head teacher's awards: Jan, Ailish, Amelia and Natalia

Year 1 JHN:
Class star: Filip and James
Head teacher's awards: Rosetta

Year 2 Jacinta:
Class Star: Jacob

Year 3 John Paul II:
Class Star: Dilaxan

Year 4 Faustyna:
Class Star: Nella
Head teacher's award: Eddie

Year 5 Teresa
Class star: Aidan

Year 6 Drexel
Class star: Bella

This week:

On Monday we started our D&T unit of work. The children have been designing, making and evaluating range of different items. It has been wonderful to see their creativity, teamwork and resilience when things haven't gone as planned!

Our Eco Warriors were excited to meet Mr Straughan, as he launched our very own St Cath's Earthshot Prize! Further information/details to follow!

On Tuesday, Year 5 Teresa led our first whole-school collective worship since Autumn 1. Based around the liturgical season of Lent, the class helped us to reflect on the positive things we can do to help others, rather than just give something up. The worship was all the more special as it was attended by so many of our families.

Wednesday saw a major expedition... EYFS's first visit to Our Lady and St Michael's Church. I'm told that the children's behaviour was exemplary and that they loved finding key religious items around the church.

Year 6 have been working hard all week on their assessments. I am sure that their efforts will be reflected in the progress they have made since their last assessment.

This morning, all classes took part in CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger Assembly. Please support us by donating to our Just Giving page <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-catherine-of-siena>.

In addition, to everything else happening this week, we also celebrated Ghana's Independence Day and International Women's Day!

Next week, the whole school will be taking part in Science Week, St Patrick's Day and Aruba's National Day. If your child is of Irish or Aruban heritage, please feel free to send them in wearing national colours.

Wednesday is a day of solidarity with the people of Ukraine. Children are invited to come in wearing blue and yellow and a show of support. Please also send in a donation, which will go to the Disaster Emergency Fund.

Finally, get in quick as the PTA only have a few numbers left for 4 tickets for Elton John's farewell tour! Raffle tickets are £25 each, with a 1 in 59 chance of winning. Proceeds go directly towards our children in school. The PTA have a lot of fun things lined up for the year and without donations and fundraising, this wouldn't be possible. Numbers left are 1, 30, 39, 43, 45, 46, 51, 56, 58, 59. Please contact a class rep or PTA member if you would like a number!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Ms Kane

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



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This week:

This week in Reception, we have been looking at our new book 'Superworm!' We have been making our own Superworms using a variety of different materials! We have worked really hard at making zig zag books for Superworm that come with pictures and captions! Some of us even wrote full sentences with full stops and finger spaces! In Maths, we have been looking at sorting objects. We created two, three and four categories to sort objects into and then challenged ourselves with Venn diagrams, finding objects that fitted into both! Our highlight of the week was definitely our trip to the Church! We loved taking part in a picture hunt to find items, signs and symbols around the Church that are used in a celebration and talking about their purposes. Every single adult was incredibly proud of how the children acted throughout the whole trip, they really were a credit to the school!

In RE this week, we read a story from the Gospel of Luke and used that to help us reflect on why Jesus is special to the parish family. We had a lovely, calm collective worship in the Chapel thinking about all we had learnt about the Local Church also saying prayers for the special people in our lives and for all that is happening in the world around us. It was another problem-solving week in maths, this time we were focusing on subtraction stories. In English, we researched space and discussed the differences between fiction and non-fiction texts. Following our research of space, we chose a planet we were interested in, wrote down interesting facts about the planet in our planet fact files and shared them in class. Children have really enjoyed making hand puppets in our D & T lessons. They practised: designing their puppets; using a template to cut out their puppet; joining the pieces of the fabric used in making the puppets; and finally, decorating the puppets. In Dance, the theme was 'Trees and Leaves' and it was wonderful to see children follow the dance sequence to create a beautifully choreographed display.

This week in Year 2, we have been DT masters! We undertook our first ever Design and Technology projects... creating a Ferris wheel! We learnt about axles, wheels, frames and pods. We loved designing our own before we got to build and test the wheels! Each looked as individual and amazing as we are! In RE, we finished our topic on Books and are looking forward to beginning to learn about Lent in more detail. We have loved hearing stories from the Gospels! Within Maths, we worked hard on our multiplication and learnt that it is also called repeated addition. We are times table whizzes now on our 2, 5 and 10 and will be moving onto 3s and 4s! We solved word problems including multiplication. Year 2 had very different PE lessons this week... one being ball skills and the other being Dance. Our first dance lesson was learning how to clap and stomp in time and move to the count of 8... it was harder than it sounds!

In Maths, we solved a range of fraction problems! We worked hard in groups to identify the calculation and then explain how we know. In English, we have been using rhetorical questions and prepositional phrases in our persuasive letter to the citizens of a city that have banned the dark. Our DT work this week has been related to seasonal food around the world. We have been making fruit kebabs and our very own seasonal-veg tarts. In PSHE, we discussed how to be a good friend and what it means to be empathetic towards others. French has been tres bien! We have been learning about the names of shapes and colours. Our PE sessions were action packed this week. We have been working on our chest and underarm passes. We played a quick game at the end of our sessions to see which team could get the ball to the end of the line and back again.

This week in Year 4 we have been focusing on finding equivalent fractions in Maths. We have also created our own pack of Times Table cards to help us learn our 7s. In English, we have written, edited and published our riddles based on characters from Norse Mythology. These are amazing and we are so proud of them! In RE, we created some beautiful artwork showing our world with Ministries supporting the community vs without. We also acted out St Paul's letter to the Romans and thought about the significance of his letter. In PSHE, we discussed how to learn from our mistakes and in French we learnt a song to help us remember the days of the week. Our PE lessons this week both focused on team work on communication. We played games that had us blindfolded and without the use of certain parts of our body. Our DT project has had us making slingshot cars this week. We built the chassis and also designed and created the body of our car too!

Year 5 have had a week full of hands-on and practical activities. For our DT block this week, we designed and created our own pop-up cards. We learnt different pop-up mechanisms and used them to make our colourful pop-up cards. We will be sharing our finished creations soon! In Maths, we looked at different 3D shapes and we made our own 3D shapes with the 2D nets provided. In RE, we researched information on our diocese and how we follow Jesus' mission. It was an absolute pleasure welcoming our parents back into school for our whole school worship led by Year 5. The children led a reflective worship and shared the message of Lent with the school. What a busy week we have had!

This week in Year 6, we have completed an assessment week - maths, reading and grammar. We all showed determination and perseverance during the assessments and can't wait to see our results. In RE, we wrote letters to Year 2 in the style of Paul to explain how they can listen to and act upon Jesus' teachings in their lives. We also explained how the Bible is used in our daily life and finally created our own Bible quote postcard, picking relevant scripture, pictures and symbols and explaining what it means to us. We have absolutely loved our DT unit this week. It has been so nice to work as a group and a team to design and create our own playgrounds! We have really enjoyed the creativity and the problem solving which we have had to overcome. We can't wait to show you our finished creations!