



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



NEWSLETTER - Friday 1st April 2022



Martin de Porres:
Class star: Libby

Francis of Assisi:
Class star: Dev

Year 1 Vieira:
Class star: Carson and
Rosie

Year 1 JHN:
Class star: Ali Hussein and
George

Achievements

Year 2 Jacinta:
Class Star: Zach

Year 3 John Paul II:
Class Star: Jacob

Year 4 Faustyna:
Class Star: Adrian and
Chelsey

Year 6 Drexel
Class star: Iris

Year 5 Teresa
Class star:
Savannah



Highlights of the Week:

Curriculum

From 'The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air' to 'Let it Be', the rooms in St Catherine's have been filled with the sound of music this week! As one child said, 'Music is everywhere!' Having invested in a full class set of glockenspiels, it was lovely to see them be put to great use. Thank you to Miss Johnston for leading such a fun curriculum week!

Catholic Life of the School

Year 2 led us in a beautiful end of term Lenten Liturgy. The back of the hall was packed with family members who came to join us in worship. I was so proud of the way that the children coped with reading in front of the whole school and so many adults. They were an absolute credit. Well done to Team Year 2 and thanks to Mr Jenkins, who made the whole thing even more special by his piano accompaniment.

Other

I'm delighted to say that we will have two new HLTAs joining us after Easter, Miss Fisher and Ms Czaikowska. Miss Fisher previously worked at St Catherine's from 2011 to 2019 and Mrs Czaikowska will be joining us from another local school. I'm sure that you will make them feel very welcome.

We currently have adverts out for class teachers and an Assistant Head vacancy. It has been great to spend some time this week giving prospective candidates tours of the school. If you know of anyone who would be good for either role, please do tell them to get in touch.

Last week I ended by talking about the joy that sunshine brought to the school. This week we enjoyed the delights of excited children in snow flurries! Fingers crossed for better and more predictable weather over the holidays.

Wishing you and your family a safe, happy and restful Easter break.
Looking forward to welcoming the children back on Thursday 21st April.

God bless,

Ms Kane



Curriculum Block – This Week: Art Next Week: Music

EYES

This week in Reception we have become Pirates! We read a very funny book called Captain Beastlie's Birthday Party, which made us laugh a lot! You can share it on YouTube together at home too. Captain Beastlie is a very dirty pirate who is counting down to his birthday party! We have been labelling his dirty features, captioning party food in the book, making treasure maps and counting backwards from different numbers! In Maths, we have been looking at positional language. We have completed some fun challenges this week outside with obstacle courses where we had to talk about our journey. We went around tyres, over hurdles and under hula hoops! In RE, we continued our topic of Growing and shared ideas of how we are going to grow in love like Jesus this Lent.

Year 1

Assessment week has shown how resilient our Year 1s are! We started the week with a whole-school 'Walk AGAINST HUNGER!' In Art, the children created art pieces with a focus on artists such as Beatriz Milhazes, Bridget Riley, Zaria Forman and Jasper Johns. Children explored lines, shapes and colours used in abstract art and worked hard on their own pieces. On Tuesday we were comic artists, as we carefully followed the instructions of a real-life comic artist to create a superhero and his sidekick. As part of our writing assessment, we wrote our own versions of 'Beegu', changing the settings, using beautiful vocabulary and extending our sentences to make them more interesting. In RE learnt about what happened on Palm Sunday, we made banners and re-enacted the story. In PSHE we looked at what was safe to put on and into our bodies and what wasn't. We have enjoyed our pirate-themed dance as well as developing our racket and ball skills in PE.

Year 2

What hard workers we have been this week! Art week and assessments have seen our creative and resilient sides shine! This week we completed reading, arithmetic and reasoning papers to show off what we have learnt so far. We tried so hard to use a range of strategies to solve the problems and didn't give up once! During Art, we worked together to create superhero collages using a range of colours and media. We put our colour mixing skills to the test to see if we could remember the primary and secondary colours! In RE, we learnt about the events of Palm Sunday and wrote down how we would have felt if we were there on that day. There were some incredible diary entries using key vocab from the story. We are looking forward to music week next week with Mr Jenkins bringing in many instruments to play for us!

Year 3

Such a busy assessment week! This week we have developed our exam technique and put our knowledge to the test. We have completed a range of assessments and we are looking forward to filling in those gaps before the end of the school year! It has been art week! We had a superb comic book artist workshop online. We LOVED drawing our own caveman scenes and the illustrator was hilarious. In French, we recapped our numbers to 10 and completed simple mathematical calculations. During our PSHE/RSE sessions, we have been focusing on stereotypes and how that can impact our views. We discussed how we are all children of God and how we are all unique! In our RE sessions, we have been discussing the events at Gethsemane. We created story maps that retold the key events. Today, we had a fantastic opportunity to partake in mass at our local church. A busy week!!

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been working incredibly hard on our assessments. Our attitude and approach to these has been fantastic! In RE, we used Scripture to explain how to live life on God's path. We have also been learning about the washing of the Disciples' feet by Jesus. We absolutely loved our comic workshop this week and have enjoyed our other Art activities too. There has been charcoal mark marking, stamp making and play dough prints too! In PSHE, we looked at how to cheer ourselves up when we are feeling down and the importance of having different emotions. We also had a competitive game of kick rounders in PE! Year 4 led a beautiful Collective Worship on Tuesday. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend, it was lovely having you all back with us!

Year 5

Year 5 displayed resilience and growth mindset for assessments this week. They worked really hard, tried their best and persevered through effortlessly. It was lovely that we had Art block week this week which was a great break after the hectic assessments in the morning. On Tuesday, we had a virtual Comic Art Workshop where we created and sketched Manga style superheroes. The children were truly inspired and created different versions of superheroes. We also learnt about Banksy and recreated one of his paintings in our own style. In RE, we learnt about Maundy Thursday and the Last Supper. We studied El Greco's last Supper and analysed the colours and what the disciples might be feeling when Jesus said that one of them was going to betray him. We then reflected deeply as we looked through a series of paintings depicting the stations of the cross. It was a really sunny week and Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed a competitive game of kick Football for their PE session.

Year 6

This week in Year 6, we have begun our revision for SATs! We have split into smaller maths groups and begun looking at SATs style questions as well as the procedures needed to work out the answer. We have also been doing a lot of SATs style comprehensions to work on how we are answering our questions. In RE, we analysed artwork based on the raising of Lazarus to identify the symbolism used as well as creating mini books to show the key events in the lead up to Jesus' death. On Tuesday afternoon, we had an amazing comic book drawing workshop! We absolutely loved the enthusiasm and humour from the artist and were so impressed with the drawings we were able to create. In PSHE, we looked at how technology can affect our mental and physical health and came up with strategies to help us with this. In French, we recapped how to count to ten and then learnt how to ask someone their age and how to answer in French. We finished my translating a French letter- which we were amazed we could do! In PE, we began our basketball unit, focussing on our dribbling skills.

Next Week: Key Events

Wednesday – Year 2 Lenten Service (Year 2 Parents only)

Friday – Break up for Easter at 12:30pm