



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



NEWSLETTER - Friday 6th May 2022



Martin de Porres:
Class star: Dylan

Francis of Assisi:
Class star: Kush

Year 1 Vieira:
Class star: Emilio and Nela

Year 1 JHN:
Class star: Filip

Achievements

Year 2 Jacinta:
Class Star: Jacob

Year 3 John Paul II:
Class Star: Olivia

Year 4 Faustyna:
Class Star: Yassin

Year 6 Drexel
Class star: Joao
and Zofia

Year 5 Teresa
Class star: Sophia



Highlights of the Week:

Although it has been a short week, it has also been a busy one!

Thank you to Year 3, who led a beautiful Collective Worship on Tuesday. Today Year 4 attended Mass at Our Lady and St Michael's Church. They were impeccably behaved and answered Father Terkura's questions brilliantly.

Our key focus this week has been supporting our Year 6 pupils in their final preparations for SATs. Having had a disrupted Years 4 and 5, it is especially important that we give them all the support possible. There will be no National League Tables this year, so no school-to-school comparison. This is only right, as each school will have been impacted differently by Covid. All that is important is that every child leaves St Cath's as well prepared as they can be for the next stage in their education.

All week we have been running after school drop in Boosters for Year 6 from 3.30-4.30pm. During this time, the children have been working in groups of 2-6 with an experienced member of staff. More important than the extra few marks they will have picked up by the additional small group intervention, is what this has demonstrated about hard work. None of the children wanted to stay an extra hour after school, yet every one I spoke to said they were glad they did and that they thought they would do better in their SATs as a result. I have been incredibly impressed by their determination and hope that they take that with them into Secondary School.

Finally, our newest additions to the St Cath's family are growing fast! The kids have loved spending time outside getting to know our new ducklings!

Next week is due to be a hot one! Please make sure that you send the children in with hats, water and wearing sunscreen.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

God bless,
Ms Kane

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Year 1: Natalia

Year 4: Danielle and Maya

Year 5: Alby, Julia, Adriana, Rocky, Mya, Diogo, Abigail, Shehzadi

Year 6: Lola, Dilshan, Sam W, Joao, Naisha, Angel, Harry K, Aryaman, Bella, Iris, Aidan S, Tommy, Adrian, Aidan M, Harry S, Nikola, Sophie L, Lucie



Curriculum Block – This Week: History Next Week: Computing/Music

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This week in Reception, we have been reading the book “When I Grow Up”, and talking about lots of different job roles that we could do. We have some budding artists, footballers, builders and estate agents in our classes and so much more! When thinking of all of the jobs that people in our community do, we thought about how hard everyone works for us and how some have to be very brave to do the jobs they do. We designed some thank you cards for these people. In Maths, we have started using a part whole model to find different ways to make a number. In RE, we looked at how the Priest welcomes the Parish at Church for mass, and some of the special words the Priest uses to welcome us. In PE, we continued counting in 8's and had a go at making our own short dance routines in pairs to some music, trying to keep in time by counting as we danced!

Year 1

Despite it being a 4-day week, we have worked incredibly hard and learnt so many new things! In RE, we learnt about the events of the Last Supper and how it is linked to the Catholic Mass; we also reflected on ways we can give of ourselves by sharing what we have, our talents and time – we made very beautiful gift baskets for these. We have had maths assessments and continued to practise the 2- and 5-times tables as well as learning the different ways we represent multiplication. In English, we have been learning about rhymes, we wrote rhyming pairs as well as made a start on writing poems with rhyming couplets – phew! That's not all, in history we had questions for Florence Nightingale, some of us wrote her letters. In PSHE we were thinking about the needs of children at different ages; we talked about what babies eat, how they are kept clean and what they need for entertainment. PE was a balance and stability circuit session. It has been lovely outside so we have taken some of our learning to the outdoors. All in all, it has been a great week. We are super-proud of all your hard work, Year 1!!!

Year 2

Year 2 have continued to be space explorers this week, delving back into the history of human's journey into space. We added key events to our class timeline, wrote a diary entry as an astronaut and found out about Tim Peake and Mae Jemison. In Maths, we looked again at fractions of shapes and extended our knowledge to both recognising and representing halves, thirds and quarters. We continued with our story 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and wrote our own persuasive letters from the perspective of an object. We used persuasive language and the key features of the text. During RE, we continued to learn about the Eucharist, where the word comes from, what it means and also the order in which we give thanks within Mass. We also each painted a beautiful monstrance. With the sun shining, we were able to get PE out on the field and loved our skill development of 'goal keeping'. We worked brilliantly in teams of 3 and supported each other positively.

Year 3

Another jam packed week in Year 3! We have been focusing on halving numbers. We found this tricky at first but with determination, we managed to work out a range of strategies to support us. In our history topic this week, we have been learning about the Ancient Greek Olympics! We looked at the various sports and the difference between Athens and Sparta. We then had a go at holding our own mini Olympics on the field! In our English unit, we have been learning about fables. We have looked at characterisation and how it can influence the reader. We then chose animals to represent different characteristics within our stories. On Thursday, we began to write the introduction to our fables, focusing on using expanded noun phrases and interesting vocabulary. It was also our worship this week! This children performed amazingly and carried out a beautiful worship. Thank you to all of the parents and carers that attended. It was lovely to have you back in school.

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been working hard to understand and interpret data in line graphs. In English, we have begun looking at 'Bill's New Frock' by Anne Fine. There are many gender stereotypes shown throughout the book and we were shocked by how differently boys and girls were treated. Based on this, we began writing an introduction to a persuasive piece of writing campaigning for everyone to be treated equally. In RE, we discussed the importance of the Penitential Act and explored the importance of the Our Father in the Communion Rite. We have loved learning about the Vikings and Anglo Saxons these past two weeks and have created some incredible pieces of work based on our learning. In PSHE, we spoke about keeping safe online and in PE we had competed against Year 5 in some relay races!

Year 5

Year 5 had a historic week with a lot of work on Ancient Egypt. As part of our English this week we learnt about the features of Explanation texts and also sequenced the process of mummification. We were so amazed at how the Egyptians mummified their Pharaohs and how they buried them with all their favourite things including pets for the kings to have a smooth afterlife. Later in the week, we learnt about different aspects of Egyptian life and what they gave to the world. In Maths, we continued with word problems concentrating on multiplication word problems. The highlight of the week had to be our interactive Space Science workshop on Wednesday where we had a 3D tour of the planets and the moon's surface. It was so exciting and such an unique experience!

Year 6

We have made it! Next week is officially SATs week. The children have been absolutely amazing and we have seen such progress over the last two weeks. We have had a great turn out at our after-school boosters and the children are all prepared for next week. We have seen their confidence grow and their ability to problem solve and answer questions has gone from strength to strength. In RE this week, we continued our new unit, analysing artwork based on the Last Supper to look at the symbolism and making links between Passover and the Last Supper. We continued our new spine text which we are reading in the afternoons – Thief by Malorie Blackman. We are really enjoying the book and love that each chapter ends in a new cliffhanger! We have been working so hard again this week that we have also been able to have some well-earned afternoon breaks: playing football, frisbee, hula hoops and catch.

Next Week's events:

Friday – Year 1 Mass at Our Lady and St Michael's (families welcome)