



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



NEWSLETTER - Friday 11th November 2022

Saint Martin de Porres:
Class star: Ashni

Saint Jacinta:
Class Star Bertie & Jacob

Saint John Paul II:
Class Star: Mila

Saint Teresa
Class star: Sammy

Saint Francis of Assisi: Class
star: Aliasgher, Millan &
Violet

Saint Vieira:
Class star: Harris

Saint Faustyna:
Class Star: Christian

Saint Romero
Karla

Saint JHN:
Class star: Rocco



Our topic this week has been Geography, a subject packed with excitement and wonder. The children have been working hard developing a deep and curious interest in the world around them, understanding their place in the world through a widening geographical perspective, both locally and globally. It's so lovely to see the children so passionate about where they come from and the world they can explore.

Year 3 Jacinta had a fantastic time visiting St Alban's Cathedral, on Monday. They immersed themselves in the stories and history of the building, joined in with role play and even made their own clay tile! It is especially wonderful to hear that the children were praised by the public for their good manners and brilliant behaviour. Mrs. Murthy even received a letter from the Cathedral commending them on their outstanding behaviour and knowledge! Well done, Jacinta!

Our Collective Worship is officially back in full swing, with parents/guardians welcome to come along! Jacinta led a beautiful Collective Worship on the theme of Remembrance Day, this Tuesday. They did an amazing job - speaking clearly and with confidence, reading poems and prayers for the fallen. This was in front of a hall full of their peers and grownups!

Please note below when each year group will be leading their Worship. We look forward to seeing you then.

Year 4 - 15th November

Year 5 - 22nd November

Year 2 - John Henry Newman 29th November

Year 2 - Viera 6th December

Year 6 - 13th December

An opportunity has come up for a new parent or carer to join DSPL9, to share their views of families in the area. They will be part of the decision-making process for the services that are put in place locally. HPCI [Herts Parent Carer Involvement (hertsparentcarers.org.uk)] will provide support through training and regular meetings for parents/carers to share their experiences. This will be helping to support SEND provision in Watford, Three Rivers, Bushey and Radlett DSPL 9 (dsplarea9.org.uk). It brings together parents/carers, staff from early years settings, schools and colleges, local authority officers, and representatives from other agencies, to make sure that there is a range of services available, in their local community, that meet the needs of children and young people with SEND, aged 0-25, as close to home as possible. If you would be interested in taking up this role (which would likely mean attending at least one meeting every half term), please contact Gemma Hall at gemmaahall@dsplarea9.org.uk or 07376 394191.

On Tuesday, we had visitors from the NSPCC speaking to the children about 'Speak out! Stay safe!' They learnt about; the different types of abuse, so they can get help if or when they need it; to identify a trusted adult they can talk to if they're ever worried about themselves or a friend; Childline and how it can support them. At St Catherine's, pupils are regularly reminded how to keep themselves safe. This may be during lessons, assembly time or through visitors to our school. We are committed to making sure that our school is a safe and happy place to be. The children were commended on the level of maturity and regard they showed on the subject matter.

'On the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, we will remember them.' Remembrance Day marks the end of the First World War. This morning we joined together as a school in a 2-minute silence - remembering all who have given their lives and those who have been injured physically and mentally by conflict. Lest we forget!

Monday is the start of Anti-bullying week. Please help us launch this by sending the children in wearing odd-socks. We have managed to secure a last-minute booking for a theatre production of 'Sleeping Beauty', for next Tuesday afternoon, 15th November. It has been several years since the children have been able to enjoy a show in school, so it will be a real treat! We are not asking for any contribution towards the cost.

Finally, thank you so much for your kind words of sympathy, thoughts and prayers while I have been away. I have felt the St Catherine's love enfold me. It has been wonderful to be back at school, with the children. It's also been lovely to see so many of you and receive your smiles, waves and best wishes.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

God bless, Ms Kane x

Key Dates

15th November Year 4 Collective Worship - 2.50 (no parking on site)

18th November Year 4 - Mass at Our Lady & St Michael's Church



Curriculum Block – This Week: Geography Next Week: Geography

