



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



Class Stars NEWSLETTER - Friday 2nd December 2022

Saint Martin de Porres:

Class star: Pearl

Saint Vieira:

Class star: Natalia

Saint Francis of Assisi: Class

stars: Luca

Saint Jacinta:

Class Star: Amelie-May

Saint JHN Class

Stars: Alice

Saint John Paul II:

Class Star: Skye

Saint Faustyna:

Class Star: Joshua C

Saint Teresa

Class star: Tallulah

Saint Romero Class

Star: Edward



God our Father, as we light our first Advent candle, help us to wait patiently for the birth of your son, Jesus. Show us ways we can share Christ's light during Advent so that the world might know the hope and love that your Son brings. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Last weekend we welcomed the first Sunday of Advent. In school our Advent preparations have begun and in each classroom the prayer tables have been covered in the traditional Advent colour purple, and the first candle on the Advent wreath has been lit. The word Advent comes from the Latin word "adventus" and means arrival. We have been helping the children understand that the season of Advent is to prepare for the coming of the Son of God, the Light of the World and how we should try to take some time during the season of Advent to pause and to reflect.

Thank you to John Henry Newman for leading us in our First Advent Collective Worship this week; sharing with us all the importance of waiting and patience, we joined together to light the first Advent candle, which symbolises 'hope'.

Each week we will light an extra candle and watch as the light from the wreath grows brighter. This was the first Collective Worship that John Henry Newman has delivered in front of the school and parents! They did a fantastic job. Both Vieira and John Henry Newman visited Our Lady and St Michael's church this morning for mass. The children were praised for their excellent input, enthusiasm and to quote Father Paul "singing in good voice" during the Mass.

Well done to all and thank you to those who were able to attend and join the celebration.

This week the children have continued their learning on our curriculum focus, Science. All staff have been incredibly proud with their focus and interest in the subject. Have a look at some of the super work they have been doing over on the next page. Well done all!

Next week our Sustainability Champions will be meeting to discuss how we can do our bit at St Catherines to take action and help repair our planet.

It's inspiring to see the children so passionate and determined to help make a difference, finding new ways to make our school more sustainable so we can benefit our future generations in many ways.

Please follow the link below to tune into "Earth Shot" showing on BBC1, Sunday at 17.30pm. I encourage as many families to give it a watch!

In the New Year we look forward to holding a Sustainability Assembly inviting the St Catherines community to share their sustainability suggestions.

BBC One - The Earthshot Prize: Repairing Our Planet

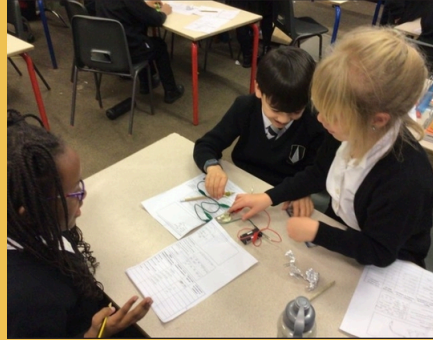
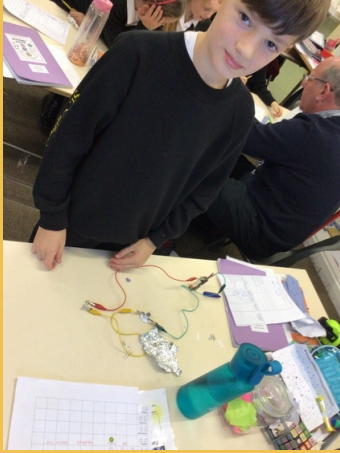
Thank you for the kind donations we have already received for our Reverse Advent Calendar food bank. Your support is greatly appreciated and we are so grateful for your generosity. Please do keep sending them in.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.
Ms Kane

Head Teacher Awards
Year 1 Dev and Link
Year 4 Sofia B & Amelia



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



"We had wires, batteries and lightbulbs and had to make a circuit. We experimented which materials electric could pass through."



"I made salt dough and pressed one of my dinosaur toys into it and it left an imprint. In real fossils you can find real dinosaur bones imprinted in the stone"



"We worked as a team to order the process of how fossils are formed."

"We have been learning about materials and their properties. We used warm water to see if salt, sand, pepper & coffee granules would dissolve.

Only the salt and coffee dissolved. I think the warm water helped."



"We hung apples on the tree for the birds to eat. When it is winter the ground is too frosty so its harder for them to find the worms."

Key Dates

Monday 5th Dec 9.30am – Prospective Parents' Tour

Tuesday 6th Dec 2.45pm – Year 2 Vieira – Collective Worship (No parking on site)

Friday 9th Dec – Year 1 attending Mass at Our Lady & St Michales Church