



St. John's RC Primary School

Inspired by the Holy Spirit and guided by the teaching of Jesus
Love one another, as I have loved you

Newsletter: Issue 21
Friday 15th March 2024

Head's News...

Well, that's another wonderful week that has flown by! Break the Rules day has been such a fun day, but more importantly we have raised so much money for Father Hudson's Home and Katherine House Hospice – thank you so much for helping us with this. This year's appeal is inspired by Pope Francis' call for young people to use their voice to make a difference in the world. Every penny raised by our school will support our work with local disadvantaged children and families. During Lent, it is important to do something for others rather than just give something up. It would be wonderful if you could take some time to talk to your child about what **'actions'** they could do to help others.

Date	Class	What is needed
Friday 15 th March 2024	All Classes	Break the Rules 50p payable per rule break – a maximum limit of £2.50 per child to be imposed
Friday 22 nd March 2024	Led by the Growing In Faith Together Team	Cake sales and Crazy Hair Day 50p per cake – cakes (no nuts please) to be brought in by all children and Year Three will sell them. How crazy can you make your hair?

Parking

Unfortunately, we are again having to implore to your better nature and to ask you to please, please, please park more responsibly. The gate is being blocked on a daily basis, people are driving on to the pavement in the drop and dash and this is an accident waiting to happen. Our children are very precious and we must ensure their safety at all times. Please park by the shops at home time and walk through the alley way – these will ease the huge congestion around the school at home time.

Attendance

Our overall attendance this week as a school is **95.6%**, our target is a minimum of **97.5%** – please do send children in for every learning opportunity. Our attendance is getting better so let's keep it going, every child should be in school for every learning opportunity.

Attendance to 9th March 2024 (we are always report a week behind)

EYFS	96.5%	Year One	95.6%
Year Two	94.7%	Year Three	98.7%
Year Four	98.7%	Year Five	95.7%
Year Six	97%	Whole School	95.6%

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards this week:

EYFS: Ren and Rebecca

Year 1: Joseph, Anliya, Agnes

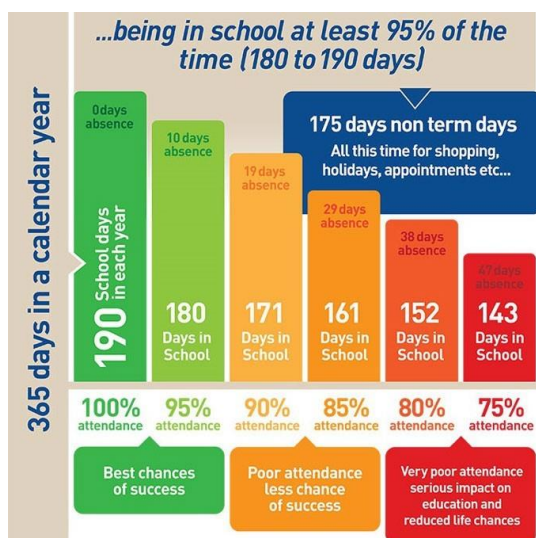
Year 2: Adriel, Inioluwa,
Freidda, Kaitlyn

Year 3: Gilroy, Mariam, Lyla

Year 4: Jimmy, Connie, Fikile

Year 5: Cian, Jagoda, Emmanuel

Year 6: Vedith, All of Year Six,
Jose



House Points

Earth: 127(1869)

Water: 124 (1910)

Air: 189 (2093)

Fire: 260 (1912)

Follow

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of the grain of wheat, which dies to produce a rich crop, to show us that his death was necessary if many were to receive eternal life.

Through this Gospel Jesus is also encouraging his disciples to follow him – to give him first place in their lives. This message is for each one of us too. Jesus wants us to make following him our most important priority.

Choosing to follow Jesus is not always easy; it demands commitment. But it helps our families to keep growing in love and leads us to happiness in this life, and in the life to come.



Birthdays

An important message about birthdays!!!

Children can come into school in non-uniform on their birthday. This is so wonderful as everybody within our school community who sees them will know that it is their special day. If their birthday falls on a weekend, on PE day or within a school holiday the child may come in non-uniform on the Friday before or the Monday afterwards.

This week we celebrate:

Oran – 13th March

Artur – 14th March

Erica – 18th March



Safeguarding

If you have concerns that a child may be in immediate danger, call the police on 999 or MASH on 0345 050 7666.

If you have safeguarding concerns about a child or family, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01295 263740 and ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team. Alternatively, you can email our DSL (Maureen Collier) directly:

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🎨🎨 A SUPERB AUTHOR VISIT AND BOOK DAY 🎨🎨

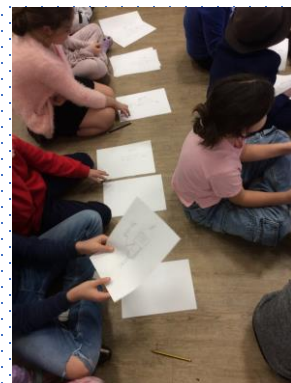
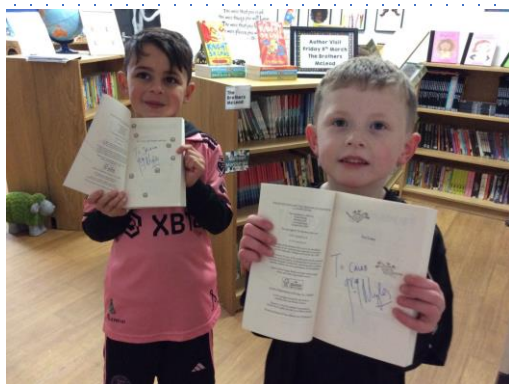
St. John's had an amazing World Book Day last Friday 8th March. As well as dressing up as a word and looking fabulous, we were fortunate enough to welcome The McLeod Brothers into school. They are a fantastic author and illustrator who ran an assembly and fun workshops with each Key Stage.

The McLeod Brothers were simply brilliant!! The children had so many smiles and laughs which were wonderful to see. The Brothers have been involved in shows such as Hey Duggee, Octonauts, SpongeBob, Hello Kitty, Shaun the Sheep and so much more! 🥳

They spoke to us about the sequence of creating stories and animations and where ideas for stories can come from! We also saw some short animations that the pair created which the children found hilarious!

During our workshops, we listened to a short snippet of one of their books read aloud by Myles (who did funny voices for us), drew our own Sir Knight Louis by following Greg's instructions and each created our own character and 6 panel story based on some questions. As well as all of this, the children who purchased a book EVEN got it signed 🥳

★ ★ A HUGE THANK YOU for all the amazing fundraising in school and a special THANK YOU to the PTFA who have donated £300 in order to make this amazing event happen ★ ★



Early Years Class News

This week in EY we have been enjoying learning more facts about dinosaurs. We have enjoyed looking at some incredible fossils of dinosaur jawbones, ammonites and jellyfish. We have been creating some prehistoric environments for small world dinosaur play, we have have fun acting/dancing the Dinosaur Romp and Reception have been writing their own facts and riddles.



Year One have amazed me this week with how hard they are all working in Maths and English. In Maths this week we have moved on to length and height. The children had great fun putting themselves in order from tallest to shortest. We soon realised there was nearly a whole head difference.



Year One Class News

Year Two Class News

Year Two had a fabulous day for World Book Day. So many amazing adjectives: handsome, gorgeous, frozen, adventurous, glittery, magical and lots of sporty to name a few. We really enjoyed the assembly with the Brothers McLeod and afterwards we joined Yr1 for story writing and illustration workshop. Our story, that the brothers illustrated for the children's ideas (Crystal and the Mer-dragon's adventure to the sea inside the moon, to find the magical star that made chocolate frogs) was beautifully ridiculous. The children were guided to draw the hero of the brothers latest stories, Knight Sir Louis. I think they did an amazing job. We ended the day drawing some beautiful pictures to be put on cards, for some special people who may have received these on Sunday. 😊



Year Three Class News

This week in Year Three, we have started a new text called Jim and the Beanstalk. It is a fantastic read and we have really enjoyed reading this book so far. This week in our English lessons we have been using role play to respond to our own thoughts and feelings on the book.





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Key Dates

8 th January 2024	Spring Term begins
10 th January 2024	Reception Open Morning
11 th January 2024	Wizard of Oz Trip
11 th January 2024	Whole School Mass – The Epiphany 10.30am
15 th January 2024	Year Six SATs meeting for parents – Year Six class at 3.30pm
25 th January 2024	Year One to Blessed George Napier for Multi Skills
2 nd February 2024	Number Day
4 th February 2024	Confirmation Commitment Mass and Choir to lead singing at St John the Evangelist at 11.15am Mass
7 th February 2024	First Holy Communion Meeting for Parents in Year Three classroom at 3.30pm
9 th February 2024	Valentines Disco led by the PTFA EYFS and KS1 4.30pm – 5.30pm KS2 6.00pm – 7.00pm
9 th February 2024	School closes for half term
19 th February 2024	Spring Two term begins 8.45am
23 rd February 2024	Year Five Safety Workshop
8 th March 2024	World Book Day and Author Visit
19 th March 2024	Parents Evening 2.30pm – 7.00pm
28 th March 2024	School Closes for Easter Holidays at 3.20pm
15 th April 2024	Summer Term Begins at 8.45am

As a Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, we have embraced the Catholic Schools' Pupil Profile, which teaches the children a set of eight pairs of virtues to be internalised and cultivated - enabling them to grow in wholeness as fully rounded individuals in the image of God. This half term we are:

Faith-filled and Hopeful

Faith-filled: We are faith-filled when we are living life as God inspires us to live it, putting the Gospel into action through our deeds. Faith gives us belief and trust in God and in other people. We have to build on it every day through prayer, being part of a faith community and living out the gospel values. Faith gives us hope. **Hopeful:** We are hopeful when we are optimistic about the future, we trust ourselves and others, and we don't give up. Our faith teaches us that God is hope – that Christ walks before us and gives us the courage to follow. Hope makes us unafraid to step into the unknown and face challenges. Hope can deepen or restore our faith.

