



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

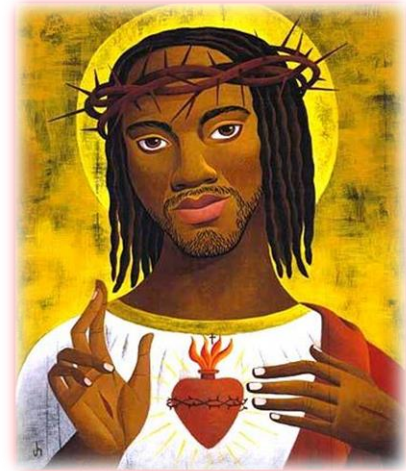
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Head's News...

Welcome to the final half term of this academic year – it has absolutely flown by! As you know I absolutely love all of our children and it is always a privilege to work with such amazing young people – I most definitely do have the best job in the world!

We ended our half term with our Year Six children making their Confirmation. This was such a wonderful mass, celebrated by Canon Paul Fitzpatrick and our six Confirmandi. As always, the children were respectful, reverent and prayerful and an asset to the school. I must extend my thanks to the plethora of staff that attended to support the children too. This Saturday will see us starting the last half term with our thrilling Year Three's making their First Holy Communion. Please do keep them in your prayers.

June is the month of the Sacred Heart. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus began during the 12th century. It wasn't until 1673, when Sister Margaret Mary began to receive visions of Jesus' Sacred Heart. During the visions, St. Margaret spoke with Jesus. Of the many things he told her, Jesus said he wanted the image of his heart to be made known so that people were reminded of his love and mercy. In another vision, Jesus asked St. Margaret to encourage people to receive Communion frequently, and especially on the first Friday of every month. Further, Jesus wanted a Holy Hour established in hope that more people would develop a stronger devotion to him. Jesus wanted a special day to be established as a reparation for all of those who have been ungrateful of his love and mercy. And so, Jesus asked St. Margaret to work on establishing the feast of the Sacred Heart.



Attendance to 17th May 2024 (we always report a week behind)

EYFS	90.9%	Year One	88.1%
Year Two	93.6%	Year Three	91.9%
Year Four	99.4%	Year Five	96.2%
Year Six	100%	Whole School	94.3%

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following people who received awards this week:

Year 1: Anliya, Elsie, Reina

Year 2: Uzundu, Adriel,

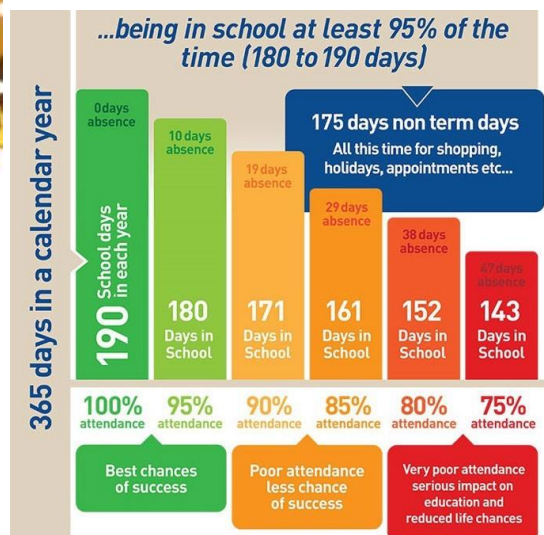
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Year 3: Mala, Ummayah, Eli

Year 4: Fikile, Rebekah, Azrin

Year 5: Jagoda, Kingsley,
Arianne

Year 6: Krupa, Vedith, Jose



House Points

Earth: 264 (4324)

Water: 296 (4307)

Air: 206 (4637)

Fire: 246 (4330)

Family

In the Gospel we hear Jesus saying how our openness and obedience to God is a sign that we belong to his family.

“When Jesus chose and called the Apostles, He did not think of them as separate from one another, each one on his own, but together, because they were to stay with Him, united, like a single family.” **Pope Francis**

We show that we are part of Jesus’ family by listening to his teaching and trying our best to follow it – by obeying God’s will for our lives. Jesus was filled with love because of his closeness and obedience to God.



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:

Aditi – 2nd June

Zian – 5th June

Rebecca – 7th June

Sharon – 7th June

James – 8th June

Noah – 9th June



Our **Governing Body** are seeking to appoint a **Parent Governor** to join them.

For any parents who are interested in applying, or want further information about what the role involves, please direct any email to office.3350@st-johns-banbury.oxon.sch.uk

The deadline for applications is

Friday 7th June 2024.

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:

office.3350@st-johns-banbury.oxon.sch.uk

Early Years Class News

The results of our bean growing are in, and we will soon be planting them out into our garden to see if we can have beans when we return in September! Our new theme is Minibeasts, and we have already encountered a wide range of creatures living in the various habitats we have in our EY garden. This is always a brilliantly inspiring topic and we have been so impressed at the excitement and enthusiasm that is already sweeping through the unit- there is some amazing learning going on already!



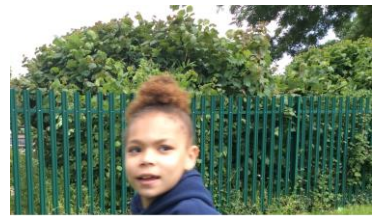
This week we have been learning about money and the value of coins and notes. We are able to order them in value and also smallest to largest. They have been experimenting with the coins to see how many ways we can make different amounts. We have practised buying things from a shop using the coins that we have. The children have also learnt the difference between pounds and pence. This has been a really fun week of maths.



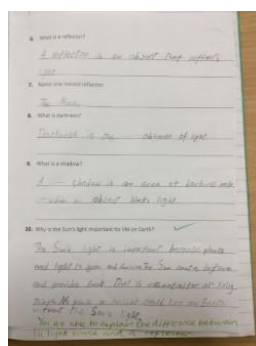
Year One Class News

Year Two Class News

Going the extra mile... 🏃🏃
Now that the weather is allowing us to do our P.E sessions on the field again, we have got back into running our 2 laps around the field before or after our P. E lessons. It's great to hear and see the different levels of enthusiasm from the children. The photos speak for themselves!



Year Three have particularly enjoyed the launch of a new science topic this term. 🌞🔥🌙🌌
'Light and Shadows' has captured their curiosity and this week we have focused on identifying the difference between light sources and reflectors.

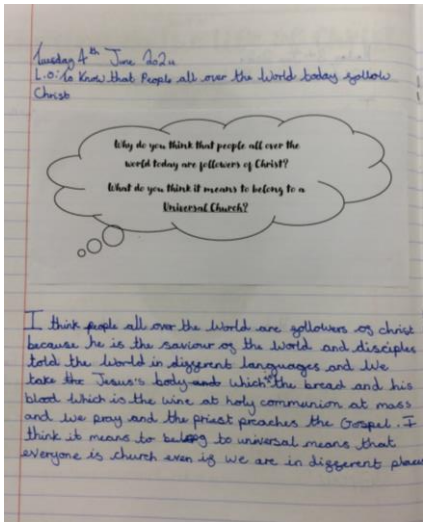


Year Three Class News

Year Four Class News

🙏 SHARING IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST 🙏

Year Four are exploring their new R.E unit this term 'Sharing in the Life of Christ'. We have explored the different communities which we belong to and the ingredients which make a strong and loving community. We then studied a world map and found that people from all over the world are Catholic and listened to the Sign of the Cross in different languages 🌍 We took some time to reflect on the importance of our Universal Church and what this means. ⭐



This week Year Five have been investigating separating mixtures. We created two different solutions using coffee and salt with water, working together to measure and weigh our resources accurately. We've written up our investigation and will be making observations over the next week to see the effects of evaporation on our mixtures.

Year Five Class News

Year Six Class News

On Monday, Year Six took part in Archives Live: D-Day with Dan Snow - What can documents reveal about the experiences of people who participated in D-Day? Prior to our lesson, we learnt all about D-Day, the largest seaborne invasion ever assembled.

On 6th June 1944, 156,000 Allied troops landed by sea and air on five beachheads in Normandy, France. It was the start of Allied operations which would ultimately liberate Western Europe, defeat Nazi Germany and end the Second World War in Europe. We were then able to look at a mysterious source to see what we could learn about the D-Day landings, and even had a go at some codebreaking! We also heard from the son of Major Logan Scott-Boden. It was interesting to hear about his father's role in the heroic effort to plan Operation Overlord.



Key Dates

3rd June 2024	Summer 2 term begins – School open at 8.45am
10 th – 14 th June 2024	Year Four Multiplication Check Week
10 th – 14 th June 2024	Phonics Screening Check week
12 th June 2024	New Reception Parents Meeting at 6.00pm
17 th – 21 st June 2024	National Sports Week
19 th June 2024	Canal Safety Assembly
20 th June 2024	World Refugee Day
20 th June 2024	Year Three Multi-skills at BGN
21 st June 2024	St John's Colour Run
1 st – 4 th July 2024	Year Six Transition Days to Blessed George Napier
3 rd July 2024	Live Olympic Assembly
4 th July 2024	St John's Transition morning – children in new classes
5 th July 2024	Sports Day at 9:30am and picnic after
8 th – 12 th July 2024	Space Week
10 th July 2024	Science Dome Visit
11 th July 2024	Year Six to Woodstock Museum
12 th July 2024	Pupil Reports sent home to Parents
16 th July 2024	Parents' Evening – Drop in 3.30 – 4.30pm
18 th July 2024	Year Six Wizard of Oz performance at 9.30am and 5.30pm
22 nd July 2024	Year Six Leavers Assembly 10.30am
22nd July 2024	Break up for Summer holidays School closes at 1.15pm

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:

Learned and Wise

Learned: Learning how God wants us to live our lives whether we are young or old, we should never stop learning about what God wants of us. We learn many new things each day. By reading the Bible, listening to our teachers and listening to our hearts, we learn more of what God wants.

Wise: Knowing how God wants us to live our lives and putting it into practice. God is always with us and hoping that we will live our lives in the right way, following the teachings of Jesus.

