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NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter No.20

Interim Executive Headteacher : Mrs H Milligan
Interim Head of School : Mrs L Husted



We strive to follow Christ example , to always do our best

Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted's Message

What a chilly week it has been but that hasn't stopped us being busy and cracking on with our learning.

Yesterday, Mrs Higgins, our Chair of Governors, visited and undertook a learning walk. We were incredibly proud of our young scientists, filmmakers, geographers, experts in faith, sports people, and all round superstars.

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week. Our children have explored feelings, emotions, and ways in which they can support each other's mental health.

They have also explored online safety and will continue to do this next week. We will be posting regular updates to support you in supporting your child's online safety. Please read these additions to our newsletter carefully and monitor your child's use of technology.

Congratulations to Year One on leading their very first mass. Their reading was absolutely wonderful and they were extremely sensible and prayerful throughout . We are very proud of you for leading us in our faith. **Next week there is no Mass.**





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The God who Speaks



On Monday in Gospel Liturgy, we shared the Gospel of Matthew and heard the call to follow Jesus as 'The Light of the World'.

The children were tasked with the Mini Mission to be a shining light to others—to make their days brighter and happier.

Safe to say there has been a lot of light around school this week!



Virtues Award

Infants

Mehrbano (2G)

Juniors

Cody (6W)

Right of the Week



Article 31 (leisure, play and culture)

Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

Playing is great for the mental health of both you and your child. Over the weekend, play a game together!



Virtues of the Half Term



Eloquent and Truthful

This half term, we are learning to be more Eloquent and Truthful.

Thank you to all of those children who completed Mrs Husted's Homework this half term and told us about their faith. Next term we will hold a 'Bring your Faith to School' day.





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Dates For Your Calendar

Date	Event
Thursday 16th Feb	Y5 Maths Challenge
Friday 17th Feb	Non Uniform—requested by Louie , Y3M, in order to donate to https://www.alisoncope.com/ -£1 per child—cash payment
Friday 17th Feb	Break up for half term
Wednesday 22nd Feb	Ash Wednesday (this is during half term)
Spring 2	Lenten Acts of Service - see page below
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT	NON UNIFORM TO RAISE MONEY FOR CAFOD and FATHER HUDSON'S <u>CASH PAYMENTS PLEASE—£1 PER CHILD EACH WEEK</u>
Wednesday 1st March	Father Hudson's Assembly
Wednesday 1st March	NURSERY World Book Day
Thursday 2nd March	Rest of School WORLD BOOK DAY
Monday 13th March	Sublime Science Workshop -small charge on Parent Pay
Tuesday 21st March	Class Photos
Friday 31st March	Break up for Easter Holidays



Please remember that dogs are not allowed on the school playground



Whilst we LOVE our four legged friends, the school playground is not the place for them.

If you bring them to school, please stay outside the gates with them.

If you need to enter the playground with your child, please leave them outside the gate with a friend.

Thank you



A Reminder of our Teacher Days for the Coming Academic Year

Monday 5th September 2022

Tuesday 6th September 2022

Monday 17th October 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 5th June 2023





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Awards

Class	Name/s
Nurs	Joanna
RCT	Liarna
RNM	Christaline
1DG	Amy
1M	John
2B	Delia
2G	Teri, James
3M	Mariah
3P	Valentina
4B	Angel, Aimal
4P	Dora
5P	Anayah
5W	Riley
6G	Harrison
6W	William
Wise Owl	Troy (3P)
Music	Nevaeh (6G)
Sport	Whole school, Mr Henningham
Lunchtime	Vinnie (2G), Dimitri (5P), 4B

Star Awards—well done everybody!



Each week, we celebrate our children's achievements in our Friday assembly and award them with certificates.

Well done to everyone

Miss Turner's Walk Once A Week Award



Keep Walking—who will win the award for January for walking the most? Watch this space!



Attendance—period 30th Jan—3rd Feb 2023

Our whole school attendance target is 95%



Class	%
RCT	80.9%
RNM	87.6%
1DG	88.8%
1M	91.5%
2B	93.5%
2G	85.9%
3M	91.6%
3P	83.3%
4B	88.9%
4P	90.6%
5P	95.1%
5W	95.8%
6G	91%
6W	92.4%

Last weeks whole school attendance was: 90%



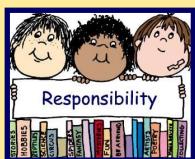


Rights and Responsibilities

"Each person is therefore called to contribute with courage and determination...to the respect of the fundamental rights of every person..." - Pope Benedict



This half term, we are putting a focus on RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.



The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met.

This half term, we are encouraging the children to consider their responsibility in helping the rights of others to be met.

Our children live our school Mission every single day—"We follow Christ's example to always do our best".

We are very excited to have finalised Lenten acts of service. Our children have been researching various charities and groups that need our support. They have been learning about human rights and understand that we have a responsibility to help. These Lenten Acts of Service will take place after half term.

Year Group	Act of Service
N	Paintings to <u>Birmingham Children's Hospital</u>
R	Visit to <u>Hodge Hill Care Home</u> to spend time with the residents
1	<u>St Chad's Sanctuary</u> - Correspondence with the children to cheer them up in their new country. Visit of some children to take goods needed
2	<u>Kingfisher Food Bank</u> - Food Collection
3	<u>Teddy Rose Foundation</u> - donation of money for cuddle blankets. Alison Cope - Anti Violence Campaigner - non uniform day 17th Feb
4	<u>Cafo Food Bank</u> - Food collection and delivery
5	Raising money for <u>SHELTER</u>
6	<u>Pantry Food Bank</u> - donation of goods and visit to help the staff there in their work.

We have also signed up for the CAFOD Big Walk. This will entail Lots of extra walking challenges for our children over the course of the half term! After a visit from Mr McCann from CAFOD this week, they are keen to help our international neighbours across the other side of the world who have been affected by flooding. Mr McCann also explained to the children that any money raised would also go to Turkey and Syria to support earthquake victims.

Each Friday during Lent will be a non-uniform day where we would please ask for each child to bring in £1 each week.





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Student Ambassadors

What AMAZING leaders—walking examples of Gospel teachings—"Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others". Philippians 2:3-4

House Captains

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COMPETITION!

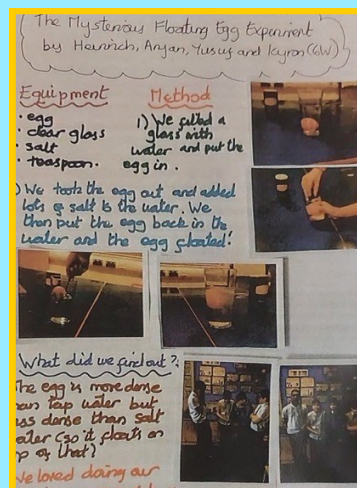
CARRY OUT A SCIENCE EXPERIMENT AT HOME and BRING IN PICTURES AND AN EXPLANATION.

Explore God's wonderful world through the world of science!

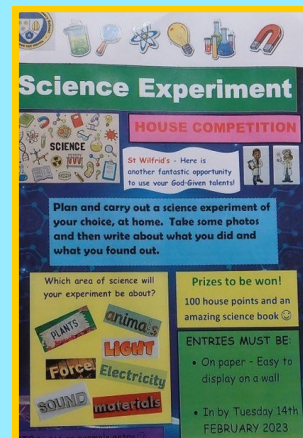
Will you experiment with plants, light, electricity, force, materials?

YOU MUST ASK AN ADULT TO HELP YOU...DO NOT DO THIS ALONE!

Winners get 100 house points and a fun science book!



LAST DAY IS TUESDAY!



Faith Leaders

CONGRATULATIONS to our newly appointed extended faith team.

They have been helping our classes to follow their mini missions. They will be supporting the evaluation of faith life in school, running prayer groups, leading liturgy and welcoming visitors into school and showing them how we live our mission every single day.





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Community News



Our Pastoral Team and Friends of Saint Wilfrid held a wonderful coffee morning yesterday. It was so well supported by parents - thank you for coming. Some of our friends from the local community popped along too. It was great to have a chat. Look out for our next one.





Reading

WORLD BOOK DAY!

ADVANCED NOTICE

We are very excited to be taking part in World Book Day on Thursday March 2nd 2023 . This will be on Wednesday 1st March for Nursery.

One of our aims this year, is to develop enjoyment for reading and we certainly intend to do this!

In celebration of this special day, we will be

- inviting the children to dress up as their favourite book character... and hold a parade to share these costumes with you!
- bring in their favourite book to share
- share stories across the age ranges
- share a book activity with a member of their family
- the grand opening of our 'book nook'
- many more fun activities organised by the School Council!



LIBRARY UPDATE!

The books in our Library are finally sorted!

Next Friday, Mrs Willdig and Miss Donald are making a start on sorting the room out to make it an exciting place for our children to be...what an exciting journey!





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Extra Messages

BEHAVIOUR UPDATE

After Half Term, we will be rolling out the next stage of our behaviour plan.

It has been a number of weeks since we have been working with a new system in school and now it's time to polish up our practice and smooth out any bumps in the road.

By sending your child to St Wilfrid's, you choose to support our policies and practice and so your collaboration is massively appreciated.

Please talk to your child at home about your expectations for their behaviour in school, both in the classroom and on the playground.

Watch this space for weekly shout outs for those children who are consistently following our behaviour values of

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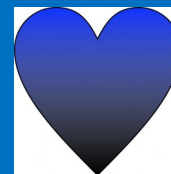
Father Vitalis

Last Saturday, I attended the official induction mass for Father Vitalis to the role of Parish Priest for St Wilfrid's and Corpus Christi. It was a wonderful celebration of his work and future in the Parish. Please join me as we extend our congratulations and very best wishes to him. We very much look forward to our future together.



Have a lovely weekend — stay safe !

Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and Staff





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Talk through Feelings

It's okay to find things difficult or feel not-so-good feelings. It's great to tell someone you trust how you feel as this can help you feel better.

Be Kind to Others

It's lovely to do nice things for friends and family. Being kind to others as well as ourselves can help us all to grow and feel happy.

Challenge Yourself

Think about all the things you have felt good about in the past and use this to go outside your comfort zone and try new things.

Take Care of Yourself

You can eat healthy food, drink lots of water, think good thoughts, go to bed early and make time for having fun to help you feel great.

Think Positive

Think great things about yourself and the world around you. There are often good bits of a not-so-great day so focus on the positives.

Celebrate Yourself

There is no one else quite like you so think of what your strengths are and how they make you special. Remember how awesome you are!

Growth Mindset

Remember tricky times can be a chance for you to grow and find out more about yourself. You can see setbacks as a way for you to learn new skills.

Enjoy the Moment

Take time to be mindful and notice the moment instead of thinking too much about the future. Really enjoying the here and now is great for a healthy mind.

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Online Safety Newsletter

Safer Internet Day

Established by the UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC), Safer Internet Day is celebrated around the world. This year, on Tuesday 7th February 2023, it will be celebrated with the theme:

'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'

Safer Internet Day provides us with a great opportunity to have a conversation with our children about their online lives as well as provide us with an opportunity to brush up on our own knowledge of all things online with lots of resources and online activities available.

How can I get involved?

The UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC) Resources

As usual, the UKSIC have created some fantastic resources, which includes top tips, quizzes, how to talk about difficult topics and what to do if something goes wrong. Find out more here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers>

Ask the Experts from Internet Matters

On Safer Internet Day, Internet Matters will be hosting a Q&A session on Instagram and Facebook. You can send them your questions and then an expert will answer them throughout the day. You can find out more here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/safer-internet-day/>

Let's Chat

The NSPCC provide fantastic advice on how to start conversations about Online Safety with your child, including how to tackle difficult conversations. You can find out more here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Join an online safety webinar

For Safer Internet Day 2023, Webwise will be hosting two online safety webinars in February – supporting young children online and supporting teens online.

<https://www.webwise.ie/trending/talklistenlearn-parent-events/>

UKSIC join LFC

Learn about what happened when UKSIC joined up with Liverpool FC. You can also watch a video stream at 10am on SID.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/uksic-join-liverpool-fc-in-preparation-for-safer-internet-day>

Create a Family Agreement

LGFL have created a Digital Family agreement to help you set ground rules such as how much time your child can spend on devices. Find out more here:

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/digital-family-agreement>

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