

St Joseph's Newsletter

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Football

The footballers have had a magnificent two weeks of competitions. The Year 5 and 6 team battled their way into the semi-finals of the Bill Hayhurst Cup with an 8-0 win over Light Oaks.

Yesterday, the Year 6 children took part in a football tournament with Primrose Hill and came away with a 3-0 win. Well done to all the children who have

taken part and thanks to the staff, parents and carers for supporting these events.



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all of our children who celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at Salford Cathedral last Sunday. Rev Canon Michael was so impressed with how reverent and prayerful the children were throughout Mass – well done!

Congratulations to Miss Jackman and her fiancé who are getting married over the half term holiday – we wish them both a happy future together. Miss Jackman will return to school after half term as Mrs Murphy.

Thank you for all your continued support during this half term. I hope that you all enjoy the half term break.

“Prayer leads us forward in hope,”

Pope Francis



This week's scripture is from this Sunday's Gospel according to John 17:1-11

In the Gospel, Jesus raised His eyes to heaven and prayed for His disciples and for us. At a time when Jesus might have been worried or distracted by what He knew would happen to Him, prayer kept Him focussed.

Jesus demonstrates that prayer helps us to fully focus on God; to see Him clearly in all His glory. Jesus prayed for His disciples and for us – those who will continue to spread His joy, hope, peace and love!

The children continue to explore different ways of praying with daily opportunities to strengthen their friendship with God.

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week

Nursery

This week nursery have learnt all about Pentecost. We have read the story from the Bible and discussed how we would feel if we were the disciples that day. We also acted the story out being the disciples and the Holy Spirit.



Reception

Reception have been learning about the feast of Pentecost this week. We read from the Bible and acted out the story. The children put themselves in the places of the disciples and thought about how they would feel before the Holy Spirit came and after they received the Holy Spirit.



Congratulations to St. Paul Winners of this week's house points award



Year 1

Year 1 have had an amazing end to the half term. We have really enjoyed cricket and orienteering in PE and we have had the perfect weather for outdoor activities. In English we have been reading the Bog Baby and this week we created our own Bog Babies using blue playdoh, pipe cleaners and felt. Our classroom was soon overrun by these fantastic creatures. We enjoyed learning about North, South, East and West by playing some games to find these compass points. We have been working really



hard on our phonics all week and have been playing some fun phonics games in the sun. Music was so much fun this week, we have been learning lots of new songs!

Year 2

Year 2 have had a great week and have enjoyed completing our Geography topic of Africa. This week we have been looking at similarities and differences between our lives here in the UK and compared it with life of a child in Kenya. In Science we have been looking at the human body and how we can stay healthy. We have been finding out how exercise affects our bodies and different food groups. In maths we have had fun with measurement this week and have been measuring our playground using metre sticks and tape measures.

Year 3

It has been a busy week for Y3. In maths lessons the children have been learning about time, including months, years and hours of the day. Our class reader 'Time Flies' has taken us all into a huge, eerie Tudor mansion where there is a strange sense of foreboding. The children imagined they were the main characters and described their feelings as they moved reluctantly, yet inquisitively, around the building. In the final PE lesson with Lancashire Cricket Foundation the children showed us how many skills they had learnt. These sessions have been a real success. In RE we have shared the Pentecost Sunday Gospel according to John 20:19-23 and considered how the disciples received the Holy Spirit, how they felt and the message it brings to us all.



Year 4

As we approach the last day of the half term, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Year 4 on all the hard work they have put in over the past few weeks. I am so proud of each and every one of them. This week we have been finishing off our decimals topic in maths and we finished with a lesson on halves and quarters as decimals. In English, we watched the film of How to Train Your Dragon to see how it differs from the book. We also wrote a set of instructions all about training dragons. All of the children have enjoyed reading this book and I can't wait for us to start reading our next class reader next half term. We finished the week with a fantastic assembly which all the children participated in. Enjoy a restful half term Year 4!

Year 5

Year 5 have had such a fun week, To kick start it off, we enjoyed our Year 5 Americas Day! We created tourism leaflets for the Natural Wonders in America, we did a maths quiz with some hidden American questions and we made and thoroughly enjoyed an all-American feast!

In our Music lesson, we had a wonderful time performing a Paul Simon classic 'The Obvious Child'. Everyone listened to each other and worked well to produce an amazing piece of music.

In our English lessons, we have been writing a letter to the Home Secretary stating our concern for the treatment of refugees in the UK today. The children used grammatical features for formal writing.

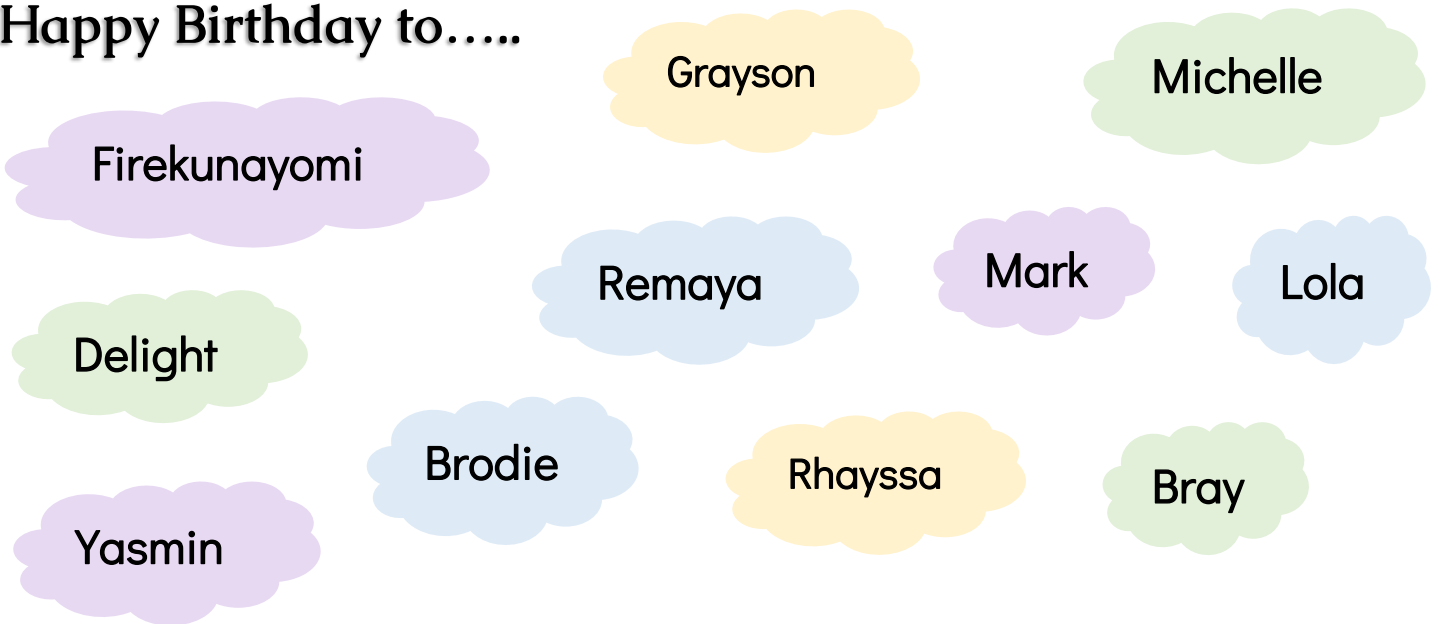
There has been lots of writing going on in year 6 this week. We have used our imagination to plan out the story of some of the characters in Wonder before we meet them in the book. Using that story, and the writing style from Wonder, we've already written two chapters!

In history we began our new topic about Ancient Maya, mapping out the area they lived and researching one of their cities, Chichen Itza.

Practise is continuing for our end of year show and this week the class auditioned for the solo roles! I'm so proud of how brave everyone was to sing in front of their classmates, the resilience they showed through the whole process and how well they supported each other.

Well done year 6!

Happy Birthday to.....



This Week's School Attendance

Nursery	90%	Reception	88.5%	Year 1	90.8%	Year 2	95.9%
Year 3	91.1%	Year 4	95%	Year 5	95.2%	Year 6	95.2%

School 92.8%

★ Work of the Week ★

				Reception	Elizabeth
Year 1	Zac	Year 2	Lochlan	Year 3	Nicholas
Year 4	Rhayssa	Year 5	Lucy	Year 6	Kelsey

Dates to Remember

Monday 12th June	9.15am –School Assembly Life Centre Transition Year 6 - Hall
Tuesday 13th June	10am –Mass in School – Year 4 Great Science Share Laudato Si – Year 2
Wednesday 14th June	Year 3 – Bringing Stories to Life Workshop – Stage Directions – all day AM - Year 5 - Watersports
Friday 16th June	9.15am –Class Assembly – Year 3
Monday 19th June	Bikeability Week – Year 5 and 6 9.15am –School Assembly Life Centre Transition Year 6 - Hall
Tuesday 20th June	10am –Mass in School – Year 3
Wednesday 21st June	AM – Year 2 Pizza Express Trip
Friday 23rd June	Learn to Ride – Year 5 and 6 Class Assembly – Year 2
Monday 26th June	9.15am –School Assembly 2.30pm – Life Centre Transition Year 6 - Hall
Tuesday 27th June	AM – EYFS Sports Day PM – KS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 28th June	AM – KS1 Sports Day PM – Young Readers Event 3 – KS2
Thursday 29th June	Year 6 Induction Days High School 10am –Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul Mass in School 11am – Transition Morning Activities
Friday 30th June	Year 6 Induction Days High School 9.15am –Class Assembly – Year 1