

St Joseph's Newsletter

14/07/2023



This week we have all have been very busy!

Football – congratulations to our football team who played in the Bill Hayhurst Cup final on Wednesday. They won 9-1. Well done to all, they showed great skill and team spirit. Thanks to the staff for their support and our parents who have cheered them on their way and supported them throughout.

Year 6 – their production of Mary Poppins was spectacular, well done to everyone who was involved. The amount of hard work was clear to see, thank you.

Leavers Mass – this was celebrated in school this morning with Canon Michael. As always, all of the children were a credit to everyone.

Calendar – please refer to this for times of events next week.

Come to me,
all you who are
**weary and
burdened,**
and I will give you
REST.

-Matthew 11:28



Our assembly on Monday focussed on the Gospel of Matthew 11:25-30, 'Come to me...and I will give you rest.' This was certainly the right time for our whole school to think about having a rest and sharing our concerns with Jesus during quiet reflection.

Happy Birthday to....

Samuel

Kayson

Taliyah

Solobie

Elian

Adriel

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week

Nursery

Nursery have had a wonderful week. They started their week off with a teddy bears picnic, where they enjoyed tasty sandwiches and bear pawprint cookies.



We were also very lucky to watch the year 6 children perform their amazing end of year show.

Reception

Reception have been learning about "Fairtrade" this week. The children have been finding out about how farmers should get a fair deal for their produce from the people who buy it from them. We have sampled lots of "Fairtrade" food like chocolate and bananas. We used some of the bananas to make some delicious banana bread. The children did it all, from the measuring to the mixing and even cracking the eggs without getting any shell in the mix.



Year 1

It has been an interesting week for Year 1. We have been very busy with English describing magical islands. In maths we have been looking at money and its value, we even got to practise using money in our own Year 1 shop! On Wednesday we got to see Year 5 and Year 6 perform Mary Poppins and we were all amazed. It was spectacular! We were all singing the songs in class for the rest of the week, they are so catchy! Year 1 couldn't stop talking about the fantastic victory that our school football team achieved when they won the football finals! Well done to everyone who played and supported them. We are all very excited for our last week in Year 1 we can't wait to have our end of year party!

This Week's School Attendance

Nursery	89.6 %	Reception	96.5 %
Year 1	94.2 %	Year 2	90.7 %
Year 3	97.3 %	Year 4	96.2 %
Year 5	95.2 %	Year 6	94.4 %
School		94.3 %	

Year 2

Year 2 have had a brilliant week this week. In maths we went outside on a shape hunt. The children had to find the properties of shape clues around the playground and write down the correct shape. In our History lessons we have continued looking at our Explorers topic and we have looked at Matthew Henson and Felicity Aston and compared the two discussing how different polar expeditions are now to how they were in the past. The children also enjoyed making rockets, ships and

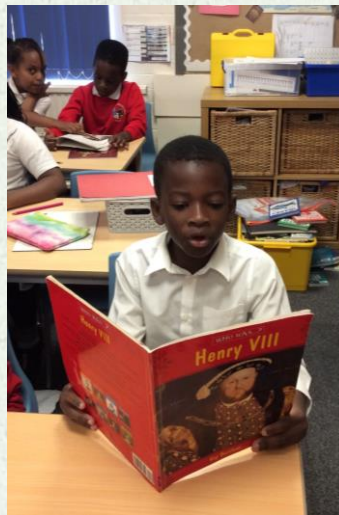


planes out of cardboard and worked as a team just like the real explorers would have.

Year 3

Year 3 have worked hard this week. In English the children have been writing a diary entry as a character who travelled back in time to the Tudor period. They expressed how it felt to be a kitchen maid, describing their life as a poor person and how they were treated by their rich master.

In maths we have been looking at statistics using tally charts and pictograms to represent data. Our Prayer and liturgy session was thought provoking, as the prayer leaders chose to share a section of Matthew's Gospel 11:25-30. If we are worried, emotionally it can feel as though we



are carrying a heavy load. Jesus said that we can give all our troubles to him. He will give us rest. We prayed that we could go out into the world and share the message of God's love with others.

Year 4

As we rapidly approach the end of the school year, the children in Year 4 have been working as part of a team. This week we had several rehearsal sessions with Sarah ready for our show next week. We hope as many of you as possible can come and see it. On Thursday, we had a hive of activity in class. The children were: completing art inspired by Lowry; coding a rocket launcher; adapting a recipe to make biscuits and designing packaging for the biscuits. We all got to taste the finished products and they were delicious. On Friday, we had our leavers' Mass and once again the children were reverent and respectful.

Year 5

We have had so much fun practising and performing alongside Year 6 in their final school play, ' Mary Poppins'. The children performed magnificently; they should be very proud of themselves.

In our English lesson, we created some fabulous, original blackout poems based on the true survival story of young Koepcke.

On Wednesday, we visited All Hallows for a transition morning. The children enjoyed trying out some lessons and meeting some of their potential future teachers!

Year 6

Year six have had such a wonderful week! Last night was our end of year performance of Mary Poppins! The children were all incredibly professional and put on such an amazing show. I am so proud of the hard work everybody put in.

This afternoon we have had a visit from the Young Readers Program who have provided us with some amazing books over the last two years. It was great to meet the people who have helped us to expand our book collections and also meet an author who helped us to write poetry to share with the school.



Dates to Remember

Monday 17th July	9.15am Assembly Ancient Greek Day – Year 5
Wednesday 19th July	Y4 production 2.30pm and 4pm
Thursday 20th July	2pm - Year 6 Leavers Assembly followed by party
Friday 21st July	School Closes at 2.30pm