

St Joseph's Newsletter

06/10/2023

Phonics and Reading workshop – thank you to all of the parents that attended.

Hope In The Future – on Tuesday Mrs Hayes and 5 of our Mini Vinnies attended this event. They met Bishop John Arnold and had a wonderful day.

Tag Rugby – children from Years 5 and 6 took part in this competition and came fourth overall. Well done.

Macmillan cake sale raised £473 Thank you.

On Thursday each class celebrated **World Poetry Day** with a selection of poems, pastries and juice.

Please remember that if you bring your child to school once the Ryall Avenue and Mayflower gates have been closed at 9am, they **MUST** be brought to the main school office in order to get their attendance mark.

actions speak
louder than
words



The Gospel on Sunday, Matthew 21: 28-32, was about two brothers whose words did not match their actions. What we do is more important than what we say we will do. How have our words and actions mirrored Jesus this week?

This Week's School Attendance

NURSERY	90.5%	YEAR 3	92.5%
RECEPTION	91.5%	YEAR 4	93.9%
YEAR 1	92%	YEAR 5	96.3%
YEAR 2	98.2%	YEAR 6	98.5%
SCHOOL		94.3%	

Work of the Week

	Reception	Kristin	
Year 1	Aarika	Year 2	Paisley
Year 3	Sarfaraz	Year 4	Joseph
Year 5	Anith	Year 6	Deri

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

Nursery have been learning the song "Five currant buns" for maths this week. We have made a bakers shop in our maths area and sang the song together. The children have made currant buns



with playdough and we have made real currant buns with cherries on top to eat. On Thursday it was national poetry day and the children enjoyed listening to some poetry while we ate our pastries at snack time.

Reception

Reception have been learning the importance of ourselves, and how we are created in the image of God. We learnt that we all look different, have different names, are unique in the eyes of God, yet He loves us still. We used mirrors to paint ourselves, looking at our different features, we created abstract portraits



out of creative materials, and we tried writing our names, as they are all unique.

Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic week. We planted some poppy seeds in the garden outside our classroom and can't wait for them to start to grow! In English we finished the story Beegu and wrote some wonderful postcards from Beegu. We have been looking at 2D shapes in maths and have been sorting them into groups. In Science we have been learning about the human body and how our eyes work. We created some amazing artwork using primary colours to make collages and mixed primary colours to make different tints.

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



Year 2

Year 2 have really got stuck into our new story this week. We have been looking at 'Greta and the Giants' and so far have been looking at how the characters feel about the giants ruining their forest and have been orally retelling the story to help us with our writing. In geography we have been looking at the 7 continents and have enjoyed looking at different landmarks across the world. In our science lessons the children have been exploring our playground and deciding why certain materials are suitable for different purposes.

Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been investigating light and shadows in their science lessons, using torches. The children have worked hard to establish which materials create the strongest shadows as well as discovering that when their light source is further away from the object, the stronger and smaller



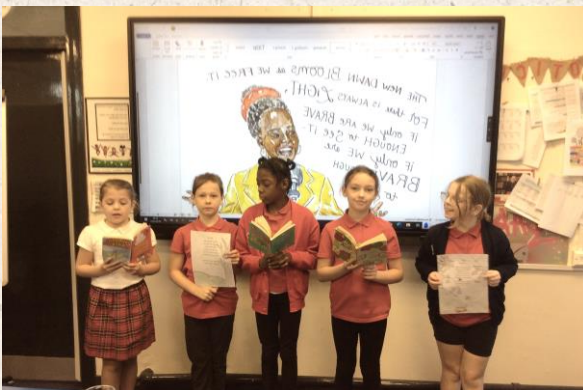
the shadow appears! The children have also explored right angles in shapes and found that we have many right angles in our classroom.

Year 4

The children in Year 4 have been working hard again this week. In English, we have been exploring one of the characters from our class reader and the children worked together to give him a back story of how he came to be the fire-fiend. We have also been celebrating National Poetry Day. We explored the theme of refuge and wrote lovely collom lunes. In maths, we have been rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. Some children have found it tricky, however, they have shown resilience and with some help, they faced the challenges head on. Well done Year 4!

Year 5

Year Five have shown real enthusiasm this week. On 'National Poetry Day' they fully embraced their passion for poetry by learning, reciting and sharing wonderful poems. In maths lessons the children have been confidently adding numbers with four or more digits. Exploring Anglo- Saxon Britain involved researching and recording interesting facts using books and the internet. The children worked together; teamwork made a challenging task successful and great fun. In this the month of the Holy Rosary the prayer leaders have included the Hail Mary in our prayers each day so we can consider the Mysteries of the Rosary.



Year 6

This week, we have started to write a diary entry all about The Giant's Necklace. We started the week by creating a story map and gathering some good sentence openers and vocabulary that we can use to improve our writing. In maths, we have been learning all about factors and multiples. In geography, we looked at different types of mountains and explored how they a formed and in religion, we explored painting all about The Prodigal Son. The children had great discussions about the parable and what the painting showed us.

Happy Birthday to....

Riley

Khadija

Grace



Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Monday 9 th October	World Mental Health Day
Wednesday 11 th October	3pm – EY Maths Meeting – Classroom
Tuesday 17 th October	Breakfast and a Book – EY
Wednesday 18 th October	Breakfast and a Book – KS1 Deadline to Return Flu Forms (Reception to Year 6)
Friday 20 th October	School closes for half term break at 3.30pm
Sunday 29 th October	School Toast Orders for Year 1 to Year 6 close on ParentPay
Tuesday 31 st October	School opens for Autumn 2 half term
Monday 6 th November	Individual Photographs
Thursday 17 th November	Year 6 War Museum North Trip