

St Joseph's Newsletter

10/11/2023

Remembrance Sunday – throughout this week the children have been finding out about its significance. They have been reading and learning poetry, completing art work and reflecting on the sacrifices made.

Mass at Salford Cathedral on Sunday will be celebrated at 9.15am.

Christmas Fayre – this will be held on Friday 1st December from 3.30pm. As ever we rely on your generosity and support. During the next few weeks, we will be collecting items for this. Next Friday we are asking for bottles for the bottle tombola, please.

Attendance – our target is at least 96% for all children. Today we gave out lots of attendance certificates for children achieving this, along with a significant number who had 100% attendance during the first half term. At the end of each full term, badges will be given out. At the end of the summer term, we will be arranging a special treat for all the children who have achieved at least 96% throughout the year.

Punctuality – each week a trophy is given to the class with the best punctuality. From Monday 13th we will also be giving £15 to each class with 100% of children arriving on time. The children can decide what they would like to buy with this for their class eg. games for playtimes, or they can save the money for a bigger treat.

Thank you to all of the parents who came to share their children's work, all of the classes have been very busy!

Lest we forget.



In last Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 23:1-12, Jesus warns us to be careful when we are deciding what sort of people we want to be. We are asked not to be too proud but to help one another. What Jesus does is always filled with love for other people.

We pray for our brothers and sisters throughout the world: that together with them, we may build a better world, free from poverty and filled with love. Amen

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

Nursery have been finding out about why people wear poppies during the month of November. We have read some stories set during the First World War and looked in some information books. The children have made their own poppy pictures and badges using paint and playdough and they have made poppy collage pictures. We have learnt a song about peace and said a prayer for peace each day



Reception

Reception have been very busy learning their parts for our very first assembly! We have been talking and learning about Remembrance Day and the importance it holds. We have created lovely poppies in all shapes and sizes, using different materials, and have talked about what the poppy symbolises and why we wear them.



Year 1

Year 1 have had a really fun week. We have been looking at Remembrance Day in Religion and writing prayers for all the soldiers. We also created beautiful poppy wreaths with paint and apples! In English we have been looking at Little Red Riding Hood and have had lots of fun describing different settings and the Big Bad Wolf. At the end of the busy week we got to enjoy a moment of relaxation as we drank hot chocolate and ate marshmallows on the veranda.

Year 2

Year 2 have really enjoyed learning about The Gunpowder Plot and why we celebrate Bonfire night on the 5th of November each year. The children immersed themselves in the story and all enjoyed retelling the story through drama. In Religion this week we have been learning about Remembrance Day and why we wear poppies, following this the children created some lovely prayers for soldiers. We have also been looking at signs and symbols of baptism and how we are welcomed into the church family.

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



Happy Birthday to....

Matias

Year 3

This week in writing, Year 3 have worked hard to formulate their own arguments for a class debate! We transformed our class into a courtroom as the children worked within their teams to discuss a motion in relation to our class text, *The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark*. All week the children developed their arguments and considered counter arguments to strengthen their points. The courtroom was a success with a winning team who managed to convince our audience. Well done Year 3!



Year 4

This week In English, we have been focusing on different ways to expand noun phrases to add more detail to our writing. Additionally, we have learnt a poem by heart to commemorate all soldiers who sacrificed their lives, so



we could live in a free country. In Art, we created a piece made out of paper poppies to add to our celebration.

In Maths, we have been practising various - checking strategies and estimating. We have also learnt Roman numerals up to 100.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been working extremely hard in all subjects. In English, we have been reading *Letters from the Lighthouse* and thinking all about the characters in the book. We then moved on to look at World War 1 poetry. The children seem to really be enjoying this topic and we have had some really mature, in depth conversations all about it. I am looking forward to reading their poems next week. In our history lesson, we were looking at the reasons why World War 2 started. In Religion, we have started our topic all about vocations and the children thought about the sacrifices people make when choosing certain careers.

Year 5

Year 5 are taking part in the Lowry Creative Writing Challenge and on Monday we were delighted to meet and work with Mrs Reid who is providing innovative sessions on behalf of the Lowry Theatre. The whole class impressed us with their enthusiasm and wonderful ideas. Every morning the children use their developing maths skills to answer challenging arithmetic questions. In Maths lessons this week they have used these skills to answer word problems from real -life scenarios. As Remembrance Day approaches the children considered how to be peacemakers and wrote their own prayers for peace in the world.

Work of the Week

This Week's School Attendance

	Reception	Whole Class	
Year 1	Kyle	Year 2	Asher
Year 3	Esmee	Year 4	Natanim
Year 5	Amelia	Year 6	Ajay

NURSERY	91%	YEAR 3	88.3%
RECEPTION	91.9%	YEAR 4	97.1%
YEAR 1	93.1%	YEAR 5	96.7%
YEAR 2	97.7%	YEAR 6	98.1%
SCHOOL		94.4%	

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Thursday 16 th November	Year 6 War Museum North Trip Nasal Flu Immunisations – Reception to Year 6
Friday 17 th November	Children In Need
Monday 20 th November	Road Safety Week
Thursday 23 rd November	Year 4 MOSI Trip
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Fayre
Thursday 7 th December	Year 6 Fusilier's Museum
Tuesday 12 th December	KS1 Christmas Show
Wednesday 13 th December	EYFS Christmas Show EYFS and KS1 Christmas Party
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas dinner and jumper day
Friday 15 th December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party
Monday 18 th December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party
Wednesday 20 th December	2.30pm – School closes
Monday 8 th January	School opens for Spring 1 Half Term