

St Joseph's Newsletter

02/02/2024

Next week is Mental Health Week. On Tuesday morning at 9.15am, Rachel our Place2Be practitioner will be leading the assembly for our KS2 children. You are welcome to join us.

The children in EYFS and Years 1 and 2 will be having workshops with Rachel in their classes on Tuesday and Wednesday, you are very welcome to join them for these.

Class	Workshop date & time
Year 1	Tuesday 6 th Feb 10.15am – 10.45am
Year 2	Tuesday 6 th Feb 1.30pm – 2.00pm
Reception	Wednesday 7 th Feb 9.15am – 9.45am
Nursery	Wednesday 7 th Feb 2.45pm – 3.15pm

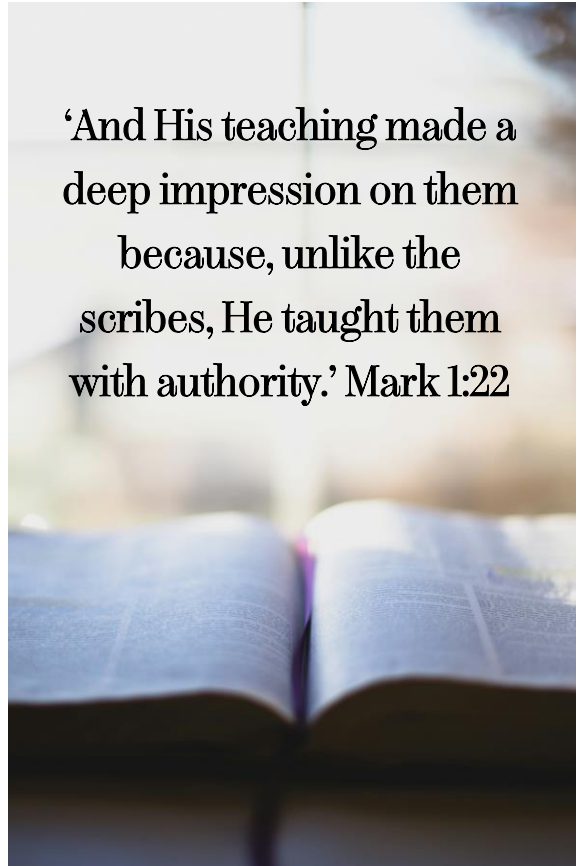
Happy Birthday to....

Jemima

Marilyn



‘And His teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, He taught them with authority.’ Mark 1:22



Jesus taught in the synagogue in Capernaum. The people thought His teaching was different, he had authority. They were impressed with Jesus and what they heard, they liked listening to Him and were open to change. How can we show that Jesus influences us? The children had lots of ideas - through our words and actions we can show a willingness to change our ways and follow Him.

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

Nursery have been learning about the church this week. We looked at some photographs of the things you find in church and listened to stories about different celebrations which take place in church. The children made their own churches using bricks, Lego and magnetic blocks.



Reception

This week Reception have been learning about constellations. We have read the stories behind the stars and had a go at making up our own stories and creating a constellation picture.



In forest school, we looked up into the sky and thought about how many stars there are at night, and we created star pictures from giant leaves.

Year 1

Year 1 really enjoyed this week. We have started a new book in English called The Naughty Bus and we can't wait to see what silly things the bus gets up to next week. In Science we have been looking at the properties of different materials and we have been sorting objects into groups too. In History we have been looking at the different types of houses that we can see every day. The highlight of the week was our trip to Graystones Action Sports which we all absolutely loved. We all tried to ride scooters down and up some ramps! We really enjoyed the freestyle gymnastics and trampolining! Everyone took part and tried all the different activities. We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped with the trip. Thank you to our parent helpers and the staff at Graystones for making the trip amazing!

This Week's School Attendance

N	91.2%	R	85.9%
Y1	94.8%	Y2	96.1%
Y3	91.6%	Y4	96.8%
Y5	98%	Y6	94.1%
School		93.6%	

Congratulations to St Bernadette



WINNERS of this week's house points award

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fun week! we enjoyed finishing our money topic off in maths by visiting the Year 2 sweet shop! The children were making different amounts and finding change. We have also been looking at properties of 3D shapes and using play dough to help us identify edges and vertices. In English we have been looking at instructions and how important it is to write a clear set of instructions to be followed.



Year 3

Year 3 have had another wonderful week of learning. In science we used lettuce leaves and food colouring to observe how water is transported through a plant. Year 3 made some great predictions using their observations in class. This morning Year 3 worked hard to deliver a lovely class assembly all about Lent and our liturgical calendar. Well done Year 3.



Year 4

This week, in English, children have been working on their final versions of their booklets about Brazil. In Maths, they have been dividing 2- and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number. They have been using partitioning, counters, place value charts in order to understand that tricky concept. In Geography, children were investigating the climate of the rainforest. They were looking at graphs and tables to find out about its monthly temperatures and rainfall. On Tuesday, Year 4 had a class mass led by Father Nathan.



Year 5

This week Y5 have been impressing us with their acting skills. They have performed scenes from Macbeth with growing expression and flair. Their creativity continued as they searched the school grounds looking closely at a variety of trees and then they wrote descriptive pieces about a magical tree, using figurative language including personification. Science has been fascinating as we explored the solar system considering the movement of Earth and other planets in relation to the sun. In RE we have been considering how listening carefully, through prayer, and following Jesus helps us to grow more like Him. We can show this through our words and actions.



This week we have been very busy in Year 6. In maths, we have finished our topic on decimals, finishing the week with some past SATs questions all about decimals. In English, we have started writing a survival guide to help if you ever get stuck on a desert island. In science, we were looking at refraction. The children are able to explain how light works and they used this knowledge to explain what refraction is. We conducted some experiments to show our understanding.

★ Work of the Week ★

Nursery	Pio	Reception	Oyin	Year 1	Dominika	Year 2	Kiara
Year 3		Year 4	Tristen Logan	Year 5	Anith	Year 6	Farris

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Monday 5th February	Children's Mental Health Week E Safety Day
Wednesday 7 th – Friday 9 th February	Year 6 Lledr Hall Trip
Monday 12 th February	Chinese New Year
Wednesday 14 th February	Start of the Lenten Season Ash Wednesday
Friday 16 th February	School closes for the Half Term Break at 3.30pm
Monday 26 th February	School opens for the Spring 2 Half Term
Thursday 29 th February	Year 6 Fusiliers Museum Trip
Thursday 14 th March	Digital Safeguarding Day
Thursday 28 th March	School Closes for the End of Spring Term at 2.30pm
Monday 8 th April	School Opens for the Summer 1 Half Term