



St. John the Baptist
Catholic Primary School

We will prepare the way by loving, living and learning with the Lord

Newsletter

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 27.09.19

Grateful

and

Generous

Harvest Mass

We will be holding our Harvest Mass on Friday, 11th October at 9.30am. Following the Mass we will be providing tea and coffee, soup and cakes for attendees, please come and join us in giving thanks for the blessings we have and offering prayers to those who are in need.



Non-Uniform Day

To celebrate the Harvest Festival, next Friday will be non-uniform day. We are asking for donations of sugar, tea, coffee, pasta, rice and items of tinned food so that our school can donate to a local homeless charity.



Pupil Voice Week Our Head Boy and Head Girl led their first assembly this week to promote 'Pupil Voice Week'. They shared the many ways that children at St John's can discuss their feelings; offer their opinions and use their voice in positive ways.

We watched a speech from Greta Thunberg, as she addressed leaders of the world about the subject of climate change, discussing her confidence, clarity, and body language.

Finally we were left with the idea that we all have a voice in this world and we should use it to be positive and if we have a strong belief or opinion, we should share it with confidence. Thank you to Maiya and Kai

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to Liam O'K in Reception,
and Kieran H
in Year 6.

we're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Ruby B	NN
Tiahnah B	Reception
Marley P	Year 1
Leon Mc	Year 2
Jessica K	Year 3
Alissia M	Year 4
Malachi G	Year 5
Summer B	Year 6

For being grateful and generous.

Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 2 with 98.7%



Well done!

Ready to learn Award

Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Nursery and Year 4.



Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Camila P-B, Oscar B and Nikolaj J.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 1st October

All day - Slip into Slippers Day (£1.00 donation)

Friday 4th October

All day - Non-uniform Day (Harvest Festival)

Tuesday 8th October

2.15pm - Race for Life

Friday 11th October

9.30am - 10.15am - Harvest Mass

Friday 25th October

2.00pm - Break up for October half term

Monday 4th November

All day - Inset Day (school closed to children)

Tuesday 5th November

8.55am - Children return to school

Friday 20th December

2.00pm - Break up for Christmas holiday

Monday 6th January

All day - Inset day (school closed to children)

Tuesday 7th January

8.55am - Children return to school

Safeguarding Support

Barnardos aims to alleviate the long-term effects of domestic violence on children through counselling and family support services. Tel: 0121 550 5271 / 6 Web: www.barnardos.org.uk

Online Safety - tip of the week!

Online safety hero says...

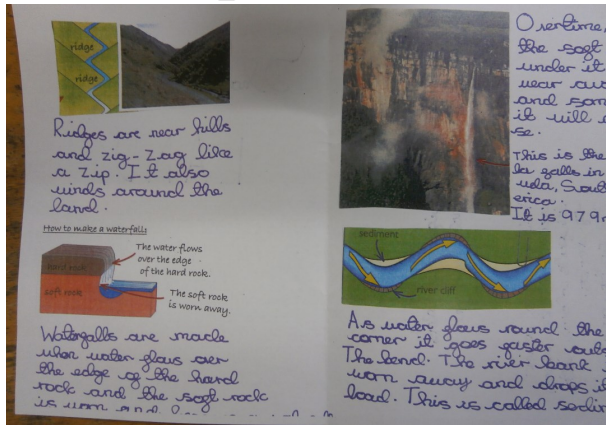


*Remember to treat others as
you would like to be treated
online. Think before you share
and before you comment.*

Be nice online.

#beinternetkind

Examples of Excellent Work



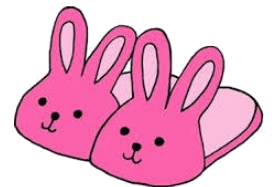
This week's excellent work is a piece of independent topic work from Ini A in Year 5.



On Tuesday, Solihull Age UK will be holding a fundraising day to coincide with the UN International Day of Older Persons.

Often older people in society are overlooked, as a school we feel that everyone should be valued and supported but particular respect should be shown to our elders. Children can come to school wearing their slippers (I'm looking forward to getting mine on too!) but should otherwise be wearing full school uniform.

Please donate at least £1.00 per family to take part. Thank you.



AGT Workshop



On Thursday morning some of our Y6 pupils were chosen to attend a Problem Solving Workshop at Windy Arbor primary school.

The pupils participated in lots of challenging activities to develop their spatial awareness and mathematical thinking.

They thoroughly enjoyed the morning and the opportunity to work with children from other local primary schools.



We are running our annual Race for Life on Tuesday 8th October where the children try to complete as many laps as they can around the field.

The event will take place at school on the field and will start at 2:15pm. Parents and carers are welcome to come along and watch. The gates will open at 2:15pm.

Please look out for the sponsor forms that will be given out soon.

Our aim is to raise as much money as possible for Cancer Research. So please try and raise as much as possible. "Together, we will beat cancer" Thank you for your support!

Welcome - New Parent Governors

We are pleased to welcome two new parent governors Avril Williams and Bethany Bryant. We know they will do an excellent job in working alongside the other governors and senior leaders of St John's to ensure your children have the best learning opportunities we can offer.

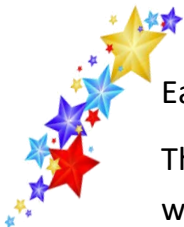
"I think that this role is highly important to everyone within the school, as it is important to make sure the parents and carers decisions are always considered and brought to the attention of the Governing Body. I know schools have a major impact on a young child's life and that it's vital to support staff, children, parents and carers to ensure each child is given the best educational experience". **Avril Williams.**

"I am looking forward to bringing a positive outlook and enthusiasm to St John's. I currently volunteer for two charities, one supporting new mothers and the other supporting vulnerable women through birth and motherhood. My experience through this work have given me transferable qualities such as commitment and most importantly, communication. As a member of the local community I am extremely passionate about the education and wellbeing of all the children of St John's". **Bethany Bryant.**

Coffee Morning

We will be organising another coffee morning soon where you will have the opportunity to meet our new governors and informally share any comments, ideas or concerns you may have.

Sports Star of the Week



Each week our Sports Captains, Camila and Pierce will choose a 'Sports Star of the Week'.

This week they have chosen Mason-Jay N from Year 4 who had an excellent week in PE where he demonstrated outstanding skills in Lacrosse. He showed good teamwork and attitude and thoroughly deserves to win the award this week.

Children's Voices - The ECO Warriors were asked why they wanted to represent the ECO Team.

Logan Y5; "I care about the environment because I don't want the world to end when I'm 25."

Alex Y5; "I care about the world, I don't want rubbish everywhere and animals getting hurt."

Billy Y4; "I wanted to be an ECO Warrior because I've got lots of ideas to help the school."

Lexi Y3; "I care about all the animals in the ocean not getting hurt."

Luke Y3; "I wanted to be an ECO Warrior because I care about the school and all the rubbish thrown on the ground and the animals getting caught in it all."

Malala Y1; "I want people to listen to me."

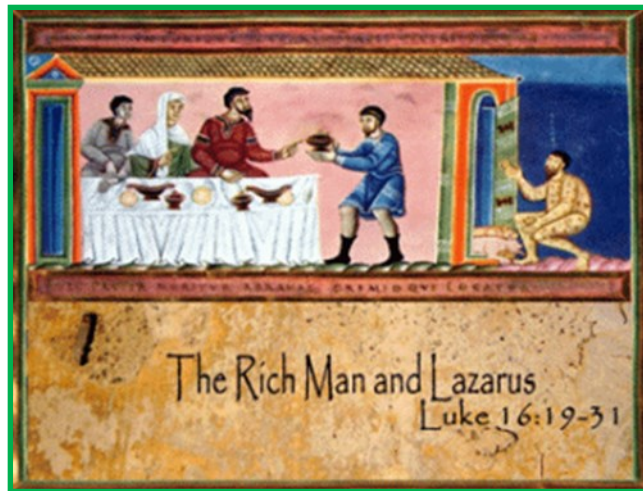
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Loving God, every one of us is special and loved by you. Help us to treat each other as we would like to be treated and to do all that we can so that everyone in the world has enough to eat.

In this Sunday's gospel we hear the story of two people - one who is rich and feasts every day on good food and one who is poor and longs for something to eat. This story helps us to learn and reflect on how we should treat one another

The rich man wore fine clothes and feasted every day on the best food he could get. He had far more than he needed.

Lazarus sat outside the rich man's gate. He was poor and he was extremely hungry. He wished more than anything that he could eat the leftovers from the rich man's table. Meanwhile, the rich man just ignored him while he carried on eating his tasty and abundant food.



God created the world with enough food for everyone. But we are not sharing fairly. Some of us have more food than we can eat, like the rich man. Some of us go to bed hungry, like Lazarus.

Every person in the world is special and loved by God. And every person in our big global family has the right to enough food for a healthy life. People might be hungry because they aren't able to grow food, or they don't have enough money to buy food. Sometimes farmers cannot afford the seeds they need. Sometimes storms or floods destroy their harvest.

Generous God, thank you for creating this world with enough food for all to share. Help us to play our part in making sure that all people can have their fair share of food to eat. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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Have a lovely weekend.

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