



**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 25.10.19

*Grateful*

*and*

*Generous*

## Year 1 Class Assembly



Yesterday our Year 1 children performed their class assembly, based on their term topic 'Get Out of My Swamp!'.

The performance looked at traditional tales such as, Beauty & the Beast, Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs, with the children putting together their own version.

The children sang their hearts out and it was heart warming to see them end the performance with a beautiful dance from the tale of Beauty & the Beast.

Parents and carers were left beaming and we were all extremely proud of them.

Well done Year 1.



## STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to Jenson-Jay N in

Nursery,

and Jamie T

in

Year 5.

we're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Esmae-Dolly H-P	NN
Archie W	Reception
Marley P	Year 1
Danyal T	Year 2
Jamie K	Year 3
Billy D	Year 4
McKenzie G	Year 5
Chloe McG	Year 6

For being grateful and generous.

### Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 1 with 98.3 %

*Well done!*

### Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Nursery and Year 6.

### Birthdays

*happy birthday !!*



Happy birthday this week to: Joseph D, Chloe McG, Peyton B and Lacey-Rai N.

We also wish a happy birthday to those children who celebrate their birthdays during half term:

Dylan R, Liam O'K and Owen H.



## Dates for your Diary

### Monday 4th November

All day - Inset Day (school closed to children)

### Tuesday 5th November

8.55am - Children return to school

9.30-12.00 - Cycling for Fun (Y3 & Y4)

### Tuesday 19th November

11.00am - Nursery Workshop

### Monday 2nd December

All day - Early Years' visit to Hatton Adventure Park

### Monday 16th December

All day - Year 1 visit to Drayton Manor

### Thursday 19th December

All day - Year 2 visit to Birmingham Old Rep Theatre

### 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

### Friday 14th February

2.00pm - Break up for half term

### Monday 24th February

8.55am - children return to school

## Safeguarding Support

Thinkuknow is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline. Click on the below link for further information and advice.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

## Online Safety - tip of the week!

Online safety hero says...



*Spending too much time in front of screen can be bad for you.*

- *Set screen time limits.*
- *Set an example to your children by having screen free time.*
- *Get outside and enjoy the fresh air!*

*#screentime*



On Wednesday the children and staff took part in our annual Race for Life. The school came together to raise money for Cancer Research by running as many laps as they could around the field. The event was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to all the parents/carers who came to support and share this special occasion with us.

Please raise as much money as you can. 1 in 3 people are affected by cancer. Cancer Research depends on events such as this so they can continue their amazing work on fighting cancer.

Thank you for your support!



## Year 5 Visit to Hams Hall



Year 5 were pond dipping yesterday at Hams Hall. They also had time to study features of the River Tame. They had a great time despite the rain!

## Sports Star of the Week

This week's Sports Star of the Week is Olivia A in Year 4 for always being a superstar!

## Behaviour Grade Letters

You will receive your child's first Behaviour Grade letter of the year today. Please take time to celebrate the things that they are doing well but also encourage them to set their own targets for the next half term. Ask what else do they need to do to be able to achieve gold?

You can find our 'Key for Behaviour, Effort and Attitude to Learning Over Time' on our website, if you would like to refer to it. (Go to: School Information - Policies and Documents - Behaviour Policy (Appendix 6) Your child's current attendance is also recorded on their letter.

Please reflect if that percentage has dropped below 96% as we would already consider anything below that to be a cause for concern.

# Excellent Work

At the beginning of time, before the earth was created, there was nothing but chaos and darkness. Through the swirling chaos, there were sparks, each holding its own music. These sound and music came from the goddess of music and creation. She was feeling creative and so she could play any instrument that she wanted to. She was feeling creative and so she wanted to create something in her mind and picked up an instrument and started playing.

First, she got a beautiful, brilliant violin. She played it and as she did, waves of the sea formed and upon she played over more the the waves crashed together fearfully and powerfully, but she thought it wasn't enough for her. The waves covered bits of dry land.

skillfully, the goddess played a calming, upbeat saxophone. She played it, gently and as she did she scattered out slugs, clouds into the bright, shining sky. As she thought she said to herself, "I need more and more instruments to make more things filled with vibrant. She had a tear in her eye. She was so joy-filled she grabbed her next instrument.

Next, she picked up an amazing trumpet. As she played the jazzy trumpet, she pushed

satisfying, stunning rain into the clouds. As it poured down, she thought she needed something to snare and make people jump. She thought and thought, then she collected the part instrument and started dancing on her musical masterpiece.

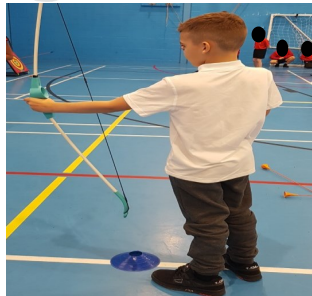
The next instrument would scare all the animals on earth. The goddess grabbed some thunder symbols and started banging and banging. As she did, the clouds grew grey and rained to the sound of the symbols in the soggy, misty skies. It made her feel emotional, she loved the sound of fear and fright.

The goddess wanted something to tingle her senses and tingle her toes. She realized she had a guitar that could create anything that's possible. She started playing a peaceful, tender guitar and amazing stars popped up on the lovely, glowing ground. She wanted to add more to her great world, she continued playing the guitar and as she did more grass was created and tall, marvelous trees were pushed up and sweet smelling, gorgeous, lovely flowers were made.

As she thought about the wonderful sky, she thought she needed to brighten up the universe. It was very dark like her hair. She picked up a xylophone. As she played it loudly and gleefully, a bright, glowing star would appear in the dark, mysterious space. She played and played and a different, unique star was popped up into the heavens and each of these stars became the humans that rule the world as planet earth today.

This week's excellent work comes from Tianna - Year 4.

## Archery



On Thursday afternoon, some children from KS2 took part in an archery event held at John Henry Newman College.

They competed against other local schools and showed excellent sportsmanship and teamwork.

Well done to all of the children.

## Sheldon Fire Station - Year 4 Visit

Year 4 had a visit from West Midlands Fire Service on Tuesday. The programme they delivered concentrated on fire and road safety.

The children watched a short film showing how quickly fire spreads, and then they learned about:

- Smoke detectors
- Escape plans
- Emergency calls
- Fire hazards
- Stop, drop and roll
- Pedestrian safety
- In-car safety







# Safety Advice - West Midlands Police

Dear Parents and Guardians,

During Halloween and Bonfire Night we want people to have fun and enjoy themselves but to do so in a safe manner and within the law. Please find below some advice and safety reminders.

## Halloween



- If children are going out unaccompanied ensure they wear reflective clothing and carry a torch
- Make sure young children are always accompanied by an adult
- Don't go into strangers houses
- Respect people who don't open their door or display a 'no trick or treaters' sign
- Make sure tricks do not damage anyone's property
- Have fun and enjoy yourself

## Bonfire Night



- Only buy fireworks from a legitimate retailer.
- Check the fireworks you buy are suitable for the size of garden and conform to British Standard (BS 7114).
- Always store fireworks in a metal box, kept closed between use - never put fireworks in your pocket!
- Never hold a lit firework.
- Always wear gloves when holding a sparkler.
- Don't set off fireworks in the street or busy places - you could seriously hurt yourself or somebody else.

Yours faithfully

Your Local Solihull Policing Team

If you would like to download a copy of this card please use this link



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*Our fabulous tweets continue!!! Have a look at some of our most recent tweets! Please don't forget to join our tweeting community by tweeting us @SJBsolihull*



**St John the Baptist** @SJBsolihull · 18h

Year 1 really enjoyed performing their class assembly for all of their friends and family. They acted out 'The Three Little Pigs with a Twist' and danced away the morning away as princes and princesses. It was a truly magical morning and we are so proud of them!



**St John the Baptist** @SJBsolihull · 11h

Well done to all who completed Race for Life today to raise money for @CR\_UK. Working together to help each other, just as Jesus taught us.



**St John the Baptist** @SJBsolihull · 11h

Today Year 2 used our bodies to make a rhythm for our shared prayers. @TenTenResources



**St John the Baptist** @SJBsolihull · 35m

Early years had Autumn collection bags to take home, they enjoyed sharing what they had found. The children found so many wonderful treasures, thank you to our families for helping them 😊



**St John the Baptist** @SJBsolihull · 38m

Nursery enjoyed being Autumn animals in PE. They climbed a ladder like a squirrel, crawled through leaves like a hedgehog and flew like an owl. We had lots of fun!



**St John the Baptist** @SJBsolihull · 12h

Thank you to @SheldonFire for visiting Year 4 today. The children really enjoyed their Sparks session.



## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Merciful God, you know us through and through, and you forgive us when we have done wrong. Help us to know when we have made a mistake and to come to you with them in prayer each day*

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus tells us a story about a Pharisee and a Tax Collector which teaches us how to pray and have a good heart.

The Pharisee went to the temple to pray, feeling full of pride. He thought that he was brilliant, that he'd done everything right and that God must love him very much.

Then a tax collector came to pray. He was feeling humble and ashamed. He knew he had done wrong and he asked God for forgiveness.

Jesus wanted the Pharisees (religious leaders) and us, to understand that the things we say when we pray are not as important as what is in our hearts, what we're thinking and feeling deep down.

The Pharisees thought that the way to enter God's kingdom was by keeping a lot of rules and making new rules. They thought that people who didn't keep their rules were bad and unacceptable to God.



The two men behaved very differently in the temple that day. The Pharisee was proud and thought he was better than other people. The tax collector knew that he was no better than anyone else and that only God could give him the forgiveness and mercy he needed.

The Pharisee judged the tax collector. He thought that the tax collector wasn't as good as he was. But we are all equal in the eyes of God, who loves us all.

No matter who we are, where we come from, the colour of our skin, whether we are rich or poor, tall or short, we are special in God's eyes. God loves us all very much.

This week try not to judge others just because they are different to you. Try to treat all people you meet with kindness and respect.

*All-powerful God, help us to know when we are being proud or when we have forgotten to be forgiving towards others. Help us to do what is pleasing to you. Amen.*

*Wishing you all a safe and happy half term.*

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