



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 29.11.19

Attentive

and

Discerning

Liturgy Leaders at the Jericho Wood Shack



What did we do?

Over the last two weeks, we went to the Jericho Wood Shack in Sutton Coldfield. We were tasked with making bespoke crosses for each class to use within prayer services and on their prayer focus.

We used cordless drills and screwdrivers to drill in nails to secure the crosses. We had to make sure that the legs were the same size and looked at all the different skills that you need to have to build things.



Why did we do it?

We did it because we love Jesus and they would represent that. *(Caitlin)*

We did this so a symbol of Jesus can be around us when we pray or do our work in class. *(Maiya)*

Our thoughts about our visits to the Jericho Wood Shack...

I think it was really interesting to see all of the things that they made out of wood. *(Ini)*

I was really excited to be involved in it because I thought it as a really nice idea. *(Caitlin)*

I enjoyed the trips because I like being creative and working hard on something I can show off. *(Maiya)*

I enjoyed doing some woodwork. *(Alex)*



Find out more about the Jericho Wood Shack on the link below.

<https://jericho.org.uk/wood-recycling/>

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to Scarlett H in

Reception

and Ellisiya H

in

Year 5

we're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Lilly-Mae M	NN
Liam O'K	Reception
Harvey E	Year 1
Bella B-R	Year 2
Joel O'K	Year 3
Grace D	Year 4
Quinton B-R	Year 5
Litzy D	Year 6

For being attentive and discerning.

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 Year 6.



Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Maigan B, Ethan W, Issac A and Cassidy G.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd December

All day - Early Years' visit to Hatton Adventure Park

Wednesday 4th December

1.30pm - 3.15pm - Jack & the Beanstalk Pantomime (whole school)

Thursday 5th December

1.00pm - Year 2 Journey to the Stable

Friday 6th December

All day - Non uniform (donate bottles for Christmas Fayre)

9.30am - Whole School Mass - Advent

Sunday 8th December

11.30am - Mass of Commitment (parents/carers of confirmation children)

Tuesday 10th December

9.30am - NN & Reception Christmas Performance

Wednesday 11th December

12.00pm - Christmas Lunch

Thursday 12th December

All day - Non uniform (donate cakes for Christmas Fayre)

9.20am - KS1 Christmas Performance

3.15pm - Christmas Fayre

Monday 16th December

All day - Year 1 visit to Drayton Manor

Tuesday 17th December

5pm - KS2 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 18th December

9.30am - NN & Reception Christmas Party

Thursday 19th December

All day - Year 2 visit to Birmingham Old Rep Theatre

1.30pm - KS2 Christmas Party

Friday 20th December

All day - Christmas Jumper Day

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

Children's Voices - Eco Meeting

Samuel O - "being eco friendly is like saving the world we live in, because we will be preserving, protecting and nurturing our environment".

Eco Committee Meeting



Some of the Eco Committee met up this week to discuss what we have achieved and what are our next steps towards achieving the Green Flag Award. We have been testing and reviewing the natural products from www.mothersearthltd.co.uk. You can read some of our reviews on our Eco board. If you would like to purchase the 100% natural material toothbrushes at £1.25, please see Mrs Patterson or one of the Eco Team as we can collect them free of charge.

Please remember there is an Eco comments and suggestion box

near the photo copier for students. We would really like to hear their thoughts and suggestions.

Mrs Rolls and Mrs Wood had some really good ideas for the very near future, so watch this space.



Online Safety - tip of the week!

Online safety hero says...



Check the age ratings of online games, they have an age rating for a reason!

Adults—play the games before your child so you can check if it is suitable.

#onlinegaming



Skills Builder Visit



A group of children from Year

5 had a fantastic visit to Gowling WLG solicitors in Birmingham city centre as part of our Enabling Enterprise work. We went on a tour of the offices and were very impressed with how big they were and how much space they had to work in.

We then worked in teams on a case to prove whether someone was innocent or guilty of a crime. Mrs Dixon and Mrs Blundell were very proud of how well the children worked together and their behaviour.

Reminder - Early Years' Christmas Trip

On Monday early years' children will be attending Hatton Adventure World. Please ensure that your child arrives to school by 8.45am prompt, all nursery children will need a packed lunch and drink. All packed lunches sent into school MUST be sent in a plastic bag marked clearly with your child's name. Children do not need to wear their school uniform but will need suitable outdoor clothing including outdoor footwear, e.g. wellington boots, strong shoes etc. and where possible, bring a spare pair of clean footwear in a plastic bag to change into before leaving the farm.

SJB Sport

On Tuesday we had a football match against Marston Green. The team was made up of many boys who have not played in the team before and it was great to see their excellent efforts and attitudes. Although the boys didn't win they were a credit to themselves and the school. Well done.

Sports Star of the Week

This week's Sports Star of the Week is Halina B in Year 2 for demonstrating fantastic team work.





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

National Online Safety @natonlineafety · 17h
Online Do's & Don'ts
This #WakeUpWednesday we advise children on how to keep safe in the online world; from protecting their personal info to dealing with strangers, here are our 14 tips. Download your free guide here >> bit.ly/2XQERfc



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 53m
Some of the Eco Committee met up this week and discussed what we have been participating in. We also came up with some very exciting ideas and suggestions for the very near future. Well Eco Team!



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 19h
Year 1 have enjoyed creating Andy Goldsworthy inspired artwork this week using natural materials from our Autumn playground. They did an amazing job!



Andy Goldsworthy Art



Year 1 Andy Goldsworthy Inspired Art

St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 49m
Nursery were very busy today making nests for the baby owls, feeding the owls worms and making their own owls out of playdough. What a busy day!



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 49m
Back in class Early Years talked about where they found the baby owls. Nursery marked on a map where the baby owls were found and Reception drew their own maps and added crosses where the owls were found.



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 52m
Early years found all of Mummy Owl's babies in the outdoor area. Well done Early Years you made Mummy Owl very happy.



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 44m
Early Years had a visitor today. Mummy Owl had arrived and left a note as she had lost her babies.



First Sunday of Advent

Loving God, you sent your Son Jesus into the world to show us how to live. Help us to be ready when he comes. Help us to make all visitors feel welcome and cared for.

This weekend sees the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a special time when we get ready for the coming of Jesus. The gospel story is telling us that we must be ready when Jesus comes again, but that we cannot be exactly sure when that will be, so we must try to be ready all the time.



Jesus asks to be ready when he comes again. How do you think we can get ready to welcome Jesus in our lives?

Is it just about buying presents and putting up Christmas trees?

Are there other things we need to do? (e.g. sharing with others, being kind, helping other people).

What will you do this week to make sure you are ready when Jesus comes?

Generous God, we give thanks for all those people who have visited us, or whom we have visited. Help us always to welcome the people we meet in life, no matter who they are or where they come from.

Amen.



Have a lovely weekend.

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