



St. John the Baptist
Catholic Primary School

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



"I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me as you have said" Luke 1:38

Newsletter

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 28.02.20

Faith-filled

and

Hopeful



This week we were joined by members of the NSPCC, who came in to hold interactive workshops and assemblies on their 'Speak out. Stay safe' programme.

With the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy, they covered topics like bullying and abuse, without using scary words. Children learnt how to get

help if or when they need it. They also learnt to identify a trusted adult they can talk to if they're ever worried about themselves or a friend. And they learnt about Childline and how it can support them.

Children in Year 5 and 6 explored the topics in more detail using engaging exercises to look at different situations and decide what's OK and what's not OK. The children were all very mature throughout the workshops and assemblies and said learning about how to get help and support if needed has helped them feel safer.

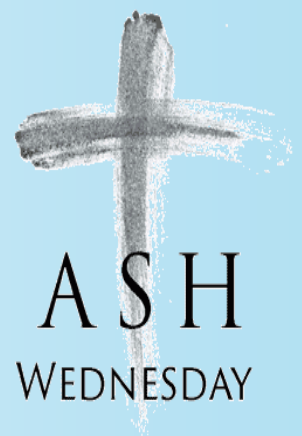


*The
Season
of
Lent*



This Wednesday we celebrated Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent with a whole school Mass. Lent is a season of prayer, penance and fasting in preparation for Easter. During the Mass staff and children had their foreheads marked with ash, symbolising penance and the dust from which God made people.

We have also reflected on the strength God gave Jesus in the desert and the hope that we can all have the strength to do what is right and to stand up for what we believe in, even when we are tempted by others or by what we see around us to do wrong.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to
Rui Jie Jerry W in
Nursery, Miley M-D in Year 1
and
Jack C in Year 4
We're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Ashton B	NN
Tiahnah B	Reception
Nikolaj J	Year 1
Emilia K-D & Jasmine N	Year 2
Harley H	Year 3
Khianna D	Year 4
Kye S	Year 6

For being faith-filled and hopeful.

Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Nursery with 97.3%

Well done!

Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Nursery.

Birthdays



Happy birthday this week to: Jack C, Quinten G and Lilly-Mae M.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 5th March

All day - World Book Day

Thursday 12th March

3.30pm - 6.00pm - Parents' Evening

Friday 3rd April

2.00pm - Break up for Easter Holiday

Monday 20th April

8.55am - Children return to school

Friday 8th May

All day - May Bank Holiday (school closed)

Friday 22nd May

2.00pm - Break up for Half Term

Monday 1st June

All day - Inset Day (school closed to children)

Tuesday 2nd June

8.55am - Children return to school

Online Safety - tip of the week!

Online safety hero says...



There are lots of choices to make online, is the game suitable for my age? Should I download this? Should I talk to strangers? Remember to make choices that are respectful and safe and if you are unsure, ask a trusted adult.

#makeagoodchoice

#staysafe



This week we received a letter from Race for Life, thanking us for our contribution. Just from schools alone holding their own Race for Life events has generated an extra £1.3million for Cancer Research, which is a staggering amount and will help to support vital life-saving research. Thank you to everyone who participated in the event.

Sports Star of the Week

This week's Sports Star of the Week is Alfie H in Year 6 for demonstrating school values throughout PE.



Mother of God and Guardian Angels Parish

Invite you to our

CAFOD
Just one world

Free Lenten Lunch

Friday 6 March 2020

12 – 2pm

Guardian Angels Parish (GAP) Room

A fabulous
selection of
delicious home
made soups with
freshly baked
soda bread

On
the
menu



Fruit crumble



Guardian Angels
famous cheese and
potato pie



Homemade jams and marmalade to take away

Donations to CAFOD Family Fast Day



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



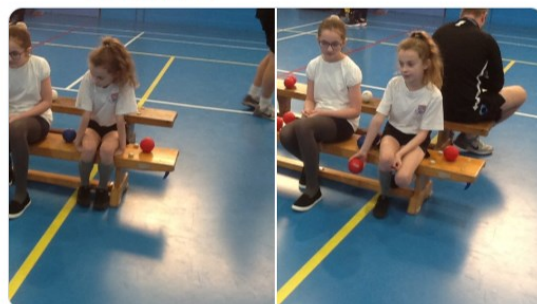
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Yesterday, Year 3 created a Lenten decoration for the class cross.



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Last night two girls from Year 6 competed in a Bocchia competition. They both showed respect and determination and scored highly, well done to them both. @energise_sports



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Year 1 have enjoyed creating digital images of their favourite story characters in Computing lessons this week! #Nationalfairytaleday #Happyeverafter



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YS have created coding for their own patterns using Scratch.



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Nursery have been making and flipping pancakes using playdough on Shrove Tuesday 🥞



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Early Years have enjoyed eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.



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Nursery measured their shoes using cubes. The big boots do not belong to anyone in Nursery!

We still do not know who they belong to??? It is a mystery!



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Who has been in Early Years?



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Year 1 enjoyed retelling a story to Reception class today as they shared 'Winnie the Witch' which was all about Winnie and her troublesome cat Wilbur. They loved spending time with their friends on Valentines day! Happy Valentines day!



First Sunday of Lent

God of love, you gave your son Jesus strength in the desert. May we also have the strength to do what is right and to stand up for what we believe in, even when we are tempted by others or by what we see around us to do wrong.

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear about how Jesus spent 40 days in the desert. At the end of this time when he was tired and hungry, he was tempted with offers of bread and power.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the Devil. After spending forty days and nights without food, Jesus was hungry. Then the Devil came to him and said, "If you are God's Son, order these stones to turn into bread." But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, 'Human beings cannot live on bread alone, but need every word that God speaks.'"

Then the Devil took Jesus to Jerusalem, the Holy City, set him on the highest point of the Temple, and said to him, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down, for the scripture says,

'God will give orders to his angels about you; they will hold you up with their hands, so that not even your feet will be hurt on the stones.'"

Jesus answered, "But the scripture also says, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Then the Devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in all their greatness. "All this I will give you," the Devil said, "if you kneel down and worship me."

Then Jesus answered, "Go away, Satan! The scripture says, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!'"

Then the Devil left Jesus; and angels came and helped him.



Jesus had to make some choices. First he had the choice to either rely on God or turn stones into bread. Even though he was very hungry, Jesus chose to trust in God. He was also offered all the kingdoms of the world if he turned away from God. It must have been very tempting to choose all the riches of all the kingdoms and to have power over them. But Jesus chose to worship God.

We can make really good choices, like Jesus did. We can choose to give something up or do good deeds in Lent to remind ourselves of Jesus in the desert. It can also remind us of people around the world who are hungry or do not have what they need.

Christ Jesus, help us to take only what we need and to make good choices, so that we can all share God's world more fairly. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.

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