



**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:

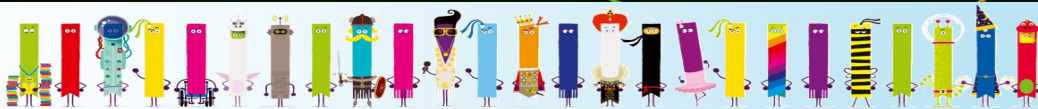
Friday 06.03.20

*Faith-filled*

*and*

*Hopeful*

## WORLD BOOK DAY!



Well done to everyone who created a story box based on their reading. There really have been some wonderful boxes showing just how much children have enjoyed their books. We will display these in school and present prizes in our Friday assembly. A great effort.

There is some highly EXTREME reading going on too. Children have been reading in amazing places: a wind tunnel; in a shopping basket; a wheelbarrow; on a car roof; the London Eye; on an aeroplane and many more.

Well done!



### Story in a Box - Winners



Nursery - Ellis S 'Row, row, row your boat'

Reception - Evelyn H 'Barry the Fish with Fingers'

Year 1 - Oscar W 'No-Bot-The Robot with No Bottom'

Year 2 - Olly K 'Ouch!'

Year 3 - Jamie K 'A Tropical Journey'

Year 4 - Lilly S-L 'Georgie's Marvellous Medicine'

Year 5 - Frankie J 'Rapunzel'

Year 6 - Alishea I 'The Jam Doughnut that Ruined My Life'

## STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to

Ellis S in

Nursery

and

Max R in Year 6,

We're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Shay M-W

NN

Scarlett H

Reception

Annaleigh H

Year 1

Hareem T

Year 3

Joseph D

Year 4

All Year 6

Year 6

For being faith-filled and hopeful.

### Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was 5 with 97.1%

*Well done!*

### Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Year 2 and Year 4.

### Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday this week to: Harvey-James M, Jack B and Alfie H.

## Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 12th March**

3.30pm - 6.00pm - Parents' Evening

**Monday 30th March**

All day - Inset Day (school closed to children)

**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...*



*Do you know the rules of how to behave and stay safe on the games, apps or websites you use? Ask an adult to help you find out how to block or report other users and how to play games with people you know in the real world rather than strangers.*

*#playwithfriends*

*#staysafe*

*#knowtherules*



## Sports Star of the Week



This week's Sports Star of the Week is Tianna C in Year 4 for demonstrating fantastic effort in PE.



## The importance of hygiene

On the 4th March the Department of Health and Social Care launched a public information campaign that focuses on the importance of handwashing. Washing hands for 20 seconds is central to prevent and slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). Please follow the link below for further guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-information-campaign-focuses-on-handwashing>

## Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

On Monday we launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

## NSPCC - Sponsorship Money

Please can we remind you to send in any sponsorship money you have raised for the NSPCC into school by Thursday 12th March please. The children have been enjoying doing the sponsored circuits with Coach Steve this week, aiming to burn off 200,000 calories as a school.

## Year 4 Workshop

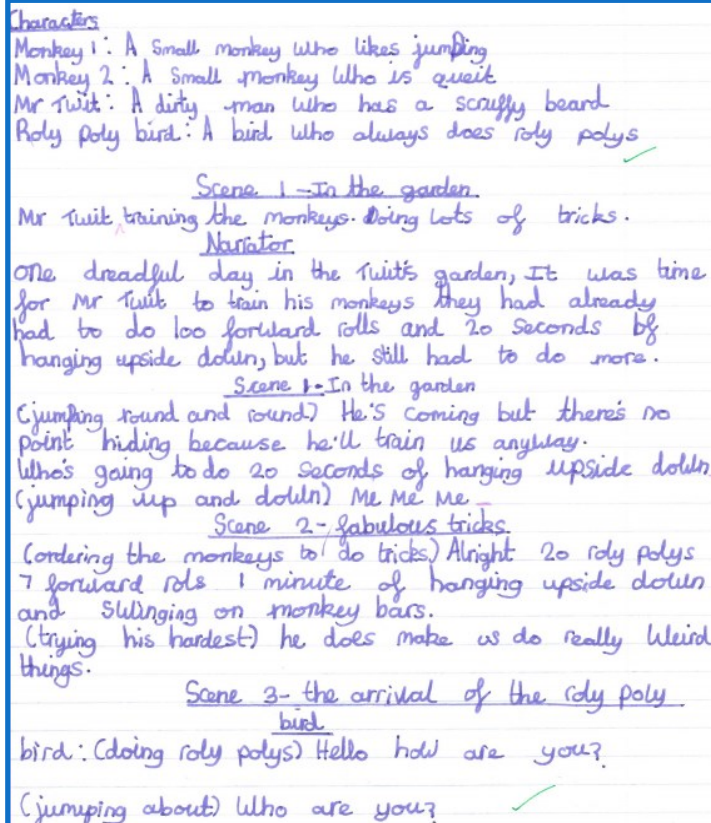


On Tuesday morning, some of our talented Y4 pupils attended a 'Writers at Work' event at Shirestone Academy.

Our pupils used their imagination to compose and create superb fictional writing. The children also thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to work with pupils from other local primary schools.



# Excellent Work



This week's excellent work comes from Amelia E in Year 3. Amelia wrote a play script including detailed stage directions. Well done Amelia.

# Lenten Fundraising



Our Lenten fundraising starts next week, please see below for dates and fundraising activities.

St David's - PJ Day Friday 13th March

St Patrick's - Crazy hair day Tuesday 17th March

St Andrew's - Cake sale Friday 27th March

St George's - Easter Egg raffle Friday 3rd April

# SJB Sports



On Thursday Year 1 children took part in a competitive athletics tournament at North Solihull Sports Centre. The events included, running, jumping, throwing and balancing.

The children really enjoyed the tournament and put their all into each event, well done Year 1. Thank you to all the parents who came to show their support.



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



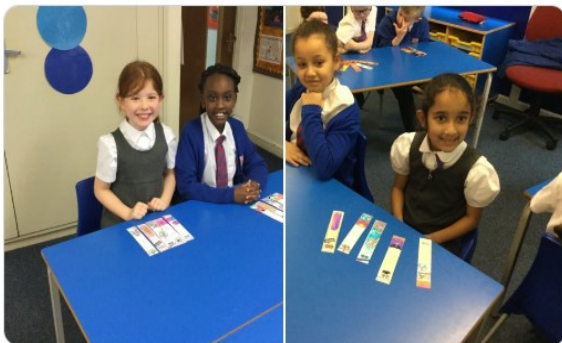
St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 15h

Y5 have used Godly Play to retell the Parable of The Sower. Here we see the seed planted too close to the thorns.



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 17h

Today, to celebrate World Book Day, year 3 have been designing their own book covers for their favourite books and creating book marks. @WorldBookDayUK



National Online Safety @natonlinesafety · Mar 4

FULL STEAM AHEAD 🎮 This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide provides parents & carers with #onlinesafety tips for 'Steam'; the world's largest video game digital distribution service with a library of over 30,000 titles and around 90m monthly users. Download > [bit.ly/2PNKh85](https://bit.ly/2PNKh85)



Childnet @childnet · 23h

Ever wondered what young people are doing on Roblox? Do you know how to add a PIN to an account? Or where to go for further support? Our partners @SWGfL\_Official and @Roblox have been working together to produce these FREE checklists [bit.ly/2PnD8em](https://bit.ly/2PnD8em)



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Year 3 really enjoyed learning all about the 7 stage mummification ritual used by the Ancient Egyptians with Miss Kelly this week. They even got to start the mummification process on some unfortunate tomatoes! It was messy but so much fun!



## **Second Sunday of Lent – The Transfiguration**

*God of light and power, you sent your Son Jesus to show us how to live our lives. Help us to recognise him in all people that we meet and to take action so that the lives of all people may change for the better.*

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear about something very special that happened to Jesus while he was on a mountain with three of his friends. His appearance changed as his face and clothes shone like the sun.

This also changed the lives of his friends as they realised that Jesus was the Son of God.

**Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

*Six days later Jesus took with him, Peter and the brothers James and John and led them up a high mountain where they were alone. As they looked on, a change came over Jesus: his face was shining like the sun, and his clothes were dazzling white. Then the three disciples saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus. So Peter spoke up and said to Jesus, "Lord, how good it is that we are here! If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."*

*While he was talking, a shining cloud came over them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased—listen to him!"*

*When the disciples heard the voice, they were so terrified that they threw themselves face downwards on the ground. Jesus came to them and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid!" So they looked up and saw no one there but Jesus.*

*As they came down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Don't tell anyone about this vision you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from death."*



The disciples were very afraid but Jesus re-assured them not to be and eventually everything looked normal again, however the disciples' lives were changed by what happened on the mountain. They now knew just how special Jesus really was – that he was God's Son. Our lives are changed by Jesus too as He lives in all of us. Jesus shows us how we should live our lives. He asks us to always try to do what is right, to stand up for what we believe in and to help other people.

*God of love, help us to be like your Son, and make a real difference to the lives of our global family. Amen.*

*Have a lovely weekend.*

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