



St. John the Baptist
Catholic Primary School

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



"The word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us"
John 1:14

Newsletter

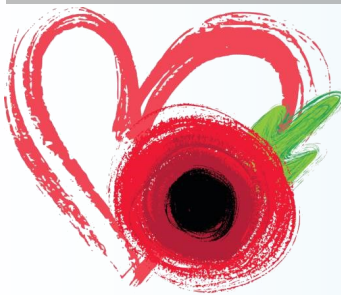
This half term's virtues are:

Friday 13.11.20

Intentional

and

Prophetic



Let's We Forget

Remembrance Day 2020

This week children have been learning about Remembrance Day, what it stands for and the importance of commemorating it each year. In honour of Remembrance Day we decorated various areas of school with beautiful pieces of art created by our children and former student Millie Banks, we also transformed our 'Welcome' area at the front of school into a truly beautiful and moving dedication.



A wreath of poppies was laid in front of the memorial wall where children also remembered their own lost loved ones.

Finally, on Wednesday we observed the two minute silence at 11.00am and reflected on the sacrifices made and sacrifices still being made today by the brave men and women of our armed forces.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 16th - Friday 20th November

Loving Week

Friday 20th November

All day - non-uniform day (donate chocolates)

Friday 27th November

All day - non-uniform day (donate sweets)

Friday 4th December

All day - non-uniform day (school fund donations 50p per family)

Friday 11th December

All day - non-uniform day (school fund donations 50p per family)

Friday 18th December

All day - non-uniform day (Christmas Jumper day - no donation required)

2.00pm - Break up for Christmas Holiday

Monday 4th January

All day - Inset Day (school closed to children)

Tuesday 5th January

8.55am - Children return to school

Friday 12th February

2.00pm - Break up for half term

Monday 22nd February

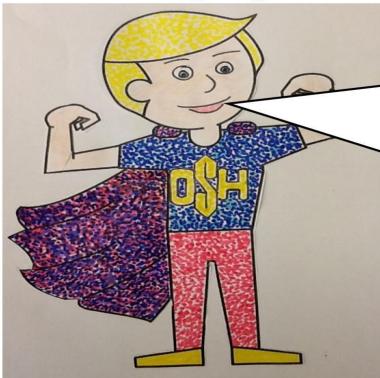
All day - Inset Day (school closed to children)

Tuesday 23rd February

8.55am - Children return to school

Online Safety - tip of the week!

Online safety hero says...



*Always respect others online
by thinking before you send.
Will it upset someone or is it
sharing personal information?*

#showrespectonline

#thinkbeforeyoushare



Sports Star of the Week



This week's Sports Star of the Week is Kayden C in Year 1 for great listening and taking part in PE.

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to Annaleigh H in

Year 2,

and

Toby B in

Year 3.

We're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Ivan W	NN
Anna K-D	Reception
Millie-Mai P	Year 1
Ryan M	Year 2
Angel L	Year 3
Ella A	Year 4
Lilly S-L	Year 5
Laikyn R	Year 6

For being intentional and prophetic.

Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 4 with 100%



Well done!

Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual classes this week were Nursery, Reception and Year 5.

Birthdays

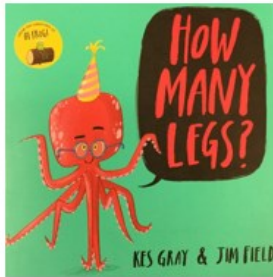
Happy birthday this week to: Ella A and Oscar W.



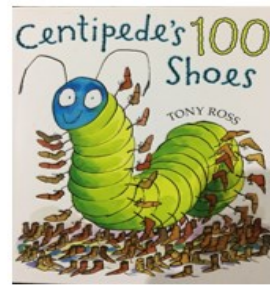
National Maths Week

Below are just some examples of how the children celebrated National Maths Week.

Year 1 read 'How Many Legs?' and 'Centipede's 100 Shoes'.



We enjoyed reading the 'How Many Legs?' maths story. We answered the questions on each page to find out the answer at the end.



The centipede hurt his toe. A centipede has 100 legs, he needed 100 shoes (that's 50 pairs of shoes if you didn't know). The shoes hurt him, so he needed socks. How many pairs of socks do you think he needed? Yes, 50.



Some questions were a little tricky.



When the centipede put the shoes on, he had 58 shoes left over. This is because most centipedes only have 42 legs! There are lots of numbers in the story.



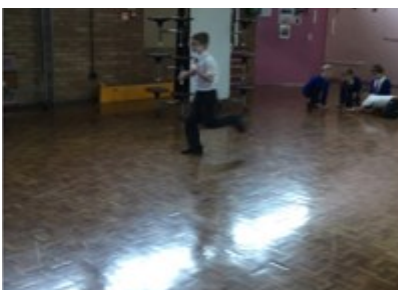
But we got to the end and worked out the correct answer!



We created large number lines. The children said the number lines look like the centipede.



Year 2 read the story How Many Legs? They practiced mental addition and counting in multiples.



As part of Maths week Year 3 took part in Active Maths challenges relating to their current learning objective in maths 'using the inverse to calculate and check answers'.

The children enjoyed being more active during the lesson and particularly enjoyed the competition between teams.

Year 5

During Maths Week, Year 5 have shared a story based on geometry to help learn about properties of shapes.

They have also used nets to create the 3-d shapes from the story.

Birmingham Irish Association

Dementia support service for children

Information for Parents

Free support service available from Birmingham Irish Association

Do you have a family member living with dementia?

When someone close to you has dementia, it can be a very upsetting and distressing time for the whole family. It can be particularly difficult for children to understand and all the changes can make them feel anxious and worried. Through our new project, funded by Children in Need, we are offering a free support service for children who have a family member living with dementia. We understand that dementia can be a very difficult topic to discuss with children and we're here to help you. We are offering our support through Zoom group sessions, which will enable children to talk to our staff and other children in the same situation. If you would like any more information, please contact our Children's Support Worker Paulene on 07495 711 696 or email paulene@birish.org.uk



Non-uniform Days

Every Friday from now on will be a non-uniform day. The focus for each day will be:

Friday 20th November - donate chocolate

Friday 27th November - donate sweets

Friday 4th December - school fund donations 50p per family

Friday 11th December - school fund donations 50 per family

Friday 18th December - Christmas jumper day - no donation required

The chocolate and sweets will be made in to a hamper for each class which we will hold raffles for.

PLEASE NOTE: Children in Year 5 can wear kit of their choice but it MUST be suitable attire for PE lesson.

Loving Week - 16th - 20th November

Next week is 'Loving Week' when children will be focussing on the importance of showing love and kindness to one another. Look out for more on Loving Week in next week's newsletter. As part of

'Loving Week' next Thursday and Friday we will be selling friendship bracelets, have a look on the following page for more information.

Christmas Cards - Arrangements



We understand the joy children feel in being able to give Christmas cards to one another so with that in mind we have decided to allow the children to give Christmas cards with the following restrictions in place.

- Children will only be allowed to send cards to children within their bubble.
- Please ensure envelopes are sealed using Sellotape or are tucked in as envelopes cannot be licked.
- Cards must arrive in school by Friday 11th December (to allow at least 72 hours before they are distributed.) Unfortunately, any cards arriving after this date will be returned home.



Loving Week



Friendship bracelets on sale in your classroom.

Thursday and Friday

50p

Money will be split between RE and Unicef



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 · 2h
This week Year 2 have been getting their hands dirty planting onions and mung beans for a cross-curricular history/science lesson.



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 11
Over the last two days Year 4 have conducted an experiment to see how different liquids can damage our teeth. We think you should stay away from Cola and energy drinks!



GOV.UK @GOV.UK · Nov 9
United Kingdom government account
National restrictions are now in place until 2nd December to help stop the spread of coronavirus. Go to [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) for latest guidance and exemptions

NATIONAL COVID ALERT
STAY HOME
5 NOV - 2 DEC
0:12
Help saves lives by staying at home
www.gov.uk

St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 6
Year 6 looked at how oxygenated and deoxygenated blood travels through the heart and round the body by playing the 'Circulation Game'. It certainly got our heart rate going! ❤️💙💚



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Jul 17
If your child will be 3 before September we have space available in our Nursery for mornings only or all day (if you qualify for 30 hours). Please get in touch if you'd like more information.



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 23h
I am so impressed with all the wonderful Poppies year 3 have created, the children have clearly worked hard at home. Well done everyone. 🌸



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 11
Today we celebrated Remembrance Day around school.

Lest We Forget.



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 12h
Year 2 used the story How Many Legs? in their Maths lesson today. They practiced mental addition and counting in multiples.



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 6
A great celebration of the hard work that went into Black History Month across the whole school. #BlackHistoryMonth 🌟



St John the Baptist Retweeted
National Online Safety @natonlineafety · Nov 11
Next-gen gaming! 🎮 With the launch of @Xbox's two new 'X' and 'S' consoles yesterday, this #WakeUpWednesday we're helping parents ensure safe set-up from the start. Stay in control and download our free #OnlineSafety guide here >> hubs.ly/H0zHjRc0



St John the Baptist Retweeted
Solihull Council @SolihullCouncil · Nov 11
If you have any #coronavirus symptoms, you MUST self-isolate immediately for 10 days.

If someone in your household has symptoms, you should self-isolate for 14 days.

Do not leave your home.

Get a test: [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 8
Lest We Forget.

#WeWillRememberThem 🌹 #RemembranceSunday 🌹



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 6
Well done Year 2 for creating some beautiful Rosary beads and completing some super work for their WW2 Power Projects.



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Generous God, we give you thanks for the gifts and talents that you have given us. Help us to make the best use of them that we can and to serve you in all that we do.

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear that we must make the best use of the talents we have been given by God.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said: "At that time the Kingdom of heaven will be like this. Once there was a man who was about to go on a journey; he called his servants and put them in charge of his property. He gave to each one according to his ability: to one he gave 5,000 gold coins, to another he gave 2,000, and to another he gave 1,000. Then he left on his journey. The servant who had received 5,000 coins went at once and invested his money and earned another 5,000. In the same way the servant who had received 2,000 coins earned another 2,000. But the servant who had received 1,000 coins went off, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money.

"After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The servant who had received 5,000 coins came in and handed over the other 5,000. 'You gave me 5,000 coins, sir,' he said. 'Look! Here are another 5,000 that I have earned.' 'Well done, you good and faithful servant!' said his master. 'You have been faithful in managing small amounts, so I will put you in charge of large amounts. Come on in and share my happiness!'

Then the servant who had been given 2,000 coins came in and said, 'You gave me 2,000 coins, sir. Look! Here are another 2,000 that I have earned.' 'Well done, you good and faithful servant!' said his master. 'You have been faithful in managing small amounts, so I will put you in charge of large amounts. Come on in and share my happiness!'

Then the servant who had received 1,000 coins came in and said, 'Sir, I know you are a hard man; you reap harvests where you did not sow, and you gather crops where you did not scatter seed. I was afraid, so I went off and hid your money in the ground. Look! Here is what belongs to you.'

'You bad and lazy servant!' his master said. 'You knew, did you, that I reap harvests where I did not sow, and gather crops where I did not scatter seed? Well, then, you should have deposited my money in the bank, and I would have received it all back with interest when I returned. Now, take the money away from him and give it to the one who has 10,000 coins. For to every person who has something, even more will be given, and he will have more than enough; but the person who has nothing, even the little that he has will be taken away from him. As for this useless servant—throw him outside in the darkness; there he will cry and grind his teeth.'

Here Jesus tells us another parable. He is telling us that it is important to use the gifts that God has given us. We are all good at different things. We all have different skills and talents. Some of us are good at singing, some of us are good at sport. Some of us are good at dancing, some of us are good at drawing. Some of us are good at baking, some of us are good at building Lego. Some of us are good at speaking out when we see that something is wrong or unfair, some of us are good at helping others. Whatever your talent is, Jesus is saying that it is important not to hide our talents from others – to just keep them to ourselves and never let them grow. Instead, it is by going out into the world, by sharing our talents and using our skills to help others that we serve God.



Have a lovely weekend.

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