



St. John the Baptist
Catholic Primary School

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



"Here is the light you will reveal to the nations"

Luke 2: 32

Newsletter

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 12.02.21

Grateful

and

Generous

Happy Half-Term!

Well we've reached half term and I'm sure everyone is exhausted! Our whole school community has done a fantastic job supporting home learning; you should all feel very proud! I know that home learning has been extremely challenging and very unfamiliar territory for everyone. Hopefully we'll soon hear about plans for a return to school.

In the meantime, please enjoy your half term as a family. Take time to get outside, enjoy healthy walks and do things that help your household's mental wellbeing. Above all try to plan activities that give you and your children a welcome break from being in front of screens for a while.

Nursery Return

If you are a parent/carer of a nursery child you should have received a letter via email detailing arrangements for your child's return after half term. If you do not receive a letter please contact a member of the Early Years team via Class Dojo.

Home Learning: Inset Day

There will be no home learning on Monday 22nd February as it is an Inset Day.

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Disney

WATCH FILMED-LIVE SHOWS FROM YOUR LIVING ROOM!

We've collected two of Disney's best loved shows - *Frozen* and *Beauty and the Beast* - filmed at the Disney Cruise Line Theatre (yes, on a ship!), and combined them with some extra activities so you can lose yourself in the wonder of Disney - something for the whole household to enjoy together.

- Enjoy **performances** filmed live
- Watch **behind-the-scenes** clips to see how the shows were put together
- **Sing along** with some of your favourite songs
- Get **crafting** using ideas from the shows

AND IT'S ALL FREE OF CHARGE! NO BOOKING REQUIRED
Just go to www.artslinkwm.org.uk/disney to take part

(N.B. this is a private page, as it's currently only available for care-experienced young people in Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire and the people they live with)

FROZEN **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**

WMVS **West Midlands Virtual Schools** **arts connect**

A wonderful opportunity for children and young people to watch performances of *Frozen* and *Beauty and the Beast*, filmed live at the Disney Cruise Line Theatre. Also behind-the-scenes clips, sing-along and crafting ideas to get involved in. Just follow the below link.

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Learning Awards



Remote Learning Champions

Nursery	Jack L & Evangeline F.
Reception	Lyla K & Ocean H.
Year 1	Owen H & Kayden C.
Year 2	Scarlett M-D & Dillon O'N.
Year 3	Kai A & Tyler-James C.
Year 4	Brooke F & Aidan H.
Year 5	Joseph D & Peyton B.
Year 6	Charlie & McF.

School Learning Superstars

Taylor S.
Ava-Rose B.
Ashton B.
Jamie T.
Ella A.



Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Ryan M, Malachi G, Ocean H and Luke K.

We would also like to wish a happy birthday to those children who celebrate their birthday during half term: Quinton B-J, Kayleigh G, Lochlyn G and Grace P.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH

WHAT IS MENTAL HEALTH?

We are delighted to offer a new workshop to support Solihull parents/carers in understanding their child's mental health.

The workshop will be delivered via Microsoft Teams, and will cover a range of themes including:

- What is mental health?
- Stigma and its' impact
- Adolescent mental health
- Common youth mental health disorders
- Preventing mental health problems
- Risk & resilience factors
- Promoting well-being factors



AVAILABLE WORKSHOPS

Foundation workshop

What is mental health?

Monday 22nd February: 12pm - 2pm

Thursday 25th February: 10am - 12pm

Thursday 25th March: 12pm – 2pm

Follow-on workshops*:

Supporting young people with anxiety

Thursday 4th March: 10am - 12pm

Supporting young people with low mood and depression

Thursday 11th March: 10am - 12pm

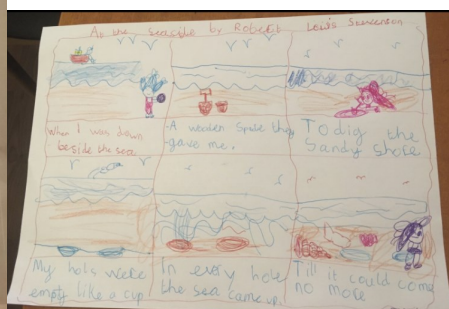
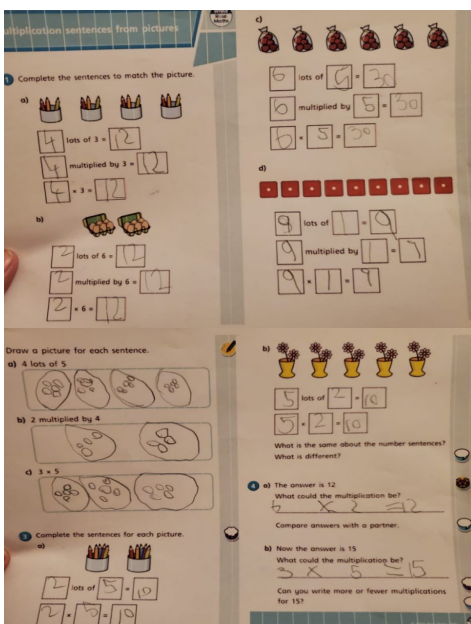
*Parents must attend the foundation course in order to be eligible for a place on a follow-on session

To book your place, please contact the parenting team via email to bsmhft.parenting@nhs.net by phone on 0121 301 2773 or by finding us on Facebook – Solihull Parenting Team

Excellent Work



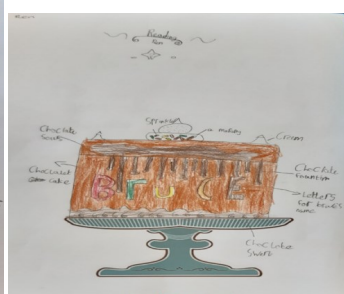
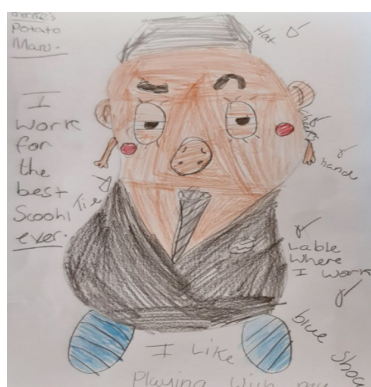
Reception celebrated Chinese New Year and participated in a science experiment.



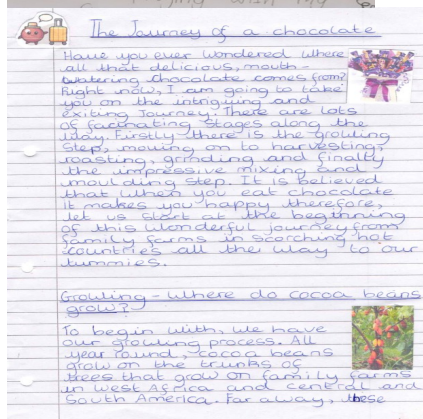
Year 2 produced some fantastic English and Maths work.



Year 3 looked at paper folding and Japanese fans in art.



Year 4 children did brilliantly in their English and Reading work.



Tianna - Year 5

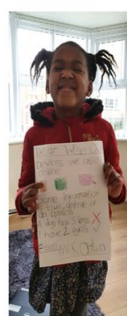
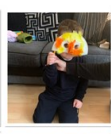
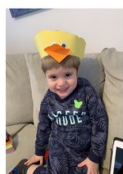
I'm the kind of girl
My friends don't want to be seen without
Because I'm the kind of gal who:

Shouts at bullies when doing wrong
Says hello to my friends every morning
Doesn't clean their room for 15 years
Eats anything that I like around the house
Doesn't leave my friends and family behind
Sings and dance goofily and freely
Argues with friends
Waves to my Mom when I go into school
Has gorgeous hair
And
Plays Video Games

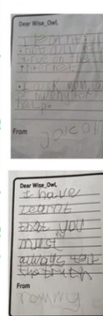


Safer Internet Day 2021 | Tuesday 9 February
Together for a better internet
www.saferinternetday.org

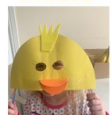
Tuesday was Safer Internet Day. Have a look at all the wonderful things did on the day!



Reception listened to the Digiduck story then wrote a letter to the Wise Old Owl



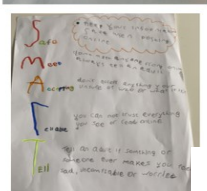
Nursery listened to the Digiduck story then created their own Digiduck masks.



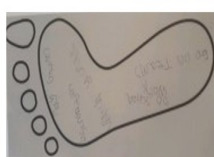
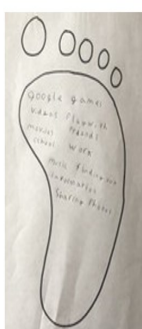
Year 1 listened to the Digiduck story they answered questions on the story and made their own posters.



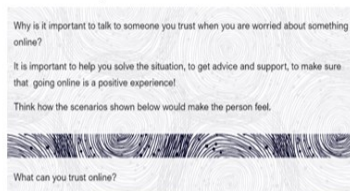
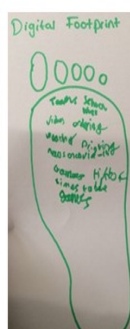
Year 2 listened to the Digiduck story then made their own SMART posters.



Year 4 looked at the importance of talking to someone if they are worried about anything online and how to deal with false information.



Year 3 looked at what a digital footprint is and the created their own digital footprint.



Answers

My favourite things to do online are play games, video calling my family and friends, finding things out, do school work and listen to music.

I think trust means that you are honest and reliable and you could feel looked after.

When I was on my nintendo switch I had people adding me and I didn't trust them because I didn't know who they were.

It is important to talk to someone you trust because they can help you check if it is real or not and help to keep you safe and help to stop you making mistakes online.

I would think that you can't ever trust anything online unless it's an official website or you have taken time to think, check and ask adults about things you can trust online.



Dear Sami,
I understand that you want to get the trick shot right but please don't contact this person for help because you do not know them and you should ask your parents for help instead.

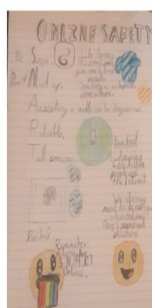
From Amelia

Dear Joe,
Do not be fooled by people online they are probably just trying to be better than you I shouldn't worry too much but if you need to ask your mom or someone you trust any questions feel free.

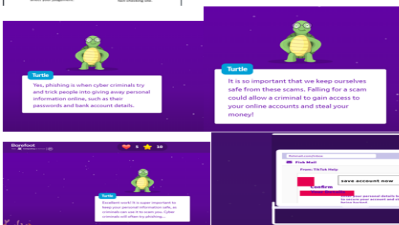
From Amelia

Dear Mae,
Please don't be upset that people laughed at you it might just be that they had already checked with their family that it was a fake text. I think next time if you see anything like this then make sure you ask a trustworthy person to advise you what to do.

From Amelia



Some top-tips to help spot fake news and websites!



Year 5 created their own Online Safety posters.



For Safer Internet Day, the children watched an assembly hosted by Barefoot Computing, around the theme of 'phishing.' The children then played on a 'phishing' game, where they applied their newly learnt knowledge and skills to determine phishing sites and spotting different ways 'phishers' try to catch you out. Brodie went one step further, and created an informative audio-PowerPoint, touching on how to spot fake news and websites. The link to her work is on the school YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/NejRVajYFDA>.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Healing God, watch over all your children when they are sick. May we share generously with others so that all people around the world may have the chance to live happy and healthy lives.

In this Sunday's gospel we hear about another person that Jesus healed.

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

A man suffering from a dreaded skin disease came to Jesus, knelt down, and begged him for help. "If you want to," he said, "you can make me clean."

Jesus was filled with pity, and reached out his hand and touched him. "I do want to," he answered. "Be clean!" At once the disease left the man, and he was clean. Then Jesus spoke sternly to him and sent him away at once, after saying to him, "Listen, don't tell anyone about this. But go straight to the priest and let him examine you; then in order to prove to everyone that you are cured, offer the sacrifice that Moses ordered."

But the man went away and began to spread the news everywhere. Indeed, he talked so much that Jesus could not go into a town publicly. Instead, he stayed out in lonely places, and people came to him from everywhere.

A man who had a skin problem came to Jesus and asked to be healed. Jesus made the man better but asked that he did not tell anyone what had happened. Instead, he asked the man to visit the priest and give thanks to God for his cure.

The man didn't do as Jesus asked; instead, he went round telling everyone what had happened. Perhaps it was because he was just so happy to be well again and wanted everyone to know about it.



We try to be like Jesus today in our world, by caring for others, and helping them when they are ill or finding things difficult.

Christ Jesus, you always looked after people who were sick or in need. Help us to be more like you and to care for others here and around the world. Amen.

Have a lovely and rested half term.

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