



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 26.03.21

Attentive

and

Discerning

Holy Week

This year we have the privilege of attending school together during Holy Week. Sadly as with most areas of our lives at the moment, things will be a little different and we won't be able to join together as a whole school community to mark the occasion. However, in true St John's spirit, we have looked for alternative options to ensure the most important time in our Church's calendar is still celebrated. Our children will still be learning about the Easter story within their bubbles and we have planned an outdoor Stations of the Cross service for Maundy Thursday. So there will still be a fitting and collective focus on the perfect sacrifice made for us by Jesus Christ.



To share Lent with our families and the community, the children created beautiful pieces of religious art. [#Lent](#)
[#preparetheway](#) [#religiousart](#)

Virtual Decorate and Egg Competition

Due to general Covid restrictions and high infection rates in our area, we have had to adjust our plans for our Easter themed activities. Unfortunately we have cancelled our Easter Bonnet Parade but have replaced it by extending our 'Decorate and Egg' competition to all year groups - Nursery to Year 6.

Children can decorate a hard boiled egg at home, using a theme of their choice. You can then either submit a photograph of their entry using Class Dojo or send a photo in to school with your child. There will be a prize for every year group.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 1st April

15.15pm - Break up for Easter Holiday

Monday 19th April

8.55am - Children return to school

Monday 3rd May

All day - School closed (May Day Bank Holiday)

Friday 28th May

2.00pm - Break up for May Half-Term

Monday 7th June

All day - Inset Day (school closed to children)

Tuesday 8th June

8.55am - Children return to school

Wednesday 21st July

3.15pm - Break up for Summer Holiday

Online safety hero says...



Your children are growing up in a digital world which is an exciting and fun place that offers so many opportunities; but it can also be a scary and unsafe if you are shown how to use it safely. Try to look for the positives and the negatives of being online and support your child to make good choices so they can use the internet in a positive, safe and enjoyable way.

#digitalworld #excitingandfun

#staysafe #usetheinternetpositively



Sports Star of the Week

This week's Sports Star of the Week is L Mc in Year 3 for good effort in circuit training.



More examples of excellent work produced by some of our children this week.

Year 1



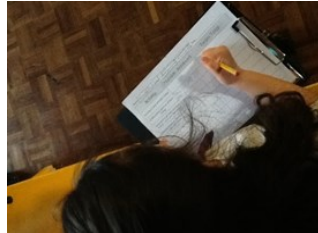
Year 1 have grown their own grass in class to create an Easter garden, this has also linked to our science topic this term. The children have worked with practical resources to support the concept of addition and subtraction to twenty and beyond.



Year 2



This week we have been using the text '*The Secret Sky Garden*' as inspiration for a piece of writing about litter and the affects it has on wildlife and their habitats. In maths, we used our active maths session to gather data and used this to create pictograms.



We also continued to work on our project for the 'We are Photographers' unit in computing.

Year 5

THOUSANDS FOUND DEAD ON LINDISFARNE!

Last night Vikings brutally slaughtered innocent monks for no reason, on Holy Ireland. They stole many valuables from God's church and stole from many other buildings. Some Vikings vandalised and burnt buildings down to ash!

Strangely, people said they saw bad Omens; dragons and lightning in the distance. Many monks were also drowned until death and some were stripped and insulted by the mean Vikings.

People say they feel frightened and vexed at these people who brutally murder innocent monks. Monks are the only people who could read and write unlike other people.

Amazingly most Vikings got buried with their sword and other valuables when they died in battle. Also, Vikings are all pagans and have their own Gods; Vikings do not relieve people they just kill whoever they see.

Vikings have been here slaughtering monks for many years now and it is frustrating many people. Vikings have no dignity at all not even respect for their friends

The Vikings travelled to the monks by their old wooden long ships. Northumbria was an English kingdom, and it was one of the unprotected monetarise that they would raid quiet a lot.

The first few months for us frightened people were kind of worrying because many people are dying and many people are sick. Some Anglo Saxon leaders say God had sent the Vikings to punish people in England for their sins.

Vikings are none-stop plundering from churches, Islands and houses. Most Vikings had jobs to trade for more valuables and extra coins.

The Vikings did not send many ships to fight the monks considering they do not fight back. They made surprise attacks on unprotected places, like Lindisfarne.

The church St Cuthberts was covered in blood after major attack

Reported by Brogan Watters



In Year 5 we have been reading the legend of Beowulf as part of the "Invaders" topic and have written a newspaper report based on the Viking raid of Lindisfarne in 783AD.

We have also drawn pictures of the monster Grendel who Beowulf fights against.

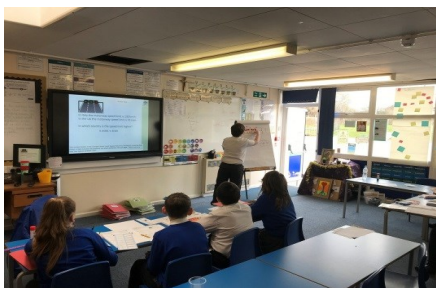


More examples of excellent work!

Year 6



This week in Year 6, we have been looking at solving worded problems using the bar model to aid our understanding. Representing the problem in Maths help us to distinguish the operations needed to solve the question. We even had some confident Year 6 children demonstrating their learning to the class. We also played some Maths game to reinforce our knowledge of place value, with numbers up to 100,000,000!



In Science, after learning about the parts and functions of the eye, Year 6 investigated how our eyes adapt to different strengths of light.



For our wellbeing focus this week, we watched an assembly led by former England defender Stuart Pearce, who spoke about resilience, grit and determination. The children acknowledged that sometimes in life we will go through lows, but it is how we bounce back and come back stronger that makes us what we are.



Healthy Meal Competition



All of the entries for our Healthy Meal Competition were brilliant!

It really was difficult to choose a winner but we are delighted to announce the

winner of our Healthy Meal Competition as Savni D in Year 4. Savni cooked Saagwali Daal (spinach and lentil curry)

rich in protein and iron, pilau rice with peas and carrots, sliced apple and clementine and Kheer (rice pudding with nuts) and it certainly looks not only healthy, but very tasty indeed!

Well done Savni.



STARS OF THE WEEK!



Congratulations to Tia-May B in

Year 2,

and

Rhianah B

in Year 3

We're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Arlo B	NN
Carter H	Reception
Tiahnah B	Year 1
Kushal M	Year 2
Rosebella P-S	Year 3
Lacey-Mai S	Year 4
Khianna D	Year 5
Laikyn R	Year 6

For being attentive and discerning.

Attendance

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



Well done!

Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual class this week were Year 3 & Year 6.

Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Tyler-James T, Lilly M, Harry E, Leo R, Olivia K and Nadine P.





Palm Sunday



Christ Jesus, show us how to welcome you into our lives as you were welcomed into Jerusalem. May we never turn away from those who need our help.

This Sunday is Palm Sunday when we remember how Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem by crowds of people who waved palms and shouted “hosanna”.

Gospel: Mark 11:1-10

As they approached Jerusalem, near the towns of Bethphage and Bethany, they came to the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of his disciples on ahead with these instructions: “Go to the village there ahead of you. As soon as you get there, you will find a donkey tied up that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. And if someone asks you why you are doing that, say that the Master needs it and will send it back at once.”

So they went and found a colt out in the street, tied to the door of a house. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders asked them, “What are you doing, untying that colt?”

They answered just as Jesus had told them, and the crowd let them go. They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the animal, and Jesus got on. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches in the field and spread them on the road. The people who were in front and those who followed behind began to shout, “Praise God! God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord! God bless the coming kingdom of King David, our father! Praise be to God!”

Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem by crowds of people. They waved palm branches and shouted “hosanna”. Why do you think that the crowd did this?

How would you welcome Jesus if he arrived here today? How can we welcome Jesus into our lives?



God of life and light, teach us how to welcome others into our lives by showing them kindness and to live our lives in your love. Amen.



Have a wonderful weekend.



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