



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:

Thursday 01.04.21

Attentive

and

Discerning



**Our Lady
and All Saints**
Catholic Multi Academy Company

St John's is Now Part of Our Lady and All Saints Multi Catholic Academy Company!

After a three year journey, St John's officially becomes part of the newly formed Our Lady and All Saints MAC today.

As we are in Holy Week it seems all but natural for the formation of a new Catholic multi-academy to take place officially on Maundy Thursday, 1 April 2021.

The MAC welcomes over 700 staff and 4,500 children and young people across the Birmingham, Solihull, and Warwickshire areas with their 'flagship schools' including Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School, Our Lady of Compassion Catholic Primary School, Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Primary School, Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, St Andrew's Catholic School, St Anne's Catholic Primary School, St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, St Augustine's Catholic Primary School, St Edwards Catholic Primary School, St George and St Teresa Catholic Primary School, St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, St Peter's Catholic Secondary School and St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School.

It is quite remarkable that a team of 13 schools have been relentless in their drive to ensure that the formation of the MAC takes place on-time during a period of global crisis. The resilience of all involved is a credit to the new MAC Motto – "Strong in Faith".

A sense of community will be at the forefront of all that we do to ensure our children, our families and our parishes and communities can flourish.

You can find out more about Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Multi Academy Company by visiting:

www.olaas.co.uk or @OurLadyandAllS1

Dates for your Diary

Monday 19th April

8.55am - Children return to school

Friday 23rd April

Non-Uniform day - wear something red for St George's Day

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...



Do you know what your child is doing online? Or how long they are playing online games for?

Set up parental controls and time limits to help them stay safe.

#digitalworld

#staysafe #parentalcontrols



You have the right not to be discriminated against

2nd April – World Autism Awareness Day

This day is intended to bring the world's attention to autism, a pervasive disorder that affects tens of millions, by encouraging each other to take measures to raise awareness about autism throughout society and to encourage early diagnosis and early intervention.

School Uniform

Since returning to school after the latest lockdown, we know there have been some difficulties in purchasing some items of school uniform. We have been considerate and supportive, particularly knowing how many are currently experiencing increased financial hardship due to the wider effects of this pandemic.

However it is incredibly important that all children at St John's are wearing their full school uniform; including black school shoes. This is also the case for PE kits which should also be correct.

When we return to school to begin the summer term, we will again be following our Uniform Policy strictly. This will include contacting families by letter if items of uniform are missing.

Seeing all children looking smart is part of our school identity at St John's. A school uniform also means that children feel part of their school community. Thank you for your support in this very important matter.

Drinks and Biscuits!



Where – your own classroom

When – Monday 19th – Friday 23rd April at break time

How much? 50p for a drink and two biscuits



Over the Easter holidays we have set up a school tournament of teachers versus children on Times Tables Rock Stars.

Let's see whether the children come out as the winners or whether the teachers can beat them to be crowned victors - good luck to all!!

Healthy Meal Competition



Savni accepted her reward for being the winner of our Healthy Meal Competition today. Savni was presented with a personalised apron, so that she continue her cooking skills in St John style, a certificate and a chocolate bunny! Once again, congratulations Savni.

Non-Uniform Day - Friday 23rd April

Friday 23rd April will be a non-uniform day to celebrate St George's Day, children can come to school wearing something red. There is no donation required.

Birthdays



Happy birthday this week to: Danyal-Lee T, Tady L and Ren D.

We would also like to wish a happy birthday to those children who celebrate their birthday during the Easter Holiday: Mason N, Scarlett H, Laceymae S, Hydie P, Kane S, Laine R, Brooke H, Halina B and Lexi S.

Another week of excellent work!

Year 1



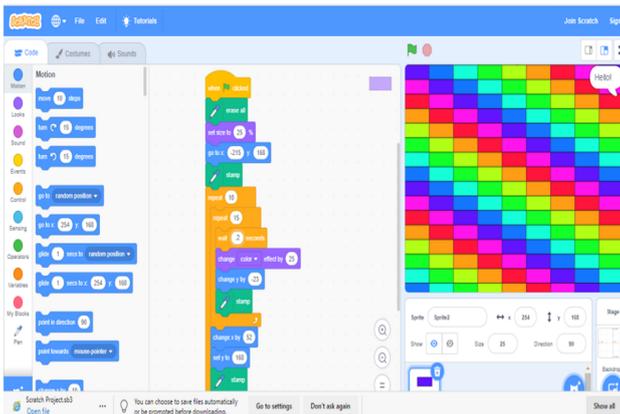
For Holy Week, Year 1 role played, Jesus wearing the crown of thorns and thought of some questions to ask Mary.

Year 3



Here is Emilia, Olly and William from Year 3 with their Power Project Egyptian homework. It is clear to see that they have worked really hard, well done.

Year 5



In Year 5 we have worked hard to learn how to write computer code to tessellate a pattern using Scratch. This is Billy's code which runs to fill the screen with coloured shapes.

As part of our Power Project challenge, we have created a Viking house and a character. This is Grace's wonderful work.



A prayer for Easter Morning

Lord we lift our hearts to you. As the dawn breaks, may we carry the unity we share into every moment knowing that we are one with the risen Christ.

Lord, we lift our eyes to you. As the sunrises, may this moment stay with us, reminding us to look for the beautiful colours of promise in your word. Lord, we lift our prayers to you.



As the dew air falls, may we breathe this morning in and know that like the earth, you sustain us, keep us and work within us always. And so, we lift our voices to you.

We celebrate the greatest day in history, when Jesus rose from death, defeated darkness and bathed the world in stunning resurrection light.

May we ever live to praise you!

Amen

Have a wonderful and rested Easter Holiday.

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