



"These have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God"  
John 20:31

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 18.06.21

*Faith-filled*

and

*Hopeful*



## Art Day!

Yesterday was 'Art Day' here at St John's, and what an absolute blast children AND staff had creating a wonderful array of colourful and of course, messy art! Below are just some of the comments from our children as to what they thought of 'Art Day'.

### Early Years

Luca - "I like getting messy, I liked the water balloons with paint."

Marley-Rae - "When I used the powder to go over everybody, I turned Miss Andrews into a smurf with the blue powder. I love art day because I love getting messy"

### KS1

Layla - "I love art because I like painting"

Eloise - "I love Art Day because I really love art and always do drawing. I love painting and making my own designs. I loved the painting, sticking and drawing."

### KS2

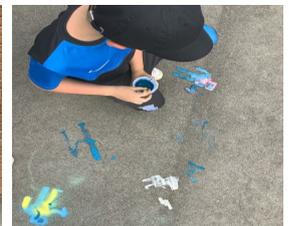
Danyal - "Art Day is nice, I love painting!"

Dylan - "Art Day is the best day ever, you get to express all your imagination into pictures and photos. Maybe even some photos. Art day can also allow you to have fun and let your imagination go crazy and have fun. I can express my feelings."

Billy - "Art Day makes me feel happy and excited because we get to do loads of art and it's one of my favourite subjects."

Ellisiya - "Art is a way to show what's going on without actually saying anything. I feel art day is a better way to express yourself rather than talking."

Laikyn - "Art Day is a way to express yourself and to express your feelings."



## **Dates for your Diary**

### **Saturday 19th June**

10.00am - Year 4 Holy Communion

### **Monday 21st - Friday 25th June**

Learning Week

### **Thursday 24th June**

St John the Baptist Feast Day (non-uniform - no donation required)

### **Friday 2nd July**

All day - Non-Uniform Day (50p donation per family)

School Reports sent home

### **Monday 5th July**

3.30-4.30pm - Parents Consultation (via phone)

### **Tuesday 6th July**

2.00-3.00pm - Parents Consultation (via phone)

### **Wednesday 7th July**

Sports Day (children only)

### **Friday 9th July**

All day - Non-Uniform Day (50p donation per family)

### **Friday 16th July**

All day - Non-Uniform Day (50p donation per family)

### **Wednesday 21st July**

2.00pm - Break up for Summer holiday

### **Inset Days**

### **Thursday 2nd September**

All day - Inset Day

### **Friday 3rd September**

All day - Inset Day

### **Tuesday 4th January 2022**

All day - Inset Day

### **Monday 28th February 2022**

All day - Inset Day

### **Monday 6th June 2022**

All day - Inset Day

**Please note: We are holding Non-Uniform days in July as sadly, we are unable to hold a Summer Fayre this year due to the pandemic.**



# Class Report - Early Years

We have had a really good week in Early Years, Thursday, we had Art Day! We looked at the work of Henri Matisse, we read the book Matisse's Magical Trail.

The snails went everywhere and made a colour explosion in our outside area. We had so much fun, and Mr Gallagher came to visit us.



You have the right to a name, and this should be officially recognised by the government. You have the right to a nationality

20<sup>th</sup> June – World Refugee Day

*This event honours the courage, strength and determination of women, men and children who are forced to flee their homeland under threat of persecution, conflict and violence.*

## First Holy Communion



Our Year 4 group have been excited today as they prepare to make their First Holy Communion tomorrow. This is such an important celebration in each child's faith journey as they prepare to receive the Body of Christ for the first time.

As featured in last week's newsletter, the children were treated to a special celebration tea last week.

Thank you again to Mrs Turner for taking the time to make the children's day so special.



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# The Feast of St John the Baptist - School Picnic



Next Thursday we celebrate the Feast of St John the Baptist, the children will be reflecting on the role St John the Baptist played and will enjoy a picnic lunch prepared by the Catering Team. It will also be a non-uniform day (no donation required)

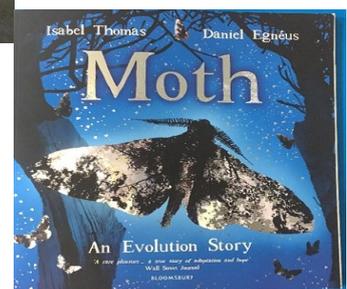
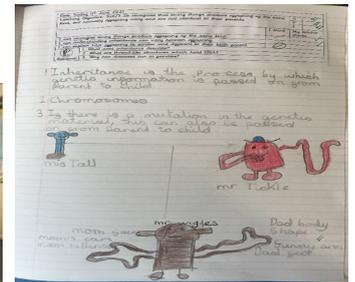
## Learning Week

Next week is Learning Week, a chance to celebrate our own faith and the faiths of others. As part of the week, we will be celebrating the feast day of St. John the Baptist. Keep an eye on Twitter and in our newsletter next week to find what we have learnt.

## Science Superstars

Year 6's Science unit this term is:  
**Evolution and Inheritance.**

Last week, we studied inheritance. We looked at how physical characteristics have been passed on to ourselves through inheritance. We then used Mr Men and Little Misses to create our very own inheritance charts! This week, we have used 'The Moth: The Story of Evolution' to learn how peppered moths have adapted to their environment. Through natural selection, the moths have managed to survive through many different eras, including the industrial revolution!



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# Excellent Work

Soaked in muck and oil, an engineer emerged from the robot's stomach, aggravated. Frustrated, she gnawed her teeth, impatient. She was definitely sure it would work.

Full of self-esteem, she adjusted her trousers, placed her hands on her hips and gazed upon her machine and thought,

"Oh Lord Almighty, this is gigantic!"  
A giant, gigantic smile stretched stretched from ear to ear. She believed that she may be one of the inventors of 1800s, the marvelous, great engineer that was. Full of pride gave herself a pat on the back.

In a positive, joyful mood, she raced to the controls that took months to create. She began to feel her courage rising and spin the wheels. Motivated she curiously pushed the lever. Eventually, it began to work, but suddenly it halted. She stood there motionless in disappointment. Her head dropped low, but she still listened to her heart. Cranking up the power, this extreme, excellent engineer would never give up.

After turning up the engine to maximum level, she noticed that her bulky robot's eyes started to glow and shine bright and brilliant. Surprisingly, the room filled with noises and sounds. She sighed thinking that it would fail but that wasn't the case.

This week's excellent work comes from Tianna C in Year 5.

## Online safety hero says...



Sexting might not have been part of your life growing up, but it is certainly part of your children's.

Have open and honest conversations with your children, if you don't educate them someone else will.

#Keepyourchildrensafe

#Haveopenandhonestconversations



There has been lots about Sexting in the news in recent weeks and we wanted to offer you extra advice that you can use with your child.

There is information for different age groups which will make it age appropriate so if you are using the advice please make sure you use the one most relevant to your child's age.

Please follow the link for further advice. <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/sexting>

## Sports Star of the Week

This week's Sports Star of the Week is Devon M in Year 5 for excellent effort in athletics and good effort in team lessons.



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## STARS OF THE WEEK!



Congratulations to  
**Larcon-Jon B-H**  
in Reception  
and **Mason-Jay N**  
in Year 5

We're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

<b>Benjamin H</b>	<b>NN</b>
<b>Anna K-D</b>	<b>Reception</b>
<b>Harrison S</b>	<b>Year 1</b>
<b>Rosalea B</b>	<b>Year 2</b>
<b>Lacey-Rai N</b>	<b>Year 3</b>
<b>Harley H</b>	<b>Year 4</b>
<b>Ini A</b>	<b>Year 6</b>

For being Faith-Filled and Hopeful.

### Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 4 with 98%



### Ready to learn Award

Congratulations, our most punctual classes this week was Year 4.



### Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Ivan W, Logan M, Kushal M, James H, Laila L, Esmee-Dolly H-P and Willow T.



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## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*God of the sea and the sky, be with us when we are afraid. Give us courage to do what is right and strengthen our faith, so we may give comfort to others who are frightened.*

In this Sunday's gospel we hear about how in the middle of a great storm Jesus calmed the wind and the sea. He tells the disciples to have courage and to have faith.

**Gospel:** Mark 4:35-41

*On the evening of that same day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they left the crowd; the disciples got into the boat in which Jesus was already sitting, and they took him with them. Other boats were there too. Suddenly a strong wind blew up, and the waves began to spill over into the boat, so that it was about to fill with water. Jesus was in the back of the boat, sleeping with his head on a pillow. The disciples woke him up and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we are about to die?"*

*Jesus stood up and commanded the wind, "Be quiet!" and he said to the waves, "Be still!" The wind died down and there was a great calm. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Why are you frightened? Have you still no faith?"*

*But they were terribly afraid and said to one another, "Who is this man? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"*

Jesus was in a boat with his disciples, when the wind started to blow really strongly. And the waves started crashing against the boat. They were so high that the boat almost sank. Jesus told the wind and the sea to be quiet and still. The wind stopped blowing and the waves stopped crashing against the boat. He asked the disciples why they were frightened and why they didn't have faith that everything would be ok.

Sometimes when everything around us is scary and going wrong, it can be hard to keep our faith in God. We can feel like God is no longer with us and it is hard to see how things will get better. But in this reading Jesus tells the disciples not to be afraid. They should know that God is always with them, especially in the difficult times.

God works through us and through others who are there to help and support us in the difficult times. The next time that we are sad, or afraid, let us remember that we are never alone. God is always with us. Let's also try to be there for other people when they are facing difficult times, so that they know that God is still with them too.



*God of courage, help us to be brave when things are difficult, and to be there for others who are facing hard times, so they may know that they are not alone.*

Have a lovely weekend.

*I. Gallagher*

Mr I. Gallagher  
Headteacher