



"In the beginning the Word already existed;
the Word was with God, and the Word was God"

John 1:1

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 17.09.21

Eloquent

and

Truthful



Pope Francis has named the time from September to the feast of St Francis of Assisi (October 4th), the 'Season of Creation.'

To celebrate this event, we will be starting two weeks of learning and action all about caring for the environment; for God's beautiful creation. We have teamed up with the family of schools that creates Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Multi Academy Company (MAC) and Columban Missionaries Britain, because together we are stronger, 'Stronger in Faith'.

Beginning on Monday and concluding with a Mass at St Chad's Cathedral on Monday 4th October, this MAC wide project is a special time to pray and act for the earth, our common home. Together we are stronger; together we will listen to the cry of the earth, together we will pray and reflect; together we will take action, making a positive change for better. We look forward to sharing more with you over the next two weeks but one of our first activities was to introduce new class saints:

EYFS St. Teresa of Calcutta



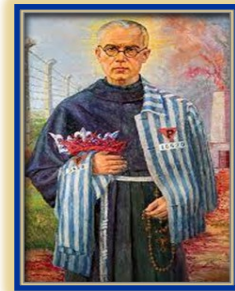
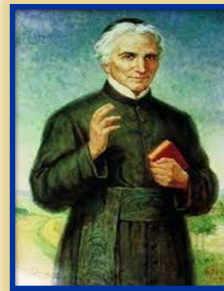
Year 1 St Francis of Assisi



Year 2 St Josephine Bakhita



Year 3 St. Kateri Tekakwitha Year 4 Blessed Carlo Acutis Year 5 St Luigi Scrosoppi Year 6 Maximilian Kolbe



Dates for your Diary

Friday 22nd October

2.00pm - Break up for October Half Term

Monday 1st November

8.55am - Children return to school

Friday 17th December

2.00pm - Break up for Christmas

Wednesday 5th January

8.55am - Children return to school

Inset Days

Tuesday 4th January 2022

All day - Inset Day

Monday 28th February 2022

All day - Inset Day

Monday 6th June 2022

All day - Inset Day

Online safety hero says...



*Don't share personal
information online.*

*Use your first name or nickname
and do not give out your address.*

*#keepyourpersonalinformationsafe
#thinkbeforeyoushare*



SJB Before & After School Club

All sessions for our before and after school club must be booked and paid for in advance. You can book by emailing s88sjbclub@sjb.solihull.sch.uk or, alternatively you can obtain a booking form from the school office.



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Reading Workshop



On Monday, the children enjoyed a Reading Workshop. They had to work together in teams, reading clues to solve tricky puzzles based on lines from classic stories. Each puzzle had a book theme, and the answers revealed a code. Of course, it was all done before they were captured by the skull and trapped in Crow Castle forever.

It was great fun!

Solihull Parent Carer Voice are holding transitions events on the 5th October 2021 at The Core in Solihull for parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities aged 0-25.

From 10-12 we will be holding an event focusing on transitions from early years-infants/primary, and primary to secondary schools.

From 1-3 we will be holding an event focusing on transitions between 16-25 yrs.

These events will be attended by a range of professionals including School representatives, Solihull Inclusion Support Service, Educational Psychology, School Transport, Travel Training, College representative, Education and Skills, StART Team representatives and health and social care representatives.

This is a chance to find out how transitions should work, what schools and professionals can do to help, and for you to be able to ask questions around this.

As places are limited due to COVID please do book a place here: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAMAAAC_dGCBUNktaVjJQVIMxRUFFSkwzWDFHU1QyVkpJQy4u

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If you have any questions please do contact us at solihullpcv@outlook.com



TRANSITIONS EVENT

We know that transitions can be difficult and as such we are arranging a transitions event for parents/carer to find out more about transitions, how they work, what should be done and to get ideas for how to make them positive. Representatives from the Start Team, SISS, Educational Psychology, Early Years Team, School Transport, Sendias, Schools and Health will be attending. There will be presentations from different services and opportunity for a Question and Answer session.

5th October 2021.

Early years-primary and primary-secondary 10.00- 12.00
Secondary- Post 16, Post 16 onwards 13.00-15.00

This event will be held at The Core, Theatre Square, Touchwood, Solihull. Places are limited so please register for a place using the below link: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAMAAAC_dGCBUNktaVjJQVIMxRUFFSkwzWDFHU1QyVkpJQy4u



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Book Exchange

As part of our 'St John's Year of Reading' we're pleased to announce that our new book exchange is now open for service! The book exchange or 'St John's Little Library' is situated at the end of the path, by our main reception. All parents and carers are welcome to take a book whenever you want it. All we ask is that you put it back, once you've enjoyed it or that you replace it with another book.

There is no cost, this is simply a way of encouraging reading for pleasure. Our book exchange offers books for both children and adults so please go ahead and enjoy our little library!



Season of Creation

As part of Season of Creation each class were given their own 'Saint Tree'. They decorated their trees and now the children can pray to their saint each day.



Early Years



Year 3 artwork

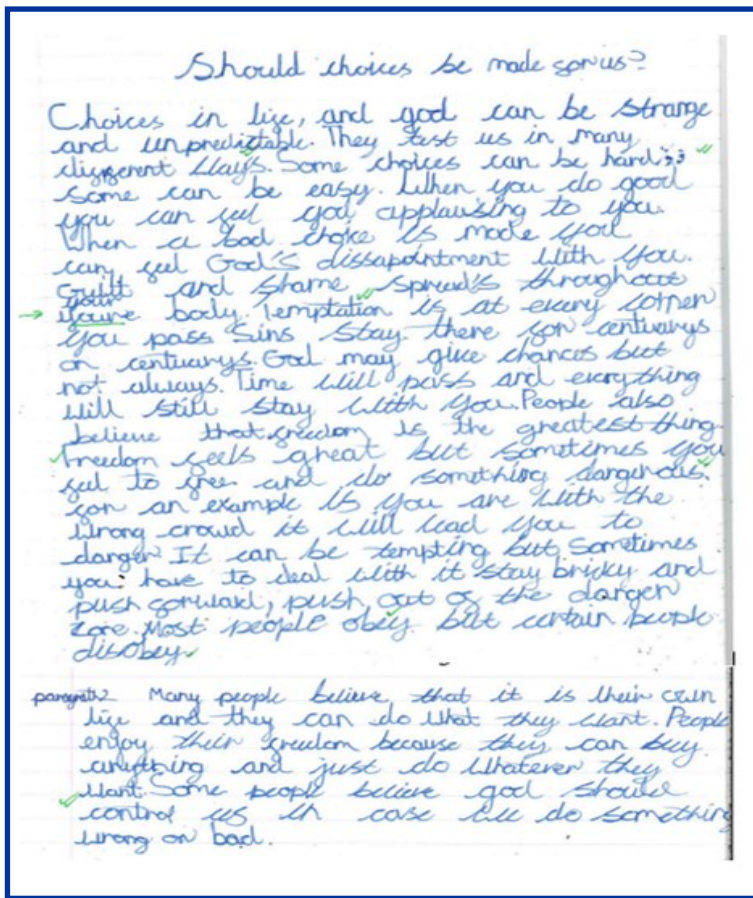


Year 4



Year 5 – Art work to decorate their tree.

Excellent Work



This week's excellent work comes from Brogan W in Year 6, who wrote a balanced argument for whether choices should be made for us.

Learning to Ride!

Year 1 had a great afternoon learning to ride a bike without stabilisers. The children enjoyed riding the bikes around the playground demonstrating their new skills. Well done Year 1!



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STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to

Chloe H

in Year 2

and Olly K

in Year 4

We're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Keesha M	Nursery
Isla-Mae M	Reception
Ava-Rose B	Year 1
Tiahnah B	Year 2
Aisha McN	Year 3
Daisy H	Year 4
Dylan R	Year 5
Joseph D	Year 6

For being Eloquent and Truthful

Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 3 with 97%

Well done!

Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual classes this week was Reception.

Birthdays



Happy birthday this week to: Talulah H, Jasmin McN-J & Miley M-D



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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God of love, help us to recognise the importance of all children no matter where in the world they come from.

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear how Jesus valued children and thought they were important. Let's think about how important all children around the world are today.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples left that place and went on through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where he was, because he was teaching his disciples: "The Son of Man will be handed over to those who will kill him. Three days later, however, he will rise to life."

But they did not understand what this teaching meant, and they were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and after going indoors Jesus asked his disciples, "What were you arguing about on the road?"

But they would not answer him, because on the road they had been arguing among themselves about who was the greatest.

Jesus sat down, called the twelve disciples, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must place himself last of all and be the servant of all." Then he took a child and had him stand in front of them. He put his arms around him and said to them, "Whoever welcomes in my name one of these children, welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not only me but also the one who sent me."

In this gospel reading, Jesus shows the disciples how important children are. He says that anyone who welcomes a child, welcomes him.

Jesus is in all of us. No matter who we are, where we come from, whether we are rich or poor, old or young. Even the youngest person is special and important because they are loved by God.

Children around the world are different. But each one of them is special and important.



What will you do this week to show that all people are important no matter who they are?

God of hope, we know that all people are important, because they are loved by you. Show us how to help others to see this too, so that the world can be a fairer place for all your children. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.

I. Gallagher

Mr I. Gallagher
Headteacher