



"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 08.10.21

Eloquent

and

Truthful

Season of Creation



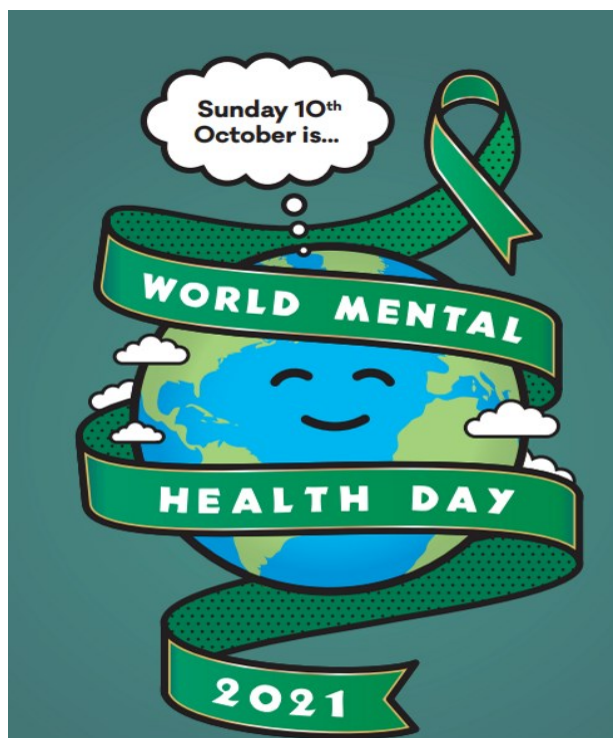
On Monday we went to St. Chad's to join with the children in our MAC family to celebrate Mass. We were really lucky that Bishop Evans celebrated such a special Mass with us.

It was the final day of our 'Season of Creation' project. It fell on the feast day of St. Francis, who also cared for all God's creatures and the environment. From St Chad's we walked through town in protest to share our 'Climate Change Action'. The children got to meet the Lord Mayor and hand him our petitions on Climate Change.

We were really proud of them, they spoke eloquently to the Lord Mayor, read at mass and sang their hearts out. We joined with the 13 schools in our MAC family and brought together our bicycle wheel art made from discarded materials. We listened to the Lord Mayor and Councillor talk passionately about the importance of what our schools have achieved over the last two weeks. Birmingham aims to be carbon neutral by 2030.

The children all sang along to the Hymn that was created for our 'Season of Creation' featuring words from Ren Delaney's poem. [#SJBWeWillChangeOurWorld](#)
[#ClimateAction.](#)





What is World Mental Health Day?

World Mental Health Day is dedicated to promoting the understanding of mental health education, awareness, and advocacy. We all have mental health, just like we have physical health. Mental health is a person's condition with regard to their psychological, emotional and social wellbeing. This can affect how we think, feel and act. It's important to raise awareness of mental health conditions and ensure that communities recognise the part each person has to play in creating a mentally healthy society.

When is World Mental Health Day 2021?

Every year, World Mental Health Day is held on 10th October. The theme for World Mental Health Day 2021 is "Mental Health in an Unequal World", and has been officially announced by The World Federation for Mental Health.

Tips for looking after your mental health.

Making sure you look after your mental health is just as important as looking after your physical health. Here are some suggestions that everyone can try, to help manage stress and look after your mind.

1. Spend time with or in nature.
2. Practise meditation or mindfulness to find calm and restore.
3. A few times a week, take time to move. Mind and body are one; so, whether it's going for a walk, climbing, swimming or attending a yoga class, movement is a great way to de-stress, increase feel-good hormones and improve your overall health.
4. Have a digital detox. Phones and social media can cause us to feel anxiety and pressure. Take some time away from technology.
5. Talk it out. If you're ever worried about your mental health or start to feel like you're becoming stressed or anxious, talking to someone you trust, such as a friend or family member, is a great way to calm yourself down and look after yourself.

Understanding ADHD

St John the Baptist Primary School are holding an ADHD information morning on Monday 18th October, 9.15am-10.15am, for parents/carers of children with ADHD or on the pathway to diagnosis.

There will be a guest speaker, Jane Maguire, who will share an overview of ADHD. It is an opportunity for parents/carers to meet other parents/carers of children with ADHD and a chance to share experiences and ask questions.

If you require further information, please speak to Mrs Drust (SEND CO).



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 12th October

All day - Year 5 visit to Hams Hall

Friday 22nd October

2.00pm - Break up for October Half Term

Monday 1st November

8.55am - Children return to school

Friday 12th November

All day - Non-uniform day - Children in Need

Friday 19th November

All day - Non-uniform day - Donation chocolate for Christmas hamper raffles

Friday 26th November

All day - Non-uniform day - Donate sweets for Christmas hamper raffles

Friday 3rd December

All day - Non-uniform day - 50p per child school fund (as no Christmas Fayre)

Friday 10th December

All day - Non-uniform day - 50p per child school fund (as no Christmas Fayre)

Friday 17th December

All day - Non-uniform day (Christmas jumper day) no donation required

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

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

Is anyone interested in becoming a Lunchtime Supervisor, 5 days per week 1.5 hours per day. If you are interested or know someone who might be please contact the school office.



Sports Star of the Week

This week's Sports Star of the Week is Brogan W in Year 6 for excellent leadership skills in bench ball.



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Follow us at [uhb_sscds](#) and comment on the competition post 'win' for your chance to win one of 2 brand new children's electric toothbrushes and 2 manual tooth brushing packs.

UHB_SSCDS has oral health advice tips for everyone and service information, such as when the Mobile Dental Unit will be moving into your child's school!

This competition is open to new followers on [uhb_sscds](#) from October 2021 until November 2021. The winners must be a parent or guardian that has a child attending a school which the Mobile Dental Unit visits in Solihull. (St Annes, St Anthonys, Forrest Oak and Merstone, St John the Baptist, Windy Arbor, Coleshill Heath, Fordbridge, Kingshurst, Yorkswood and Smithwood Primary). The winners will be contacted by November the 30th 2021



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Excellent Work

This week's excellent work comes from Amelia E in Year 5. Year 5 have spent time learning about the life of Harriet Tubman and her brave escape to freedom. Then they used this information to write and perform a speech protesting about slavery, this is Amelia's excellent speech!

A protest speech about slavery

Ladies and gentlemen,

I had a dream that one magical day this world was filled with dignity, justice and equality. I had a dream that everyone had the right to a home, money and freedom. I had a dream that no one was ordered or owned.

Let me continue by stating that Harriet Tubman is a hero, she was a courageous, independent, strong woman and her braveness pushed her to believe that everyone should have a taste of what it is like to be free and shouldn't suffer. Would you like it if that happened to you? Well let me tell you, she worked and worked from when she was only six until she knew she had to escape.

So she did, she made it out of the murky, gloomy forests, past the slave catchers and reached the bottom of Pennsylvania. After one year of freedom she knew she had to go back to save her family from the brutal cruelty they were going through. So she did, she went back and forth many times to save her loving family.

So the crucial message I am trying to spread across this nation is, young, petrified children shouldn't be snatched from their homes or treated with no respect. Imagine what it would be like if we were all treated with equality and dignity. Were people supposed to change their hideous, appalling attitude? Were we supposed to make a difference sooner rather than later? Together we can make a change but only you can make a difference.

THANK YOU.

Online safety hero says...



Always keep your passwords and personal information safe!

Use different passwords that have a mixture of capital and lowercase letters with numbers and symbols.

#beinternetsecure



Science Superstars

Year 3 have been testing the durability and permeability of different rocks. To test permeability, we added a few drops of water using the pipette onto the rock and observed whether it absorbed. We then used a coin to test how durable the rocks are.

Finally, we tested the density of different rocks using a large container full of water to decide which rocks have higher and which have lower density.



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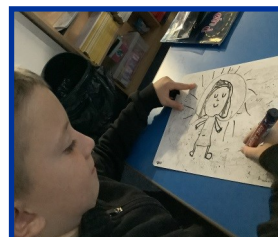
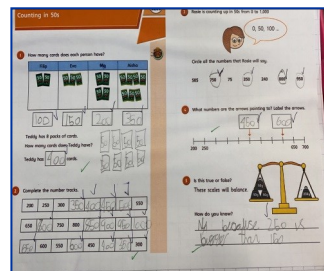


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Class Activities - KS2

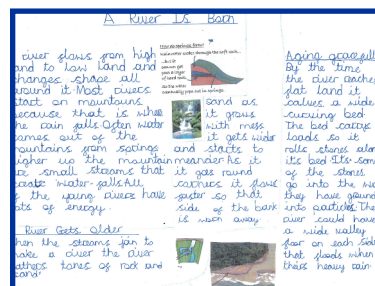
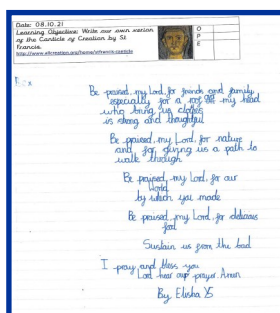
Year 3 attended their first mass of the year today and it was a beautiful service. Thank you to all the readers for speaking so clearly and learning their special words.

We had also had a busy week in Maths, ordering numbers and counting in 50's. Below is an example of our fabulous counting and reasoning skills we have learnt.



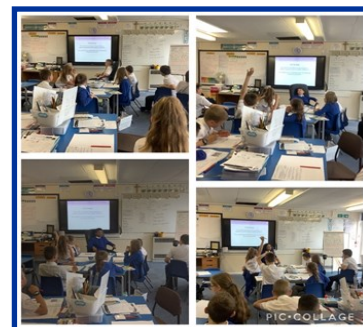
We have been very faith-filled in Year 4 this week, taking part in Godly Play to express our understanding and feelings about the story of Joseph. We were also treated to a special prayer service by Aroura and Arcange for the start of the Month of the Rosary.

In Year 5 we have produced lots of good work this week. For RE we have created a canticle in the style of St Francis and for our topic work on Rivers we have produced an information page written from notes taken from dictation.



This week in Year 6, the children put themselves into Charles Darwin's shoes and hosted a 'question and answer' session with him. The children created their own questions to ask Mr Darwin. Some children then role played Charles Darwin, giving us insightful answers into his voyage on the HMS Beagle.

Next week, the children will be writing a biography about Charles Darwin, including some of the answers in their work.



We also learnt how to play certain chords on the Ukulele!



Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. The Governing Body has a vital role to play in making sure every child receives the best possible education, so if you would like to make a real difference to the educational lives of our children please contact Mr Gallagher.



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STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to

Abi H

in Reception

and Oscar W

in Year 3

We're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Rian R	Nursery
Riley T	Reception
Thomas O'K	Year 1
Lily W	Year 2
Malala H	Year 3
Aurora D & Arcange P	Year 4
Allissia M	Year 6

For being Eloquent and Truthful

Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Reception with 96.4%

Well done!

Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Nursery, Year 5 & Year 6.

Birthdays



Happy birthday this week to: Keesha M, Zachary H, Alfie W and Ava D.



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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God of light, show us how we can answer your call. Inspire us to share all that we have with others, so that all people around the world may live free from poverty.

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear about how Jesus asks a rich young man to sell his nice things and to give all his money to people who are poor.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

As Jesus was starting on his way again, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to receive eternal life?"

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked him. "No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'Do not commit murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not accuse anyone falsely; do not cheat; respect your father and your mother.'"

"Teacher," the man said, "ever since I was young, I have obeyed all these commandments."

Jesus looked straight at him with love and said, "You need only one thing. Go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven; then come and follow me." When the man heard this, gloom spread over his face, and he went away sad, because he was very rich. Jesus looked round at his disciples and said to them, "How hard it will be for rich people to enter the Kingdom of God!"

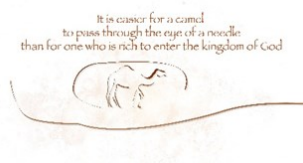
The disciples were shocked at these words, but Jesus went on to say, "My children, how hard it is to enter the Kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is much harder for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God than for a camel to go through the eye of a needle." At this the disciples were completely amazed and asked one another, "Who, then, can be saved?"

Jesus looked straight at them and answered, "This is impossible for human beings but not for God; everything is possible for God." Then Peter spoke up, "Look, we have left everything and followed you."

"Yes," Jesus said to them, "and I tell you that anyone who leaves home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and for the gospel, ³⁰ will receive much more in this present age. He will receive a hundred times more houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and fields—and persecutions as well; and in the age to come he will receive eternal life.

In this story, Jesus reminded the man of the Ten Commandments, that he should not kill, should not steal or tell lies, and that he must respect his parents. The man said that he had kept all of these commandments since he was young. And so Jesus gave him an extra challenge by asking him to sell his nice things and to give all his money to people who are poor. Once he had done this, Jesus said, that the man could follow him.

This is exactly what Jesus asks of us. That if we have more than enough, we share what we have with others. That way all people in the world would be able to have the things that they need. We are not asked to give up everything but if we all contribute something, no matter how small, imagine what a difference that could make.



Generous God, we thank you for all the gifts that you have given us. Teach us to share these gifts with others, so all people may have enough. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.

I. Gallagher

Mr I. Gallagher
Headteacher