

St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

We will prepare the way by loving, living and learning with the Lord



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GOD WHO SPEAKS

"The word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us" John 1:14

This half term's virtues are:

Learned

and





This Sunday marks the first week of Advent, as we prepare for the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, these weeks provide a wonderful opportunity to slow down and reflect.

The below prayer has been written by a member of CAFOD , also featured further along is an Advent activity created by CAFOD that you and your child can enjoy. We will be featuring one of these activities each week as we journey through the season of Advent.

Light up our Lives

Christ, come into our world of darkness Light up our lives with your coming. Fulfil all our longings with the joy of your birth Strengthen our resolve to work for change in our world And to share the hope of your birth that each Advent brings. Amen.

Sr Bridgetta Rooney/CAFOD





Class Activities - KS2

In Science this week Year 3 predicted which materials are magnetic and carried out investigation to test our predictions. We observed how magnets attract some materials and not others.

We investigated the north and south poles of magnets and using bar magnets. We found that opposite poles pull towards each other (attract) whilst the same poles push away (repel) each other.





Year 4 have had a very busy week! On Monday, our eCadets led lessons, teaching us all how to ensure our identity remains safe online. They have even set us a homework challenge to show what we have learnt.

On Wednesday, some of us brushed up on our Maths skills using a giant Snakes and Ladders game. We even managed to win against Mrs O'Kelly. We also continued to learn to play the glockenspiel, playing 'Strictly D'. We improved with each try and will be performance ready before we know it!

Year 5 are working on landscapes for art work at the moment with Mrs Turner. We have also been thinking about the important life of St Joseph and many have completed research as extra homework.

In maths we have used arrays to help understand multiplication problems and in PE we are starting to learn rules and skills for tag rugby.

Year 6 have been learning Jingle Bells on the ukulele. They learnt the C, G and F chords!

Our eCadets hosted a wonderful session on 'passwords', sharing their knowledge on how to keep passwords safe and uncrackable.

After reading the Parable of the Ten Women, Year 6 hotseated each other, asking probing questions to the wise & foolish women, as well as asking for Jesus' thoughts & expectations. After this, they wrote fantastic newspaper articles!



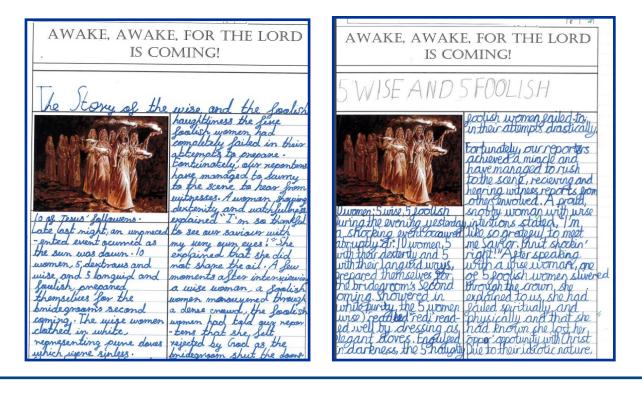


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Excellent Work

This week's excellent work comes from Tianna C and Ritchie R in Year 6. Who after reading the Parable of the Ten women, created a newspaper article.





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This week Year 2 have been observing how their cress seeds, mung beans and hyacinth bulbs have been growing.

We observed the germination of the seeds and beans and how the roots and shoot have started to grow from the hyacinth bulbs.



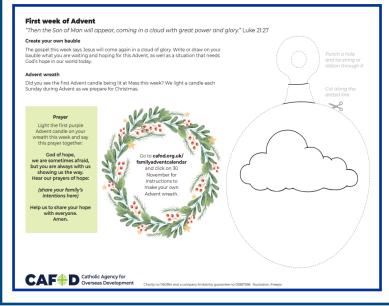
School Photographs

Dear Parents/Carers,

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Wednesday 1st December 2021.** Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit <u>www.tempest-orders.co.uk</u> If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Many thanks, Tempest Photography.

CAFOD - Advent Activity



As mentioned this is the first of four weekly Advent activities that you can enjoy with your child.



Dates for your Diary

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



Sports Star of the Week

This week's Sports Star of the Week is Freddie-Jay L in Year 3 for good football skills and team work.



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STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to Isla E in Nursery and Destiny S in Year 3 We're all really proud of you This week's virtues awards were given to

| Rui W | Nursery |
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| Tennessee D | Reception |
| Larcon-Jon B-H | Year 1 |
| Taylor S | Year 2 |
| Leo R | Year 3 |
| Talulah H & Angel L | Year 4 |
| Zach H | Year 5 |
| Quinten G | Year 6 |
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For being Learned and Wise.

Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 2 with 95.9% Well done!

Ready to learn Award

Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Nursery.

Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Ryan B, Dillon O'N, Roman-Ray F and Maigan B.



First Sunday of Advent

Dear God, because you love us so much you sent your only Son into the world to be with us. Help us to wait in hope with joyful hearts for his coming and to share your hope with others.

Sunday is the first day of Advent. Advent is a special time when we wait in hope for the coming of Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

"There will be strange things happening to the sun, the moon, and the stars. On earth whole countries will be in despair, afraid of the roar of the sea and the raging tides. People will faint from fear as they wait for what is coming over the whole earth, for the powers in space will be driven from their courses. Then the Son of Man will appear, coming in a cloud with great power and glory. When these things begin to happen, stand up and raise your heads, because your salvation is near."

"Be on your guard. Don't let yourselves become occupied with too much feasting and drinking and with the worries of this life, or that Day may suddenly catch you like a trap. For it will come upon all people everywhere on earth. Be on the alert and pray always that you will have the strength to go safely through all those things that will happen and to stand before the Son of Man."

We do not know when Jesus will come again, but in this gospel He tells us to pray and to consider how we behave while we are waiting, so that we will be ready when he comes. He asks us to love one another and to treat other people as we want to be treated. Whether they're in our own family or on the other side of the world.

The other thing that is special about waiting for Jesus during Advent is hope. We have hope that Jesus will one day come again and make all things new. We have hope because of his birth long ago in a stable in Bethlehem, when he came to show all people God's love for us.

Hope is not just a wish for good things to come in the future. It also changes the way that we feel and think and act. When things are hard, if we have hope that they will get better in the future, that helps us to keep trying and working to change things. And this then often leads to the difficult situation getting better.

We can share hope with others, by being with them in difficult times, by giving them a smile or a hug, or by helping them with something that is hard.



What is your hope this Advent? And how do you think you could bring hope to others close to you or around the world?

Loving God, may your love be with us always and bring peace and joy to all people around the world, as we wait in hope for the coming of your Son Jesus. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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I. Gallagher

Mr I. Gallagher Headteacher

