



"Here is the light you will reveal to the nations"

Luke 2: 32

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 11.02.22

Curious

and

Active

Mission Week - Living Week



We used our school trellis to display beautiful photos and artwork of our MAC and home families.

This week at St John's we celebrated our mission week which tied into this year being declared 'Year of the Family' by Pope Francis. Below are just some of the ways we used Mission Week to think about how important our home and school families are to us.



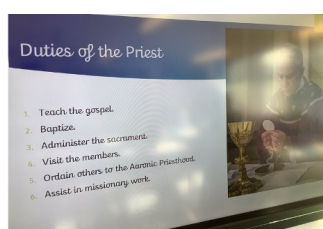
Early Years drew pictures and talked about the people who are special to them in their family.



Year 2 children created family collages.



Year 4 celebrated their families this week by making viennese whirles to take home and enjoy together. Not only did we mix together butter, flour and other ingredients but we also mixed in some love!



Father Michael visited Year 6 during Living Week, discussing his role as a priest.

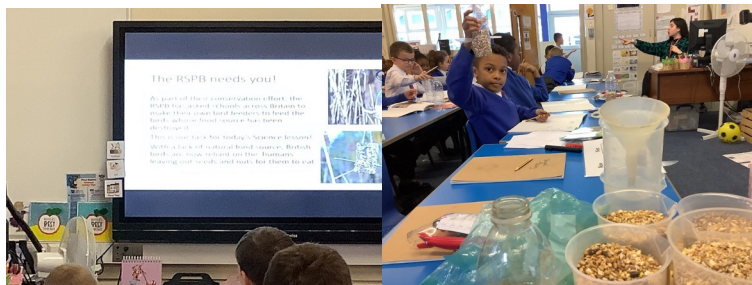
Year 6 prepared and asked him some fantastic spiritual questions!!



Class Activities - KS2



In Year 3 we have been focusing on our topic of Prayer in RE. We took a trip over to church to point out all the items we know are in a church. It was lovely to take some quiet time to reflect on how lucky we are to have the church as part of our school grounds.



After learning about the impacts humans have on the eco-system in Science over the last few weeks, Year 4 decided to give a little back. We created bird feeders to help the birds that might struggle to find food or shelter due to deforestation.



In Year 5 we have been working hard in a range of areas. Support from JHN school has enabled some coding practice to fly drones about our school hall, which has been great. In Science we have separated materials using sieves and filters.

And our Get Set 4 PE has involved lots of tactics and communication to solve problems by working together (rather like in the Battle of Trafalgar, which we are also learning about)

Year 6 showed teamwork during living week by working together in PE.

We also made parallel circuits, explaining how switches can manipulate the flow of electricity.

We learnt a new song in music on the guitar with Mr Edwards. It was called Hot Chilli!



Dates for your Diary

Friday 18th February 2022

2.00pm - Break up for February half term

Tuesday 1st March 2022

8.55am - Children return to school

Friday 8th April 2022

2.00pm - Break up for Easter Holiday

Monday 25th April

8.55am - Children return to school

Monday 2nd May 2022

All day - May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)

Friday 27th May

2.00pm - Break up for May half term

Tuesday 7th June 2022

8.55am - Children return to school

Inset Days

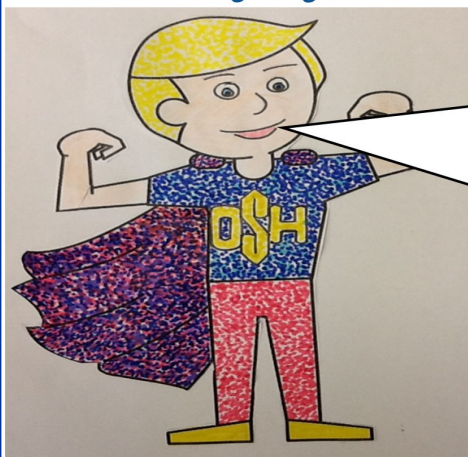
Monday 28th February 2022

All day - Inset Day

Monday 6th June 2022

All day - Inset Day

Online safety hero says...



Remember to be kind and respectful online.

Celebrate the good and fun things we can do online but remember its okay to say 'NO' and tell a trusted adult if something upsets you.

#SagerInternetDay2022

#Allfunandgames

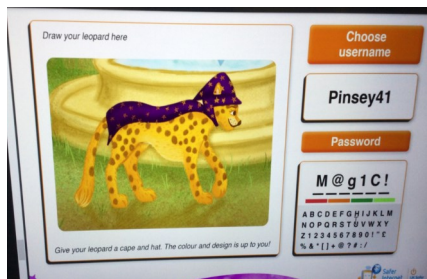
Sports Star of the Week



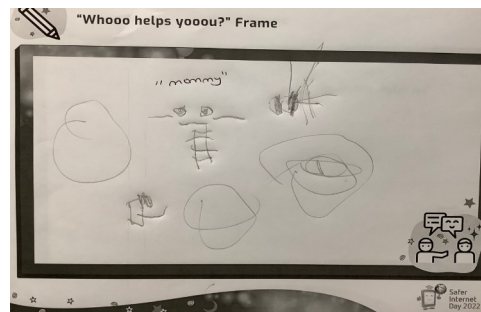
This week's Sports Star of the Week is Charlie M in Year 3 for great leadership skills in dance.



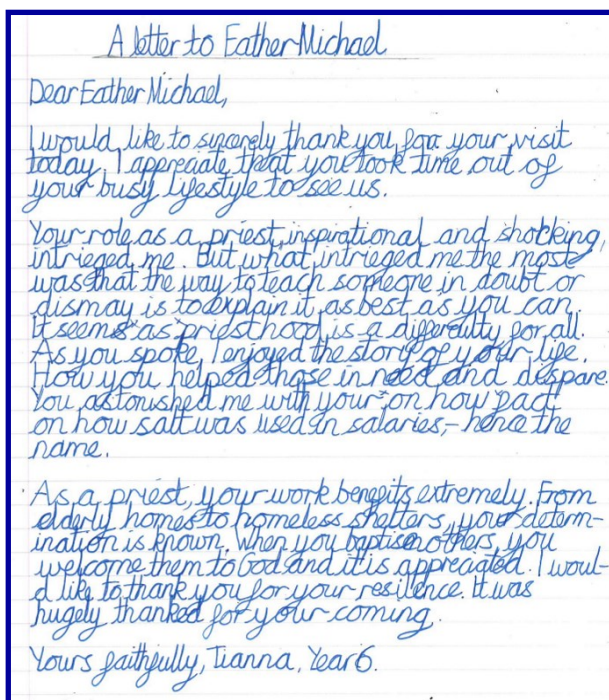
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Tuesday was Safer Internet Day, children learnt all about the importance of staying safe online, creating strong passwords and keeping them private and how this would help them to stay safe online.



Excellent Work



This week's excellent work comes from Tianna in Year 6 who wrote a beautiful letter to Father Michael.

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BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS CLASSES

For parents and carers of individuals with SEND

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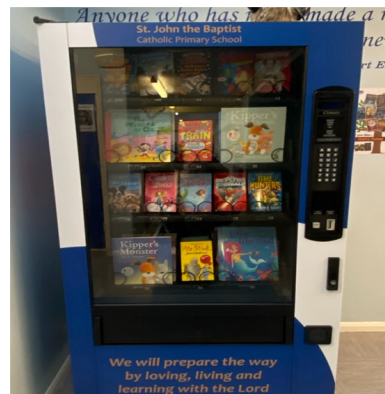
Our Pope's Prayer Intentions

February: for religious sisters and consecrated women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Reading Champions

This week's Reading Champions who have achieved 20 or more points from their MyOn quizzes are Joel O and Emilia K-D, well done both! They will now be able to choose a book from our fantastic book vending machine!

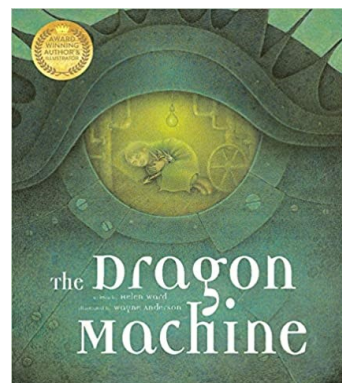


Mr G's Recommended Reads

For our younger readers...

The Dragon Machine by Helen Ward

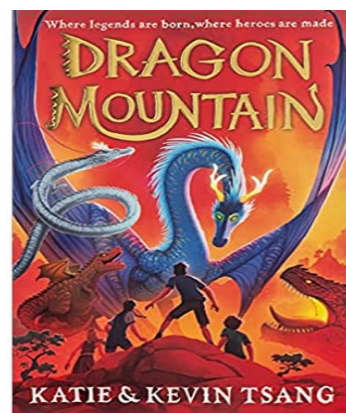
A lonely boy sees dragons where others can't! He plans a rescue mission to return a particular dragon to his dragon home. The dragons need to find their way home before they're noticed by other people, and George is the only one who can get them there. A child's imagination is the gateway to magic and freedom in this beautiful story.



For our older readers...

Dragon Mountain by Katie and Kevin Psang

Twelve-year-old Billy Chan finds out his parents are sending him to a summer camp in middle-of-nowhere China and he doesn't know what to expect. There he meets fellow campers Dylan, Charlotte and Ling-Fei and together they stumble upon an age-old secret: four powerful warrior dragons, hidden deep within the mountain behind the camp. They have been trapped since an epic battle with the Dragon of Death and need the children's help to set them free before terrible evil is unleashed on the earth. Billy and his friends set off on a dangerous adventure that will take them to the heart of the Dragon Realm to see if they can save both the dragon and human worlds from destruction?



Please come and tell me if you read and enjoy my recommended books!



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Reporting positive Covid-19 lateral flow test (LFT) results

Infection rates for Covid-19 remain high and positive lateral flow tests do not require confirming with a PCR.

Please do continue to report positive LFT results online at <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> [link] to support clear understanding of the current infection rates. If anyone in your home tests positive, your support in this is much appreciated.

For more information, please contact

Public Health contacttracing@solihull.gov.uk or 0121 704 6892.

Household support – February half term holiday food vouchers

Support for families in receipt of benefits related free school meals will continue over the February half term holiday period, with a payment of £15 per child, in the form of supermarket vouchers.

For further details, please visit <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/Free-school-meals> [link]. If you have already registered and are entitled to free school meals in Solihull, you will automatically receive your voucher and therefore do not need to contact the council.

Vouchers will be issued by Friday 18 February 2022.

For more information, please contact

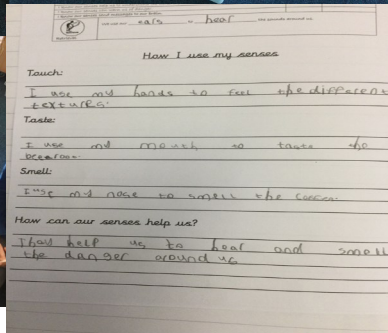
Household Support team edfreesm@solihull.gov.uk.

Science Superstars

Year 1 have been exploring their touch, smell and taste senses. They discussed what part of their body they use to explore these senses and how our senses help us.

The children also discussed how our senses send messages to our brains.

Well done Year 1, you are superstars!





STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to

Harrison S

in Year 2

and Aisha McN

in Year 3

We're all really proud of you

This week's virtues awards were given to

Kyrie D

Nursery

Ryan B

Reception

Marley-Rae R

Year 1

Georgie C

Year 2

Issac A

Year 3

Angel L

Year 4

Aidan H

Year 5

Quenten G

Year 6

For being Curious and Active.

Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 4 with 99.6% *Well done!*

Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Nursery and Year 1.

Birthdays



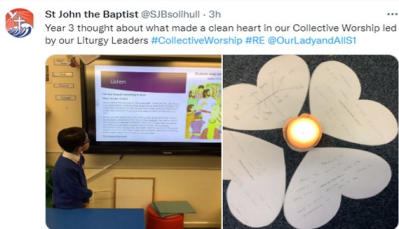
Happy birthday this week to: Ryan M, Ocean H, Luke K, Pathirana R and Hope M.



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Our fabulous tweets continue!!! Have a look at some of our most recent tweets! Please don't forget to join our tweeting community by tweeting us @SJBsolihull



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God of all, we give you thanks for your great love. Especially for those who are poor, those who hunger and those who are sad.

In this Sunday's gospel we hear about Jesus' love for those who are poor, hungry, sad or badly treated.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

When Jesus had come down from the hill with the apostles, he stood on a level place with a large number of his disciples. A large crowd of people was there from all over Judea and from Jerusalem and from the coast cities of Tyre and Sidon;

Jesus looked at his disciples and said,

"Happy are you poor;
the Kingdom of God is yours!

"Happy are you who are hungry now;
you will be filled!

"Happy are you who weep now;
you will laugh!

Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and say that you are evil, all because of the Son of Man! Be glad when that happens and dance for joy, because a great reward is kept for you in heaven. For their ancestors did the very same things to the prophets.

"But how terrible for you who are rich now;
you have had your easy life!

"How terrible for you who are full now;
you will go hungry!

"How terrible for you who laugh now;
you will mourn and weep!

How terrible when all people speak well of you; their ancestors said the very same things about the false prophets."

Jesus talks to the disciples, saying that some of the people will end up happy, while others will not. He says those who are poor will be happy, because the kingdom of God belongs to them.

It can seem strange to us that it is those who are poor, or hungry, or even those who are sad, that Jesus says will be happiest. And it can seem very strange that Jesus says that those who are rich and happy with lots to eat will end up sad, which sounds a bit upside down. However, it's not Jesus' thinking that's upside down. It's ours. He doesn't want us to think that the only way we can be happy is to have lots of money and all the best toys and latest stuff.

Jesus loves all people, but he has a special love for people who are poor, hungry, sad or picked on. And he asks us to be the same. We are called to do what we can to help all people in our world to be happy. We can share what we have, we can comfort them. We can stick up for them and try to change the world to make it fairer for all people.



God of love, open our hearts to others, that we may bring comfort to those who are sad, and share what we have with those who are in need. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.

I. Gallagher

Mr I. Gallagher
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