



"I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me as you have said"
Luke 1:38

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 25.03.22

Intentional

and

Prophetic

A Message from Mr Gallagher

We've all enjoyed a lovely sunny week. The bright weather certainly helps us all to feel more productive. Our children are working hard and are making good progress but I still can't highlight the importance of good attendance enough.

We have a number of year groups where attendance is not as good as it could be. From next week, we'll be sending direct text messages to those who are persistently absent and will be making some home visit spot checks.

Through working together, we will ensure that the skills and talents that each child has received from God are fully realised.

Ukraine Rainbow

On Thursday 7 April, we are holding a non-uniform day with a twist. Our children have told us that they would like to show collective support for the people of Ukraine. To show this, we are aiming to make a whole school 'Ukraine Rainbow.'

Please support this by helping your child to wear either blue or yellow, depending on their year group.

Children in Nursery, Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 to wear as much yellow as possible

Children in Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 to wear as much blue as possible

We'll be taking an aerial photograph so the results should not only be very meaningful but quite spectacular too!

All donations are welcome on this day, but we do recognise that lots of Lenten fundraising has already taken place.



Class Activities - KS1

Year 1 enjoyed PE indoors and outdoors this week, participating in invasion games such as football, using their skills to defend and attack. In science this week, they have been learning about which animals would make good pets and learning about their needs.

In history, Year 1 have been exploring history books and learning about events that happened in the past. They also researched how historians find out about the past.



Year 2

Our new text this week is Rosie Revere Engineer. We have written letters to the main character, Rosie, encouraging her to follow her dreams and to not give up when she faces setbacks.



In PE, we have continued with our Invasion Games unit with Coach Shannon and with Mrs Turner we were learning how to control a ball with our feet when sending and receiving.

We are really enjoying our 'Making Music' computing unit this half term. We have been creating our own rhythms and patterns using different software. And in music we have been playing different notes on the glockenspiel. Watch out Ed Sheeran!



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 7th April 2022

All day - Non-Uniform day (Ukraine Rainbow)

9.15am - Easter Bonnet Parade (Early Years & Year 1)

KS2 Decorate an Egg Competition - Entries to be brought in for judging

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

Saturday 11th June 2022

11.00am - Holy Communion at St John's Church

Wednesday 29th June 2022

7.00pm - Confirmation at Mother of God & Guardian Angels Church

Inset Day

Monday 6th June 2022

All day - Inset Day

Online safety hero says...



Do you know what your child is doing online? Or how long they are playing online games for?

Set up parental controls and time limits to help them stay safe.

#digitalworld

#staysafe #parentalcontrols



Sports Star of the Week

This week's Sports Star of the Week is Rian R in Nursery for great bravery in gymnastics.



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UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH

WHAT IS MENTAL HEALTH?

This workshop is delivered monthly and designed to give Solihull parents and carers a better understanding to support their child's mental health.

This foundation workshop is delivered virtually via Microsoft Teams, covering a range of themes including:

- What is mental health?
- Common mental health challenges
- Preventing mental health difficulties
- Recognising risk & building resilience
- Promoting well-being



ADD-ON SESSIONS

You may also be interested in attending the additional sessions:

Focus on Anxiety
Focus on Depression/Low Mood

These sessions can be booked alongside the foundation workshop or once you have attended this session

Workshops will take place each month – to register your interest and receive details of new sessions as they become available, please contact the parenting team via email to bsmhft.parenting@nhs.net or by finding us on Facebook – Solihull Parenting Team

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FREE online Solihull Approach Parenting Courses

Solihull Approach online courses are FREE for ALL Solihull residents to gain knowledge, confidence and skills to support their parenting

A certificate can be downloaded once the course has been completed, although you don't have to do all the modules in one go – on returning to the website and signing in, your account will 'remember' where you have got up to

HOW TO ACCESS:

- Go to www.inourplace.co.uk
- Create an account using an email address & password
- Scroll down to choose a course
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The courses work on laptops, PCs, smart phones and tablets.
Please note: a modern browser is required (e.g. Google Chrome, Firefox, Explorer 10)

For any technical issues, please contact the Solihull Approach team on 0121 296 4448 or via email to solihull.approach@heartofengland.nhs.uk



For further information please contact the Parenting Team via email to bsmhft.parenting@nhs.net or follow us on our Facebook page – Solihull Parenting Team

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BEING A PARENT GROUPS

New 'Being a Parent' parenting groups will be starting in January and will be delivered both face-to-face and virtually.

"It helped me to understand that there are more parents dealing with the same problems"

"The skills that they have taught will make life easier for me & my family"



The 'BEING A PARENT' parenting groups are led by trained parent volunteers, and aim to help you to understand your child better, manage challenging behaviour, improving communication and building a supportive relationship.

A supportive group where parents & carers of children aged 0-18 years can meet in a familiar & friendly environment without their children, the sessions run for either 90 minutes via Microsoft Teams, or 2 hours when face to face.

The groups take place on a rolling basis each academic term, running weekly for 8 weeks, giving parents the opportunity to support one another and share knowledge & experiences with the help of tried and tested resources from the 'Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities' programme.

To book your place, or to register your interest for a future group, please contact the parenting team via email to bsmhft.parenting@nhs.net or by finding us on Facebook – Solihull Parenting Team



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Our Pope's Prayer Intentions

March: A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Lent - Family Activities



WEEK 5

1. Mark 9:2-4, 7 NTV

"After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him. He led them up a high mountain. They were all alone. There in front of them his appearance was changed. His clothes became so white they shone. They were whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. Elijah and Moses appeared in front of Jesus and his disciples. The two of them were talking with Jesus... Then a cloud appeared and covered them. A voice came from the cloud. It said, 'This is my Son, and I love him. Listen to him!'"



4. Stop walking and be as quiet as you can. What can you hear? Traffic? People? Birds? While you are quiet try listening to Jesus. Chat about what you think he might be saying and what you could do to listen to him more.

3. Look out for all the different colours that you see on your walk, name them. Did you see anything white? Why do you think Jesus' clothes turned white and shiny in this part of the Bible? Wonder together about what was going on.

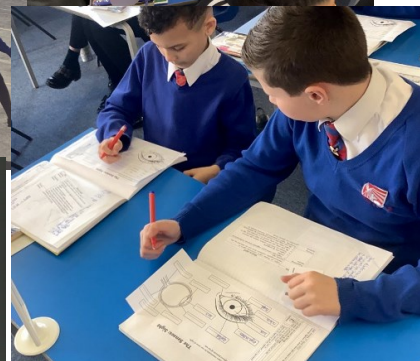
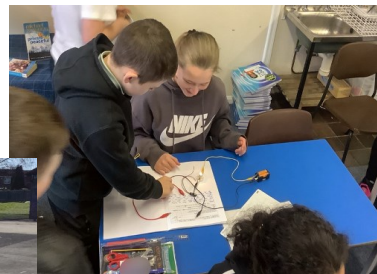
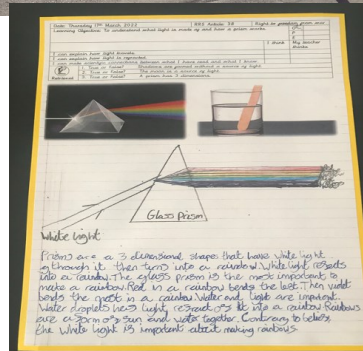
2. Try and walk somewhere that is higher than where you started. It could be a little hill or a big hill. When you get to the top read the Bible passage. Two famous people from the Old Testament part of the Bible are talking with Jesus on the mountain. What would you like to talk to Jesus about right now?

1. You can walk anywhere! Just pick a local route, and follow activities 1-4

Week 5 of our Lent family activities.

Science Superstars

Year 6 have been learning all about Light. We have used electrical circuits to power bulbs, as well as learning how light travels, how our eye detects light and how prisms refract light.



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Excellent Work

This week's excellent work comes from Grace P in Year 6.

What happened during the Battle of Britain?
The Battle of Britain (1940) was a crucial moment in World War Two. The Germans soon focused on Britain, sending the Luftwaffe to invade Britain. The RAF (Royal Air Force) defended Britain during the sky battles between the allies and the axis. Fortunately, Britain's manoeuvrability in the air triumphed against the German invaders.

What happened during the Blitz?
After losing their first invasion, the Germans changed their tactics. Instead of flying the RAF, they decided to bomb factories, major towns and cities, roads, docks and railways to stop the RAF getting weapons and guns and bullets. This tactic was named the Blitz, due to its sudden and intensive attack.

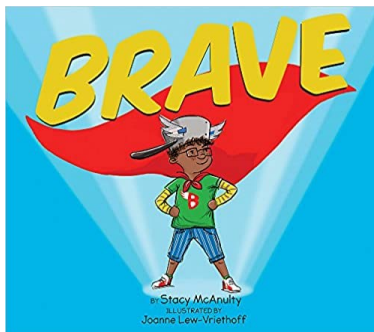
Why did Germany bomb towns and cities in it?
Germany bombed the UK because they wanted to weaken the RAF. Also to halt the supply and building of weaponry, food and to disrupt transport vehicles. They wanted attention; they got it.

How and why did the battle of Britain end?
The Battle of Britain ended because of the fact the RAF was stronger and more organised. Britain had a strategy that worked and is a main part of history.

What a lovely piece, a really informative attempt!

Mr G's Recommended Reads

For our younger readers...



Superheroes are brave. But they aren't the only ones.

Children are brave every day. When they check for monsters under the bed, just in case. When they face something uncertain, whether a thunderstorm or a hospital visit, or when they stand up for what's right. This book encourages children to be brave in all the ways they can: trying new things, speaking their mind, confronting bullies, and more. It is written to inspire children to follow their hearts and to have courage, no matter the situation.

For our older readers...



The Superhero Hotel - a top secret hotel where superheroes come to relax after a hard day saving the world.

The trouble is superheroes don't like having nothing to do. They soon get bored and decide to help out around the hotel.

But their efforts backfire terribly, creating chaos and putting the hotel in danger.

The superheroes must work together to save the hotel before it's too late! A fun read any aspiring superhero!



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SJB Sports



On Wednesday night, our fantastic football team played the first match of 2022! Losing narrowly 2-1 to Smiths Wood, the team put on a splendid display of teamwork and skill. In front of a crowd of proud parents, the children worked extremely hard for each other, passed the ball nicely and showed some silky skills in the process. Our goal was scored by Mason, who deftly beat his man in the centre of the pitch, shifted the ball onto his right foot and unleashed an absolute thunderbolt into the top right-hand corner

of the net. The goalkeeper had no chance! Other notable performances were from Conal in goal, who pulled off save after save to keep the team in the game! Also, Joseph D, whose trickery and agility allowed him to beat defenders again and again.

A special mention to Coach Steve, who came to referee and offer support to our team, thank you!



Coleshill Town Mini Soccer FC



Easter Holidays Football Camp 2022
9am - 3pm

Coleshill Memorial Park
Park Rd, Coleshill, Birmingham B46 3LF

Tuesday 19th - Friday 22nd April

Boys & Girls Ages 4 - 12
Children will be split into small groups based on age & friends.

FA Qualified & DBS Checked Coaches

The cost of the 4 days is £60, Subsequent siblings £40
Individual days £20, subsequent siblings £15

Please provide a packed lunch & plenty to drink.

We will be using the grass football pitches

At Friday 2pm there will be a presentation for all the children
where they will receive their trophy.

where parents are encouraged to come and watch
extra opportunities to win individual awards throughout the 4 days.

If you would like to book a place for your child, please text

Child's name + B46 to **07758 752033**

If you have any other queries, please contact us.

Also, Very Popular Weekly Saturday Classes Available



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The Big Walk & Wheel two week event

It is now the end of the first week. Yesterday St John the Baptist Catholic School was 335th out of 522 (small schools). So, let's make a difference next week, remember to Walk, Bike or Scooter to school.

Mrs Patterson will be at the main gate next week to take photos of the children arriving at school.

Good luck everyone!



Ukraine Appeal - Year 1

As our almsgiving for Lent, Year One are asking for donations for the Ukraine appeal.

Items needed: Baby items such as baby wipes, clothing (new), baby toiletries etc. Adult toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, roll-on deodorant etc.

Any donations will need to be in school by Thursday 31st March so that they can be packaged up and delivered to the appeal by Thursday afternoon.

Lenten Fundraising - Year 4

Year 4 will be selling lemonade and tip tops for their Lenten alms giving activity.

20p for lemonade/ 40p for a tip top

Easter Festivities



We will be holding our Early Years and Year 1 Easter Bonnet Parade on Thursday 7th April at 9.15am, this is always a wonderful event and of course we welcome parents/carers to join us on the KS1 playground.

For KS2 children there will be a 'Decorate an Egg' competition. Please ensure entries are brought into school for judging on Thursday 7th April.



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STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to
Benjamin H
in Nursery
and
Tyler T
in Year 6

We're all really proud of you

This week's virtues awards were given to

Rio-George M	Nursery
Zara R	Reception
Ruby B	Year 1
Lily W	Year 2
Ryan M	Year 3
Joshua C	Year 4
Brooke F	Year 5
Olivia A	Year 6

For being Intentional and Prophetic.

Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 1 with 93.4% *Well done!*

Ready to learn Award



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

Birthdays



Happy birthday this week to: Tyler-James C, Lilly M, Harry E, Leo R and Olivia K.



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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



Who to follow

North Solihull Sport and 2 others follow

Apple Education

@AppleEDU

Spark new ideas, create more aha moments, and teach in ways you've always imagined. Follow @AppleEDU for tips, updates, and inspiration.

Promoted

Our Lady's Primary and 5 others follow

Mary Johnson

@MaryJoh04020955 Follows you

Pope Francis and 3 others follow

Papa Francisco

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Loving God, we know that you always love us and are ready to forgive us. Help us to be truly sorry when we get things wrong and to do all that we can to make the world a more loving place. Amen.

In this Sunday's gospel we hear about the story known as the Prodigal Son. It's about a child who did lots of things wrong, but who went to say sorry, and so his father forgave him.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

One day when many tax collectors and other outcasts came to listen to Jesus, the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law started grumbling, "This man welcomes outcasts and even eats with them!" So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was once a man who had two sons. The younger one said to him, 'Father, give me my share of the property now.' So the man divided his property between his two sons. After a few days the younger son sold his part of the property and left home with the money. He went to a country far away, where he wasted his money in reckless living. He spent everything he had. Then a severe famine spread over that country, and he was left without a thing. So he went to work for one of the citizens of that country, who sent him out to his farm to take care of the pigs. He wished he could fill himself with the bean pods the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything to eat. At last he came to his senses and said, 'All my father's hired workers have more than they can eat, and here I am about to starve! I will get up and go to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired workers."' So he got up and started back to his father.

"He was still a long way from home when his father saw him; his heart was filled with pity, and he ran, threw his arms round his son, and kissed him. 'Father,' the son said, 'I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son.' But the father called his servants. 'Hurry!' he said. 'Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet. Then go and get the prize calf and kill it, and let us celebrate with a feast! For this son of mine was dead, but now he is alive; he was lost, but now he has been found.' And so the feasting began. "In the meantime the elder son was out in the field. On his way back, when he came close to the house, he heard the music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him, 'What's going on?' 'Your brother has come back home,' the servant answered, 'and your father has killed the prize calf, because he got him back safe and sound.'

The elder brother was so angry that he would not go into the house; so his father came out and begged him to come in. But he answered his father, 'Look, all these years I have worked for you like a slave, and I have never disobeyed your orders. What have you given me? Not even a goat for me to have a feast with my friends! But this son of yours wasted all your property spending, and when he comes back home, you kill the prize calf for him!' 'My son,' the father answered, 'you are always here with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be happy, because your brother was dead, but now he is alive; he was lost, but now he has been found.'

God loves us all. When we say sorry, God forgives us for the things that we have done wrong, just like the father in this story forgives his son. God is always happy when we come back to him.



God of life, you want all people to have enough to eat and to share with each other. Work through us so that this hope may become a reality. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.

I. Gallagher

Mr I. Gallagher
Headteacher