



"These have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah,
the Son of God"
John 20:31

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 13.05.22

Grateful

and

Generous

Well Done Year 6!

Well done to year 6 for being such SATs superstars! We are so proud of how hard they have worked this week and how they maintained their focus.

We cannot fault their commitment and sensible attitude, so it was lovely to see them enjoy a well-earned party today!

Thank you also to Mr Craggs, Miss Thompson and every other adult who has worked so hard to support Year 6 in their learning this year.



One in four adults feel lonely some or all of the time. There's no single cause and there's no one solution. After all, we're all different!

Dealing with loneliness can be difficult. But there are things we can all do to cope with loneliness and prevent some of the negative feelings and mental health problems that can come with it.

Here are some coping strategies that you might find useful.

1. Try to do some enjoyable things that will keep you busy
2. Try to do things that stimulate your mind
3. Think about doing a physical activity
4. Try to engage with the people you meet in your daily life.
5. Find people that 'get you'
6. Spend time with pets
7. Try to use social media in a positive way
8. Talking therapies can help



**Mental Health
Awareness Week**
9 - 15 May 2022

Together we can
tackle loneliness

#IveBeenThere



Class Activities - EYFS

"You have to get a bucket and a spade. You put lots of sand in all the way to the top then you turn it over and tap it on the top." Keesha



Harley tipped all the sand from the little bucket to the big bucket. "I'm going to make a sandcastle in the big bucket. The little one is empty now."



We talked about making sandcastles and whether our buckets are full or empty. We then made our own sandcastles.



Making patterns, sorting objects by initial sound and building sandcastles. Our prayer service was about God is Love and how he shows us how to love one another



Early Years have focused on the exciting story of 'Rapunzel' this week. We have made armour for the knights and designed our own princess bedrooms. We have also enjoyed learning all about castles! We have been building them, researching them and designing them. We are looking forward to learning more about who lives in castle next week too!

Red Ted

Well done to EYFS and KS1 children who received their Red Ted bears for their continued effort with reading.



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 20th May

9.30am - Class Mass Led by Year 1 & Year 6 (all welcome)

Thursday 26th May

1.15pm - Reception Vision Tests (NHS Team)

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...



If something makes you uncomfortable when online tell a trusted adult.

#staysafe

#talktoanadult



Sports Star of the Week



This week's Sports Star of the Week is Luke K in Year 5 for great effort in rounders.



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Science Superstars

This week, Year 4 took part in Godly Play. We explored the Easter story up to Jesus' ascension into Heaven. Children created some wonderful art work, story boards and retells of the story before explaining their thoughts and reasoning behind their creations.



Grammar Entrance Test - Registration

We write to advise that registration is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for The Grammar Schools in Birmingham, for entry to Year 7 in September 2023. Registration can be made online by visiting the website below. We would appreciate if this could be communicated to your current Year 5 parents in any upcoming newsletter.

The closing date for registering is 4pm on 30th June 2022.

The test will take place on 17th September 2022.

<https://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org/apply-onlineapp.php>

Year 6 Parental Questionnaire - reminder

If you have not already done so, please can we kindly request that you complete and return this questionnaire by Friday 20th May. If you have not received the questionnaire please notify the school office.

Thank you in advance.



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Mr G's Recommended Reads

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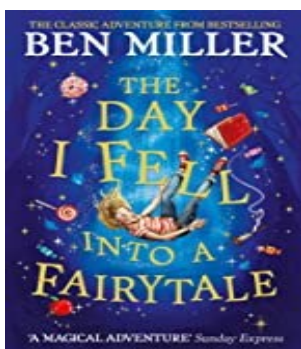
For our younger readers...

'Child of the Galaxies' by Blake Nuto and Charlotte Ager



Child of Galaxies is a thought-provoking picture book, celebrating the wonder, mystery and joy of what it means to be alive. For children who love to daydream, this gentle introduction to poetry, philosophy and asking the big questions is sure to inspire young and old for years to come.

For our older readers...



Lana and her brother, Harrison, used to love playing together – until Harrison decided he was too old for games. But when a trip to the supermarket uncovers a magical portal to the world of fairytales, Lana discovers that stories aren't a game. With the fairytale world in danger, can Lana convince Harrison to believe again, before it's too late?



Next Week's Class Mass

Our next class Mass will be on Friday 20th May. Everyone is welcome to join us. This Mass will be led by children in Year 1 and Year 6.



Our Pope's Prayer Intentions

May: Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



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STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to

Diyana R

in Year 2,

Aurora D in Year 4

And

All of Year 6!

We're all really proud of you

This week's virtues awards were given to

Harleen W

Hope M

Amelia M

Tia S

Mikel B

William N

Hareem T

Luke H

Nursery

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

For being Grateful and Generous.

Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 6 with 99.3% *Well done!*

Ready to learn Award



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



Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Billy D, Connie K and Harvey E.



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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

St John the Baptist @SJBSolihull · May 11
Year 5 have enjoyed their introduction to the Ukulele this week. All used correct techniques and learned about the history of the instrument. Thanks Mrs Roe.



St John the Baptist @SJBSolihull · 2h
EYFS enjoyed making some dance routines to represent the Holy Spirit. #CollectiveWorship #RE #CatholicLife @OurLadyandAllSt



St John the Baptist @SJBSolihull · May 10
An excellent PE lesson with Year 3 learning the skills of tag rugby, you can see the smiles and concentration on their faces! #pe #tagrugby @GetSet4PE @OurLadyandAllSt



St John the Baptist @SJBSolihull · May 6
Holy Communion Preparation 🙏🏻 #TheBodyOfChrist @OurLadyandAllSt @BCPP_



Who to follow

- Ovarian Cancer Action** @OvarianCancerUK
We're the UK's ovarian cancer research charity, campaigning so that no one ignores the symptoms. #FollowedByCancer Active team: 9am - 5.30pm
Promoted
- St Anthony's Primary and 11 others follow**
Cardinal Nichols @CardinalNichols
Cardinal Vincent Nichols is Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster @rowestminster & President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales @catholicuk
- Birmingham Diocesan Education Service and 5 others follow**
Westminster Diocese @RCWestminster
Telling the story of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster. @CardinalNichols @WestminsterCath

You Retweeted
Ems Beautiful Books @EmsBeauBooks · May 10
My first Book Vending Machine Fill! Of course I HAD to have a selfie. Thanks @SJBSolihull for letting me help and having a selfie!
Looking forward to working with you again in the future 🙌
#readingforpleasure #primaryschool



St John the Baptist @SJBSolihull · May 6
Our eCadets in Year 3 have been teaching their class about real friends and online friends. @eCadets @OurLadyandAllSt



St John the Baptist @SJBSolihull · May 6
Pupil Voice 🗣️ - Art makes me feel...
#SJBSWeAreArtists #SJBArtBringsHappiness @OurLadyandAllSt



You Retweeted
National Online Safety @natonline-safety · May 11
Pre-schoolers on PlayStation? Young ones on YouTube? 🤖 The under-5s encounter digital devices – and therefore #OnlineSafety risks – at a crucial phase in their development. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide has top tips for parents and carers 📱

Download >> hubs.ly/Q01b0yY50



You Retweeted
Ems Beautiful Books @EmsBeauBooks · May 9
Eek! Loved working with @SJBSolihull to help bring these fabulous fiction books to their book vending machine without touching the budget! Kids are going to love them!

@sophieinspace @SerenaKPatel @mattbrownauthor @L_C_Pearson

#readingforpleasure #primaryschool



St John the Baptist @SJBSolihull · May 6
Year 3 enjoyed learning about The Road to Emmaus through Godly Play #RE #CatholicLife @OurLadyandAllSt



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

God of hope, you sent your Son Jesus to teach us how to love one another. Help us to follow his example and to love all our brothers and sisters around the world.

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus has a very important message for his disciples, and for all who believe in him. He asks us to love one another as he loves us.

Gospel: John 13:31-35

After Judas had left, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man's glory is revealed; now God's glory is revealed through him. And if God's glory is revealed through him, then God will reveal the glory of the Son of Man in himself, and he will do so at once. My children, I shall not be with you very much longer. You will look for me; but I tell you now what I told the Jewish authorities, 'You cannot go where I am going.' And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples."

Jesus tells his disciples that he will not be with them for much longer and he tells them how he'd like them to behave. Can you remember what he told them to do?

Jesus told the disciples to love one another, just as he had loved them. He spent time with people, especially those who were sick, lonely, frightened or poor. He listened to them and ate with them. He healed them and he helped them to change their lives for the better. His message to love other people wasn't just for his disciples but for everyone in the world, then and still today.



What will you do to show your love for others this week?

Loving God, fill us with your love and help us to share this love with others, especially with those who are poor, sick, lonely or frightened.

Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.

I. Gallagher

Mr I. Gallagher
Headteacher