



"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 27.05.22

Grateful

and

Generous

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations!

St John's has been a sea of red, white and blue today as we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee! The children enjoyed a delicious street party picnic, celebrated all things British and, even received a visit from Queen Elizabeth II herself! Along with her very well behaved corgi!

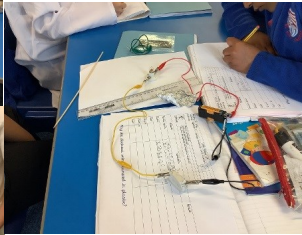
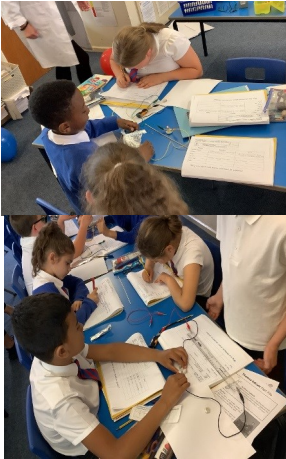
*Almighty God, we pray,
that your servant
Elizabeth, our Queen,
who, by your
providence has received the
governance of this realm,
may continue to grow in
every virtue, that, imbued
with your heavenly grace,
she may be preserved from
all that is harmful and evil
and, being blessed with
your favour
may, with the royal family,
come at last into your
presence,
through Christ who is the
way, the truth and the life
and who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and
ever. Amen.*



Class Activities - KS2

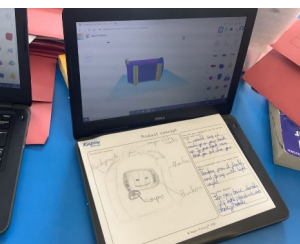


Year 3 have been working hard all half term learning the rules and tactics of Tag Rugby. Progressing their skills each week has been wonderful to see and everyone has really got involved and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Their throwing and catching skills has really come on!



This week, Year 4 have been busy leaning about conductors and insulators. We testesed a number of materials to see if electrictiy flowed though them. We found that the metals that we tested were conductors and non-metal materials were insulators. We then discussed how plastic covering around electrical wires keeps us safe. A big well done to Jasmine who was chosen as our Scientist of the Week for the second time during this lesson!

Year 5 have been busy learning about Astrology in Science; here children are demonstrating how the Moon always faces the same side to the Earth as they turn around. In PE, Tag Rugby has been fun and challenging and in Music we have loved using the new ukuleles to play tunes. Godly play has allowed us to share ideas about the Resurrection.



In Computing & DT, Year 6 have been 3D modelling.

In Maths, we have been making 3D pull-up nets.



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Dates for your Diary

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...



*Don't spend too long on your device this half term.
Get outside enjoy the fresh air
and socialise with your
friends face to face.*

*#screentime
#putdownthedevice
#facetofacefriends*



Sports Star of the Week

This week's Sports Star of the Week is Khianna in Year 6 for consistently hitting the ball in rounders.

SJB Sport

On Wednesday, some Year 4 children went to John Henry Newman and competed in an OAA competition. The competition involved problem solving, running and lots of effective communicating! The children had a wonderful time showing their skills and developing their orienteering skills!



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Jubilee Art Competition



The response to our Jubilee Art Competition was absolutely amazing! With each and every single piece of artwork being so creative, original and simply superb. This of course made choosing the winners hugely difficult! However, after much deliberation we finally chose a winner from each key stage;

Early Years - Harleen W

KS1 - Ellis S

KS2 - Tyler A

Each winner has received a fantastic prize that we're certain they will enjoy in their future artistic endeavours!



Harleen W from Early Years, created a sparkly piece of art.



Ellis S from KS1, who created a fantastic picture of Elizabeth II enjoying a well earned relax on her throne.



Tyler A from KS2, who created a portrait of the Queen covered entirely in stamps.

Parking

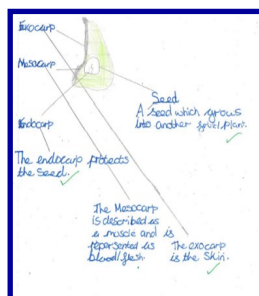
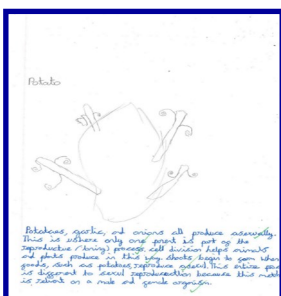
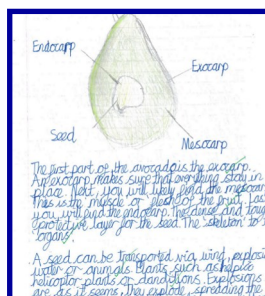
We have received a number of complaints about cars parking across the driveways of houses opposite school. One complaint in particular is from a resident who works for the NHS and has been prevented from leaving her drive to start her shift. Can we politely request that you do not park across driveways, even for a few minutes. If unreasonable parking continues, we will have to pass on all reported car registrations to the police. Thank you for your support in this matter.



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Science Superstars



This week Year 6 have been looking at how plants and vegetables reproduce, particularly the avocado and potato.

EYFS Platinum Jubilee Tea Party

Early Years enjoyed inviting their families in for a jubilee afternoon tea party. They made their own decorations and cakes and even learnt a jubilee song that they sang for their families.

We all had so much fun, thank you to everyone who came!

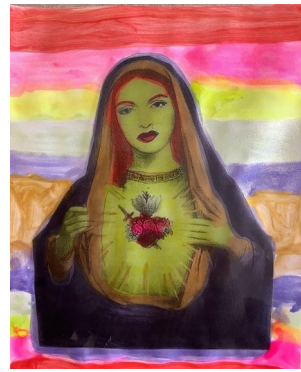


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May the month of Mary

In May we celebrate and honour the Mother Mary. In his May 1st Regina Coeli address, Pope Francis spoke of the Mother Mary and encouraged believers to carry out individual acts of prayer, specifically to pray for peace in the Ukraine. At St John's some of our Year 6 children honoured Mary using the medium of art to create these beautifully vibrant pictures.



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.

Photo Watches

We have noticed that some of our younger children have been coming school wearing watches that are capable of taking photographs. Our 'Wearable Devices Policy' is in place to safeguard all children and to prevent images being taken and used without consent. I'm sure these watches are great fun at home but please do not allow your child to bring them into school. Thank you.

Uniform Reminder

Unfortunately we are noticing a number of children attending school wearing incorrect uniform or PE kit, therefore please ensure that your child attends school each day wearing correct uniform and PE kit.



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STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to

Harry W

in

Nursery,

and Kyron C

in

Year 6

We're all really proud of you



Platinum Jubilee
1952-2022



Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 4 with 96.4% *Well done!*

Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Nursery.



Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Aisha McN, Mia D, Natalia D, Jessica K and Amelia E.
We also wish a happy birthday to those children who celebrate during the half-term:
Nikita B, Samuel O, Mason-Jay N and Tillie-Renae H.



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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 · Jul 17, 2020
If your child will be 3 before September we have space's available in our Nursery for mornings only or all day (if you qualify for 30 hours). Please get in touch if you'd like more information.



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · May 25
Year 5 were busy learning how to use different camera angles today. They went through some editing skills and decided which were best for their video. #SJBComputing @OurLadyandAllSaints



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · May 25
Year 5 were busy with their #PopArt lesson. They used images of Mary and Jesus to begin the process. We can't wait to share the finished work. #SJBWeAreArtists #CatholicLife @OurLadyandAllSaints @BCPP_



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · May 25
Our Year 6 #pupsters completed their work and took time in the 'Book Room' to view and read. #SJBWeAreReaders #ClassReaders @OurLadyandAllSaints @EmsBeauBooks



You Retweeted National Online Safety @natonline-safety · May 25
"Going viral" isn't always something to celebrate 🙄 This #WakeupWednesday, we look at how inappropriate content becomes an #OnlineSafety risk by crossing between platforms - and ways to prevent your child seeing anything they shouldn't! 📱



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · May 25
Nursery enjoyed their prayer service where we talked about how God is Love. We talked about the ways God shows us love, we shared what we thought love is and placed a heart into the basket to say thank you to the people that we love. #RE @OurLadyandAllSaints



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · May 25
Our Year 5 artists creating #PopArt images of #QueenElizabethII. They used various bright colours to create their images. #SJBWeAreArtists #AndyWarhol #CulturalCapital



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · May 25
Year 2 enjoyed Investigating and observing solids changing in to liquids. 🧊



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · May 25
We loved starting our #CollectiveWorship with one of our favourite hymns today. Chosen and led by Angel and Riley, we reflected on how Jesus' disciples felt and how we would feel if we were to see Jesus. Emilia thinks it would be a "dream come true." 🙌 @OurLadyandAllSaints



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · May 24
Year 3 have loved our @GetSet4PE #tagrugby lessons this half term



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · May 23
Year 2 enjoyed Godly Play today. They chose how to creatively share the story of Pentecost 🙌 #RE #CatholicLife @OurLadyandAllSaints



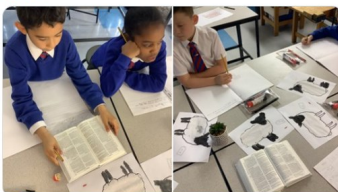
St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · May 20
The 'singing angels' from Year 4 used their #GodGivenTalents today. They sang their hearts out. 🙌 #CatholicLife #SJBWeAreSingers @OurLadyandAllSaints @BCPP_



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · May 20
Our Confirmation created an image of the Holy Spirit. We talked about the Holy Spirit enriching our lives. They wrote a prayer to ask God to help and guide them. 🙌 #CatholicLife #Confirmation @OurLadyandAllSaints @BCPP_



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · May 20
Holy Communion Club was in full swing. The children discussed the 'Parable of the Lost Sheep'. Eloise told us that Jesus is the Shepherd and we are his sheep. Leo told us that Jesus would always find us. #CatholicLife #HolyCommunion #Preparation @OurLadyandAllSaints @BCPP_



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · May 20
Year 5 have enjoyed Godly play to tell about Jesus' ascension into heaven. This was highly creative and enabled children to share their understanding. #CatholicLife #RE @OurLadyandAllSaints



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · May 20
EYFS enjoyed learning the words of the prayer 'Our Father' using actions and turning it into a song...we still need some practice but we're getting there! #RE #CollectiveWorship #CatholicLife @OurLadyandAllSaints



Seventh Sunday of Easter

Loving God, we pray to you as Jesus did. We thank you for sending your Son Jesus to show us how to live. May your love be in us and help us to live together in peace and unity with all people.

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear how Jesus prayed to God for all those people, like us, who would come to believe in him

Gospel: [John 17:20-26](#)

Jesus looked up to heaven and said: "I pray not only for them, but also for those who believe in me because of their message. I pray that they may all be one. Father! May they be in us, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they be one, so that the world will believe that you sent me. I gave them the same glory you gave me, so that they may be one, just as you and I are one: I in them and you in me, so that they may be completely one, in order that the world may know that you sent me and that you love them as you love me.

"Father! You have given them to me, and I want them to be with me where I am, so that they may see my glory, the glory you gave me; for you loved me before the world was made. Righteous Father! The world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you sent me. I made you known to them, and I will continue to do so, in order that the love you have for me may be in them, and so that I also may be in them."

Jesus was praying to God for his disciples. But not only for his friends who were with him during his life. He was also praying for all those people who will come to believe in him through the disciples. No matter when or where they live.

This means Jesus was praying to God for us. He asked that all his people could be as one, that they all stand united, they love one another, live peacefully and work together.

And God wants that love and peace to shine through us in the way that we treat each other. We are called to love one another and to live together in harmony.



We are united by God's love for us.

God of all, we thank you for your love for us. May we share that love with others so that all your children throughout the world may be one family. Amen.

Have a lovely rested half-term and Jubilee bank holiday!

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