



"Go throughout the whole world and preach the Gospel to all people"
Mark 16:15

THE
GOD
WHO
SPEAKS

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 24.06.22

Attentive

and

Discerning



The World Meeting of Families

This week (20th – 26th) it is the World Meeting of Families. The World Meeting of Families is a four-day international conference generally held every three years, in different places around the world, and often in conjunction with a papal visit or appearance. This has drawn around 2,000 Catholic families to the Italian capital to meet Pope Francis and hear talks on marriage and the faith. The World Meeting of Families is a gathering of the Roman Catholic Church that has occurred every three years since 1994 and is organised by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, which "promotes the pastoral care of families, protects their rights and dignity in the Church and in civil society."

In school, we have been thinking about the importance of family, in every context. Through our school family, our class family, our families at home, our MAC family linked to Our Lady and All Saints and the family of God.

Here is a link to beautiful prayer resources that you and your family can use at home to encourage a special prayer time together. This resource was specifically created for the World Meeting of Families.

<https://www.celebratetrust.org/celebratehome-prayer-stations>

The Feast of St. John the Baptist

Each year on June 24 the Catholic Church honours the birth of St John the Baptist by reflecting on his unique role as the precursor of Jesus. The solemnity held on this date praises John as a worthy example of what it means to be a follower of Christ. A solemnity is the most significant feast the Church can establish.

John the Baptist is a famous bible character who is also the patron saint of many different subjects, including builders, tailors, printers, baptism, conversion to faith, people dealing with storms and their effects, and people who need healing. To us he is our school patron and he guides us in our mission, to 'prepare the way...' by ensuring all of our children are happy, confident, ambitious and ready for future stages in their lives.

We celebrated today with our annual picnic and came together as a whole school to celebrate liturgy in Mass together.



Class Activities - KS2

Year 3 have been working on The Pied Piper this week. We acted out the story and created a freeze frame for different sections. It was lots of fun to use a range of emotions and showcase these the best we could. We tried to imagine how we would feel if we were surrounded by rats....not nice!!



This week, Year 4 created beautiful art work to end our unit on Pentecost. Children discussed art created by different artists and the symbols used to represent the Holy Spirit. They then chose their favourite to recreate. Look how wonderful they are!



Year 5 enjoyed challenging Year 6 to games of rounders this week. Scores were close in each game.

Last week we were learning to triple jump in athletics. We have also enjoyed vector drawing using a range of drawing tools on computers.

Today the weather held out for us all to enjoy a picnic

Year 6 enjoying the Feast of St John the Baptist picnic, it was a lovely way for them to come together in celebration.



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 29th June 2022

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

Friday 1st July

Mission Week Children's Charter Showcase

Wednesday 13th July

Sports Afternoon

Thursday 21st July 2022

3.15pm - Break up for Summer holiday

Wednesday 6th September 2022

8.55am - Children return to school

Inset days 2022 - 2023

Monday 5th September 2022

Tuesday 6th September 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 27th February 2023

Monday 5th June 2023

Online safety hero says...



Social media apps and games have an age rating for a reason. Make sure your child is using apps and games that are appropriate for their age. Do you know what apps and games your child is playing?

#pegiratings

#ageappropriate



Sports Star of the Week

This week's Sports Star of the Week is Marley P in year 3 for demonstrating great determination in PE.



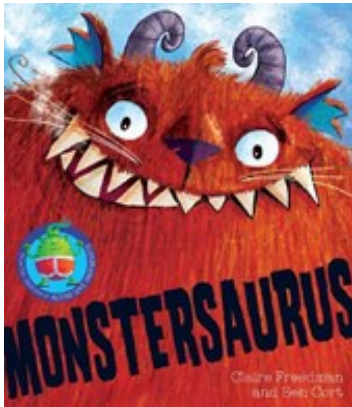
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Mr G's Recommended Reads

This week I've chosen the theme of monsters. Monsters can be scary, but in these books they're definitely the friendly type!

For our younger readers...

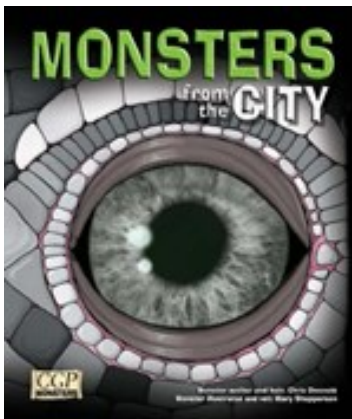
'Monstersaurus' by Claire Freedman



Monty loves inventing but things don't always work - His walking toaster ran away and the robot went berserk! But then one day Monty finds a book with instructions on how to create inventions very rare...read it if you dare!

For our older readers...

'Monsters from the City' by Chris Dennett



Monsters from the City think they're very sophisticated. But drop your guard and before you can say 'a prawn ciabatta and a latte to go', they'll pounce. This entertaining book is packed with exactly this sort of information about the secret beasts in our midst .



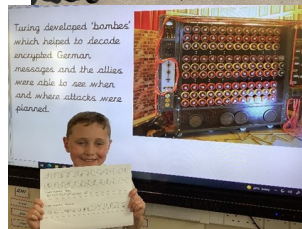
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Science Superstars

This week in Year 2, we have continued with our 'Astronomy' topic. We built on our prior learning of the Earth rotating on its axis while also orbiting the sun and learned that the moon orbits Earth.

Fascinating stuff! We have also learned about famous Scientist/Mathematician, Alan Turing. His cryptography work during World War II could have played a big part in Britain winning the war.

Thank you, Mr Turing for your ingenuity. We wrote our own coded sentences to see if anyone in school can crack our code.



Scientist of the Month



Alan Turing

1912-1954

What did he discover?

Alan Turing was a British computer scientist, mathematician and theoretical biologist, born in 1912. Turing joined the British Government's Code and Cypher School and went on to work at Bletchley Park during World War II. The German military used a cipher machine to encrypt radio communications, so that their communications could not be understood by the enemy. Using his mathematical logic, Turing designed and built a machine called the Bombe. This machine, along with the work of Alan and his team, allowed the British Government to understand the messages sent by the German military.

With this knowledge, it's said that Turing helped

to shorten World War II by about four years. He was awarded an OBE for his efforts at Bletchley Park and was a pioneer for the technology we heavily rely on today.

Alan Turing was a homosexual and this was illegal in 1950s Britain. He was convicted due to his sexuality and his criminal record meant that he could no longer work for the British government. Sadly, he was poorly treated in the last years of his life due to the ignorant and prejudiced laws in place at the time.

Years after his death, Turing received a Royal Pardon from Queen Elizabeth II, acknowledging that his sexuality was not a crime. Alan Turing was one of the greatest minds ever known, and he deserves to be celebrated not just as a scientist, but also as an incredible member of the LGBT community.

Something to think about...
Why is mathematics such an important part of science?

go.pearson.com/science

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Our Pope's Prayer Intentions

Families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives

Ice-Pops for sale - Year 6 Fundraising

As the end of this academic year is fast approaching, we turn our thoughts to our year 6 children leaving us and ways in which we can make their last days at St John's memorable, special and fun! Therefore we would like to take year 6 on a trip to Alton Towers, but we also appreciate the financial burden on parents/carers, particularly at this time of year, and therefore have decided to fundraise so we can offer tickets as cost effective as possible. The ice-pops will be on sale during break times and cost 50p per ice-pop.

Excellent Work

The Victorian city

Beneath the gloomy smog hid a chaotic city named 'the Victorian city.' Named after their beloved queen, Queen Victoria. Upon the cobble stone streets were buildings such as rose- up houses (back-to-back houses,) and demolished markets or the most 'common' building was the workhouse. It was mostly normal for homeless little children there with poorly made clothes and the vilest food. Everyday's food offering was gruel, but they would be so hungry they would lick the musty bowls clean. Even if you're starving you could NEVER ask for more Oliver Twist learned his lesson from that. After that you would never see him again.

You would never see sunlight in the sky's atmosphere from this town. That wasn't the worst of it though among the town was serious illnesses caused from smog roaming the city people would pass from a young age due to this. Light was caused by candles lighting up homes from all around acting like life was perfect, like their lives were amazing and pretending people always dreamt of them. At this point faith was down low for this town especially when prince Albert passed away. Unfortunately, the smells above the city were unpleasant due to the horse poop on the streets and all the litter.

All over the cobble roads/ streets would be pale faced-faced people scattered in front of buildings everyone seemed restless because of the poor conditions they were in. None of the 'upper class's people would care they wouldn't be concerned if they were alright or not and would focus on their wealth and because of this the city is crowded and very unpleasant for the other families around the city and now the city is full of selfish humans and diseases that creates this town to be a hell pit. But soon it shall be better due to other people's hopes and dreams.

From Ella.

This week's excellent work comes from Ella A in Year 5, who produced a brilliantly imaginative piece about what the city was like during the Victorian era.



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STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to

Anna K-D in

Year 1

and

Carter H-B in

Year 3

Year We're all really proud of you

This week's virtues awards were given to

Eva-Rose H

Riley T

Jax R

Tiahnah B

Charlie M

Daisy H

Laceymai S

Briana McC

Nursery

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

For being and Attentive and Discerning

Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was with Year 4 with 97.1%. *Well done!*

Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Nursery.

Birthdays



Happy birthday this week to: Rui W, Tennessee D, Noah-Lee B, Lyla K and Billy Mason.



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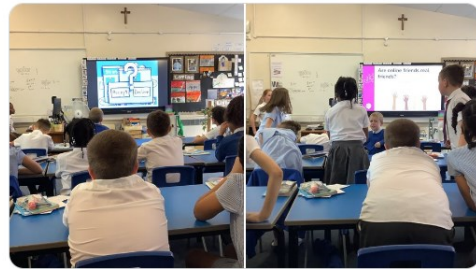


Our fabulous tweets continue!!! Have a look at some of our most recent tweets! Please don't forget to join our tweeting community by tweeting us @SJBsolihull

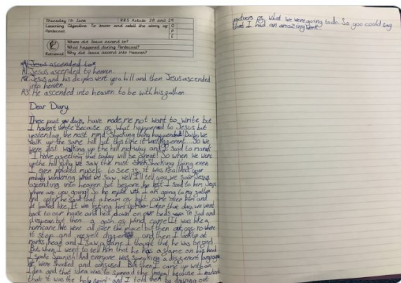
St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Jul 17, 2020
If your child will be 3 before September we have space's available in our Nursery for mornings only or all day (if you qualify for 30 hours). Please get in touch if you'd like more information.



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Jun 23
Today our @eCadets taught their friends for their #SummerChallenge. We love learning from each other in Year 4!



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Jun 23
As we continue our learning around #Pentecost, we have been exploring thoughts and feeling of the disciples. Take a look at this super work from Daisy! @OurLadyandAllSt @BCPP_ @Pontifex @BhamDES



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Jun 22
Year 5 were using Vector Drawing skills today in Computing. A lovely start with lots of ideas @OurLadyandAllSt



You Retweeted National Online Safety @natonlinefsafety · Jun 22
Fleeting fad – or future Olympic event? 🎮 Professional esports is booming – and can be a lucrative career – but it's far from free of #OnlineSafety threats. This #WakeUpWednesday, check out our scouting report from the world of esports 📰



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Jun 22
EYFS have been learning all about the Saints our house groups are named after; St Patrick, St George, St Andrew and St David. Today we looked at St. George and used puppets to retell. #RE #CatholicLife #CatholicWorship @OurLadyandAllSt



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Jun 21
Our 🌍 is too precious not to look after. You can be the change. Stand with us! #CatholicSocialTeaching #Science #LetsMakeADifference



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Jun 17
Our Year 6 Confirmandi have designed and created with their families, their very own Saint bags in preparation for Confirmation. What absolutely beautiful and unique designs! 🙌🌟 #SJBRE #CatholicLife #SJBWeAreArtists @OurLadyandAllSt @BCPP_ @Pontifex



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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ Jesus, you call us to follow you and to live our lives as you want us to. Help us to answer that call.

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear a little bit about how hard it can be to follow Jesus...

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

As the time drew near when Jesus would be taken up to heaven, he made up his mind and set out on his way to Jerusalem. He sent messengers ahead of him, who went into a village in Samaria to get everything ready for him. But the people there would not receive him, because it was clear that he was on his way to Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?"

Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then Jesus and his disciples went on to another village. As they went on their way, a man said to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lie down and rest."

He said to another man, "Follow me." But that man said, "Sir, first let me go back and bury my father."

Jesus answered, "Let the dead bury their own dead. You go and proclaim the Kingdom of God."

Someone else said, "I will follow you, sir; but first let me go and say goodbye to my family." Jesus said to him, "Anyone who starts to plough and then keeps looking back is of no use to the Kingdom of God."

Jesus was letting these three people know that following him is not easy. Not everyone will understand their choice to follow him. They will have to change the way that they think about things. What is important to them, might not be what Jesus is asking of them.

We know that it is not always easy to follow Jesus. It can be hard to love others and to treat all people as we would wish to be treated. There might be people who laugh at us or who disagree with us when we try to live as Jesus asks us to. But we can make a choice – to follow Jesus no matter what. Even when it is hard.

And we can ask God to help us through prayer, as well as asking our friends and family for help.



How will you follow Jesus this week? And what will you do when you are finding it hard to follow him?
God of mercy, watch over those who have been forced to flee their homes. Help us to follow you and to reach out in help to all who are in need, so that through us they may know your love. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.

I. Gallagher

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Headteacher