

### Newsletter

We will prepare the way by loving, living and learning with the Lord

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

GOD WHO SPEAKS

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 08.07.22

Attentive

and

Discerning

# Mission Week - Learning Week

It was 'Learning Week' this week in school and our days have been jam packed exploring the themes of our Children's Charter. As part of the Our Lady and All Saints MAC we believe that All Saints have a love for others, All Saints use their gifts wisely, All Saints are servants of Christ, All Saints are risk takers and All Saints show a love for the world around them. Although we strive to these aspirations in our everyday lives, this week was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all of the good we can bring as individuals and collectively. There are so many photos showing all of the wonderful ways in which St John's has celebrated 'Learning Week' that we couldn't possibly fit them on the front page! So please see on the following pages and our Twitter page to see how each class enjoyed and celebrated the week.



On Thursday morning we joined together as a school to share our God given talents in SJB's Talent Show! Children from across our school auditioned and those chosen showcased that they truly are risk takers by performing their acts to children, parents and staff. It was an amazing show including singing, dancing, impressions and beatboxing! Our judges were left with the impossible task of choosing winners. A huge 'well done' to Ritchie, Oniella, Harleen and Mrs Molyneux!





## Mission Week - EYFS & KS1

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In EYFS the children explored the characteristic 'All Saints have love for the world around them'. The children gained an understanding of 'Fair Trade' by looking at the journey of chocolate and hearing about the lives of cocoa farmers who are part of the 'Fair Trade' industry and those who are not and the differences in the way they are treated. We also looked at the 'FAIRTRADE' symbol and the children made it using creative resources. The children were tasked with the challenge of searching for this symbol when out shopping with adults and were asked to encourage them to buy 'Fair Trade' items. We also set up a 'kindness tree' as we are always learning about ways to be kinder to each other. The children also made a banner expressing their encouragement to Mrs Molyneux in preparation of her talent show

performance!

PE: All Saints are risk takers.

Year 1 children worked together using their skills and goals. They had lots of fun as they worked together in giving each other confidence to succeed in their tasks.

For our final Mission Week - Learning Week: All Saints Love the World Around Us. We looked at how we could reduce waste in our area and what we could do with our recycling.

Jax - "Use plastic bottles to make other things like plant pots." Larcon - "Reuse your bags and stop buying plastic ones."

Ashton - "Mend things instead of throwing them out."

Marley-Rae - "Give your things to charity for someone who might need them."

Thomas – "Put your paper in the recycling bin some they can make more paper with it."



Year 2 took inspiration from Sir David Attenborough this week and spread the message in our community of how we can do our bit to help our planet heal and reverse the effects of climate change. We created our own leaflets and posted them through doors around Smith's Wood.

We have created artwork taking inspiration from the story, 'The Dot' and Van Gogh's masterpiece 'The Starry Night'. We have also been learning about Hinduism to gain a greater understanding of another faith.

All Saints show a love for the world around them

All Saints use their gifts wisely
All Saints have a love for others







# **Mission Week - KS2**



Year 3 have been exploring Hinduism this week and have created some amazing art work to celebrate all they have learned.

Year 4 have been very busy celebrating Learning Week this week and exploring our MAC Children's Charter! We have been learning all about Sikhism and showing love for others. We started the week learning about the story of Buddha, role playing and being risk takers sharing our performances with our peers. We then used our creative gifts wisely and produced art work to represent him meditating and trying the reach enlightenment.

Aren't our children amazing artists!

We decided we wanted to explore enlightenment and the journey you must take before reaching it. We first

created a game exploring the choices you must make to move ever closer to enlightenment. We also took some time to meditate as Buddha did.

To end our week, we wanted to be servants of Christ so we created a special gift for our parishioners and parents to enjoy after Mass. We really hope they enjoyed our biscuits which included a special secret ingredient...love!



In Year 5 we chose, "All Saints are Risk Takers," from the children's charter. Part of our activities have included using instruments and rapping to some music and performing a poem with a partner. Our act of service was to collect litter from the playground. Some Year 5 children also challenged themselves to various races against other schools in the OLAAS athletics meeting on Thursday.

Year 6 children chose, "All Saints are Risk Takers," activities this week. We were thinking about hopes and dreams for secondary school, and also took part in various competitions during an athletics event on Thursday.



# **Class Activities - KS1**

#### Year 1

Congratulations to Oniellia for winning the dance category at the Talent Show this week, a fantastic performance. Larcon and Natalia also gave impressive performances with their routines. Well done to all the performers.

In Geography Year 1 have been finding out about the continent of Asia, exploring the human and physical features and discovering the different countries within Asia.

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In PE, the children have really mastered throwing under arm, over arm, throwing towards a target and catching a ball, well done!



In PE this week we headed out into the sunshine for a game of French cricket. In computing we used our maths skills to collect data, present it in a pictogram and then interpret the

information. We have also been learning about Hinduism. We looked at different symbols associated with the religion, learned about some of the gods and goddesses they worship, created rangoli patterns and found out about some of the festivals celebrated. By the time you read

this, we will also have had our very own Holi Festival!





### **Dates for your Diary**

#### **Monday 11th July**

All day - Year 6 visit to Alton Towers (children to arrive at school for 8.30am)

### Wednesday 13th July

1.30pm - Sports Afternoon

#### Friday 15th July 2022

9.30 - whole School Mass led by Year 6 (all welcome)

#### Thursday 21st July 2022

3.15pm - Break up for Summer holiday

#### Wednesday 7th 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 sagety hero says...



Do you know what your child is doing online?

Now is the time to gind out!

Ask them what apps and websites they use.

#knowwhatyourchildisdoinganline

#keepyourchildsage

# **Sports Star of the Week**

This week's Sports Star of the Week is Erik K-D in year 2 for great participation in cricket.



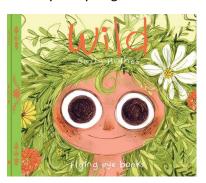
## **Mr G's Recommended Reads**

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This week my book selection takes us on a trip into the jungle...

For our younger readers...

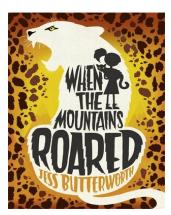
'Wild' by Emily Hughes



In this book we meet a little girl who has known nothing but nature from birth she was taught to talk by birds, to eat by bears and to play by foxes she is unashamedly wild. That is, until she is snared by some very strange animals that look oddly like her, but they don't talk right, eat right, or play correctly, she's puzzled by their behaviour and their insistence to live in these strange concrete structures known as 'apartments' where there's no green, no animals, no trees, no rivers. Now she lives in the comfort of civilization. But will civilization get comfortable with her?

For our older readers...

'When the Mountains Roared' by Jess Butterworth



When Ruby's dad uproots her from Australia to set up a hotel in the mountains of India, Ruby is devastated. Not only are they living in a run-down building in the middle of the wilderness surrounded by scorpions, bears and leopards, but Ruby is sure that India will never truly feel like home - not without her mum there.

Ever since her mum died, Ruby has been afraid. Of cars. Of the dark. Of going to sleep and never waking up. But then the last remaining leopards of the mountain are threatened and everything changes. Ruby vows to do all she can to protect them - if she can only overcome her fears...









### **Our Pope's Prayer Intentions**

#### The Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people. May their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.



# **Next Week's Class Mass**

Our next class Mass will be on Friday 15 July at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome to join us. This Mass will be led by children in Year 6.

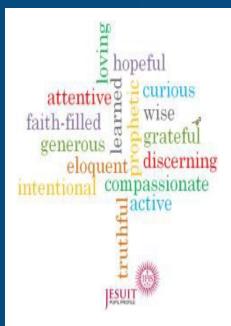
# **Mapac - Uniform delivery deadline**



# **After School Club Arrangements - last day of term**

There will be no after school club on the last day of term, please ensure your child is collected at the usual time of 3.15pm.





### STARS OF THE WEEK!

**Congratulations to** 

**Harley D** 

in

Year 2

and Briana McC

in

Year 6

Year We're all really proud of you

This week's virtues awards were given to

Theo A Nursery

Jack L Reception

Ava-Rose B Year 1

Aisha McN Year 2

Daisy H Year 3

Nikita B Year 4

Olivia A Year 6

For being and Attentive and Discerning

#### **Attendance**



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 1 with 94.5%. *Well done!* 



#### **Ready to learn Award**

Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Year 3.

### Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Lilly-Rose H, Maisie-Lee E, Tia S, Daisy H, Hareem T, Luke H, Lincoln C and Alissia 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

























#### **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Loving God, help us to see that all people throughout the world are our neighbours. Grant that we may be ready to help anyone in need, whether they live near or far from us.

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear how a Good Samaritan helped a man who was hurt but how a Priest and a Levite both ignored him.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

A teacher of the Law came up and tried to trap Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to receive eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "What do the Scriptures say? How do you interpret them?" The man answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself."

"You are right," Jesus replied; "do this and you will live." But the teacher of the Law wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus answered, "There was once a man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attacked him, stripped him, and beat him up, leaving him half dead. It so happened that a priest was going down that road; but when he saw the man, he walked on by, on the other side. In the same way a Levite also came there, went over and looked at the man, and then walked on by, on the other side. But a Samaritan who was travelling that way came upon the man, and when he saw him, his heart was filled with pity. He went over to him, poured oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them; then he put the man on his own animal and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Take care of him,' he told the innkeeper, 'And when I come back this way, I will pay you whatever else you spend on him.'" And Jesus concluded, "In your opinion, which one of these three acted like a neighbour towards the man attacked by the robbers?" The teacher of the Law answered, "The one who was kind to him." Jesus replied, "You go, then, and do the same."

Jesus is saying that everyone is our neighbour, no matter where they come from, or where in the world they live.

At the end of the story Jesus told the man who asked who his neighbour was to go and do the same as the Samaritan. This is what we are all called to do - to try to help everyone who needs us to.



Our gospel story shows us that everyone is our neighbour in Christ. How will you show love and support for your neighbours, both here and around the world in the coming week? What will you do?

Healing God, unite us in love for our neighbours, no matter who they are. Let us be like you and offer compassion and help to everyone in need. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Mr I. Gallagher Headteacher



