



"In the beginning the Word already existed;
the Word was with God, and the Word was God"

John 1:1

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 30.09.22

Compassionate

and

Loving

Catholic Social Teaching Focus

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable (linking to Harvest)

Option for the poor and vulnerable reminds us of God's preferential love for the poorest and most vulnerable people and the love we must show too. It is our duty as followers of Christ to help those who are less fortunate in any way we can. This can be through monetary contributions but also through time and acts of service.

Focus Hymns – 'Lord of the Harvest' and 'Take Our Bread'

October - The Month of the Holy Rosary

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the holy Rosary as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on October 7th. The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary.

The Rosary draws its mysteries from the New Testament, with each decade referring to an event in the life of Jesus and Mary. The Mysteries of the Rosary give us "thumbnails" of the life of Christ and his Mother.

The Joyful Mysteries are taken mostly from Saint Luke's Gospel in the New Testament. They involve the joyful events of Jesus' childhood.

The Luminous Mysteries bring a deeper understanding to the public life of Jesus. They fill in the blanks between the childhood of Jesus and His suffering and death on the cross.

The Sorrowful Mysteries remind us of how much Jesus loves us. They recall how He suffered and died just for us.

The Glorious Mysteries tell us what happened after Jesus died-His Resurrection, the descent of the Holy Spirit and the love Jesus had for his Mother.

We will be praying the Rosary together in school and have a series of events planned throughout October. This could also be a chance for you to join together, as a family, to pray the Rosary at home.

How to Pray the Rosary



Class Activities - KS2



This week in year 3, we have been learning about our bones and the job they have within our body.

Children created their own skeleton by drawing round each other and labelled all of the bones they could remember! They had lots of fun being scientists!

So year 4 were super scientists and took part in a digestion experiment. They couldn't believe their eyes. They thought about what they needed to be eating as the nutrients go into their bloodstream.



In our English work this week we have been putting our justification skills to the test by writing in character as The Purple Lady. We had some amazing speeches produced and even some performed!

We are very fortunate to have our music sessions taught by Solihull music service and we have had a great time learning about percussion.

Year 6 used freeze frames to re-enact an Old Testament Story: Cain and Abel. They thought about how jealousy can consume us as people and control our actions.

In writing, the children looked at Standard English, applying it into their writing by using the passive voice.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 7th October

All day - Harvest non-uniform day - contributions of tinned food.

Friday 21st October

3.15pm - Break up for October half term

Monday 31st October

8.55am - Children return to school

Friday 16th December

3.15pm - Break up for Christmas holiday

Wednesday 4th January

8.55am - Children return to school

Inset days 2022 - 2023

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 27th February 2023

Monday 5th June 2023

National Online Safety



Sports Star of the Week

This week's Sports Star of the Week is Joel O'K in year 6 for good footwork in netball.



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STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to

Abi H

in

Year 1

and Maigan B

in

Year 3

We're all really proud of you

This week's virtues awards were given to

Gracie-Leigh A

Nursery

Eva-Rose H

Year 1

Tillie-Renae H

Year 2

Tady L

Year 3

Jacob K

Year 4

Malala H

Year 5

Lexi-Boe N

Year 6

For being Compassionate and Loving

Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 6 with 98.6%. *Well done!*

Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual classes this week were Reception and Year 6.

Birthdays



Happy birthday this week to: Nikolaj J, Zainab H, Archie W, Olivia H and Leila S.



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Our Lady and All Saints MAC Launch Mass

The Mass to launch our multi-academy company finally took place on Wednesday. It had been cancelled twice before because of Covid restrictions. The Mass was a lovely celebration and was attended by representatives from all thirteen school in our MAC, as well as the Lord Mayor of Solihull and representatives from the Birmingham Diocese. Mass was celebrated by Bishop David Evans and supported by a choir from St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School, making it feel very special.

After Mass we saw the official launch of the 'We Are All Saints... Children's Charter.' This will be an important document for all children at St John's as it sets out how we should behave, influenced by the saints before us.

It also pledges to ensure equality of opportunity for every child in our MAC, no matter where they live, or which school they attend. We'll be sharing lots of information about our charter with you in the near future.

Finally, a huge thankyou to the seven children who represented our school. I might be biased but I honestly think they read beautifully during Mass and were an example of excellent behaviour throughout the day.

They made me feel very proud.

Special Occasions!



Congratulations - New Baby Girl!

We've celebrated some very special occasions this week at St John's, first we received a very special visit yesterday from Mrs Richmond and her absolutely beautiful new baby girl, Olivia. We would again like to convey our congratulations to Mrs Richmond and her family on their lovely new addition.

Happy Birthday!

Our second special occasion was in honour of Mrs Dixon, who celebrates a very special birthday tomorrow! We couldn't allow her to start her birthday weekend off without celebrating with staff and children. As part of Mrs Dixon's birthday celebrations she got to tick off some things from her bucket list, such as tasting her very first chip butty, kebab, fig and a crisp sandwich! We rounded up the celebrations by singing 'Happy Birthday' we hope Mrs Dixon has a lovely day tomorrow as she continues the celebrations!



Our Pope's Prayer Intentions

September

Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country



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LSA Appreciation Day

We celebrated our LSA's with love and a golden package. We would not be able to work so hard without them. We are very lucky.



Science Superstars

Year 1

Sight, touch, hearing, taste and smell help us to understand the world around us.

The children have been exploring each of their senses through related activities. They experimented with different materials to touch, smell and taste.

They went on a sound walk, sat outdoors and used their ears to listen for sounds far and near.

Year 1 has learned how our brain and senses work together.



Reminder - Harvest Non-Uniform Day

A reminder that next Friday, 7th October will be a Harvest non-uniform day.

We are kindly asking for contributions of tinned goods which we will donate to a local food bank.



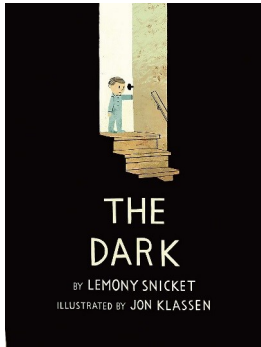
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Mr G's Recommended Reads

This week my choices focus on characters who have fears and anxieties but somehow manage to overcome them, teaching us that we can all make positive changes to our lives.

For Our Younger Readers...

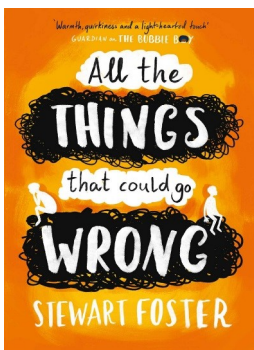
'In the Dark' by Lemony Snicket



Laszlo is afraid of the dark. The dark lives in the same house as Laszlo but mostly it spends its time in the basement. It doesn't visit Laszlo in his room. Until one night it does . . . Join Lazlo on his journey to meet the dark and find out why it will never bother him again. A reassuring story for any children who may be afraid of the dark.

For Our Older Readers...

'All the Things that Could Go Wrong.'



Dan is angry. Nothing has been the same since his big brother left, and he's taking it out on the nearest and weakest target: Alex.

Alex is struggling. His severe OCD makes it hard for him to leave the house, especially when Dan and his gang are waiting for him at school . . .

Then the boys' mums arrange for them to meet up and finish building the raft that Dan started with his brother. Two enemies stuck together for the whole of the school holidays – what could possibly go wrong?

A touching, funny, gripping read that tackles important issues in a sensitive and thoroughly enjoyable way.



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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.



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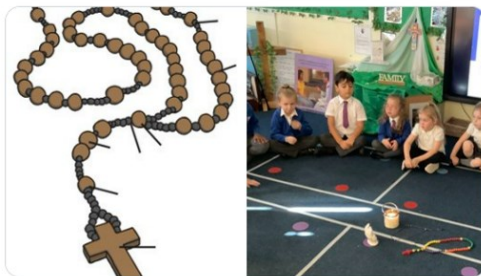
Michael Rosen @MichaelRosenYes · 15h
 Replying to @SJBsolihull and @OurLadyandAllS1
 Hello Year 4. Well done, Destiny!

Who to follow

- Edwin** @EdwinClassroom
 Your learning. Your way. Curriculum-linked content. Ready-to-use Collections. Powerful learning tools.
 Promoted
- emeric berco** @MrIk
 Parle dans un micro @Skyrockfm 16/20 LeRécap (+ 140k abonnés snapchat) Donne la parole sur @vicefr Bientôt #MidnightTalk sur Twitch
- Our Lady's Primary and 15 others follow**
- One Life Music** @danonelifemusic Follows you
 Catholic ministry and music company, offering online resources, retreat days and INSET training for schools that will enhance spiritual life.



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Sep 28
 The children in Yr1 have been learning about the Holy Rosary. #collectiveworship They remembered important times in Jesus' life that we can remember in our prayers. R "Jesus came back alive" A "He died on the cross at Easter" A "Jesus is the light of the world" @OurLadyandAllS1



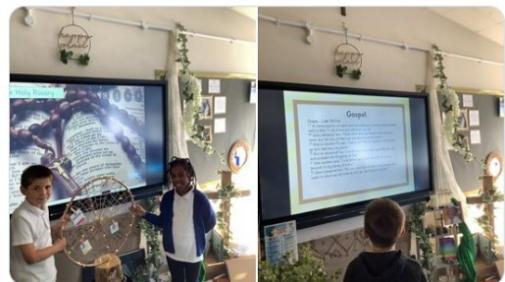
St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Sep 24
 Year 2's pilgrimage to Walsingham #CollectiveWorship #RE The gospel reading was read beautifully by Ava.



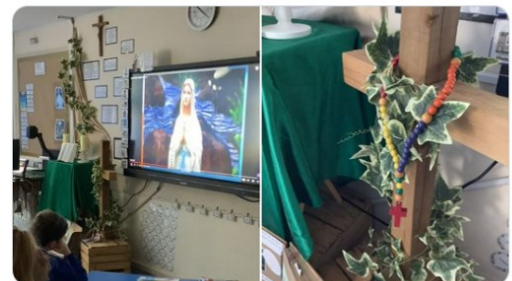
St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Sep 28
 Our Year 4 Super Scientists took part in a digestive system experiment. They could not believe their eyes! Dr. R went around to support the investigations. "Digestion gives us nutrients".



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Sep 28
 During #CollectiveWorship Year 4 took the time to pray and reflect on the Rosary. They offered their prayers to Mary in thanksgiving for her protection of the Church. #RE @OurLadyandAllS1 @BCPP_



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Sep 27
 As we approach the month of October the children in Year 3 were thinking about the Holy Rosary of the Virgin Mary during #collectiveworship We were reminded that Rosary beads help us say the Rosary prayers. @OurLadyandAllS1



Catholic Church @catholicEW · Sep 24
 Grant, we pray,
 that as in the mystery of the Incarnation
 the Blessed and ever Virgin Mary
 conceived your Son in her heart
 before she conceived him in the womb,
 so we,
 rejoicing in her care,
 may welcome him into our hearts
 and become a holy house fit for his eternal dwelling.



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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

God of light, help us to see that even with the smallest amount of faith, we can do anything you ask of us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus tells us how powerful faith is. How, if we have faith we can do anything we want to, even if at first it seems impossible.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Make our faith greater."

The Lord answered, "If you had faith as big as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Pull yourself up by the roots and plant yourself in the sea!' and it would obey you."

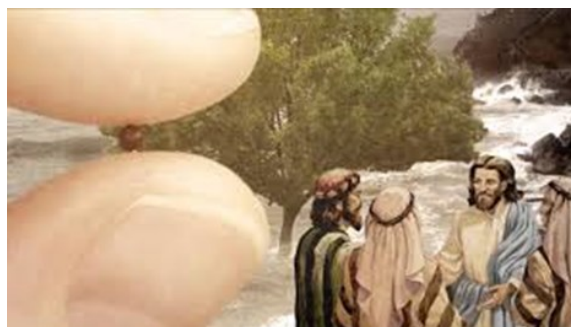
"Suppose one of you has a servant who is ploughing or looking after the sheep. When he comes in from the field, do you tell him to hurry and eat his meal? Of course not! Instead, you say to him, 'Get my supper ready, then put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may have your meal.' The servant does not deserve thanks for obeying orders, does he? It is the same with you; when you have done all you have been told to do, say, 'We are ordinary servants; we have only done our duty.'"

Jesus said that even if his apostles had faith like a mustard seed they could tell a mulberry tree to move from where it is in the ground and plant itself in the sea.

A mustard seed is really tiny. So, Jesus is saying that even if we only have a small amount of faith we can do amazing things. Even if we can't move trees we might be able to make big changes to the world around us.

We all have times when things are really difficult. It can be hard to keep our faith in God at these times. Even the disciples had moments when they did not think that they had enough faith.

Yet this reading gives us hope – that even if we just have a tiny little bit of faith, with God's help, we can make real changes to the world around us.



God of life, give us the courage to try to make a change to our world, no matter how small, and the faith to know that with you all things are possible. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.