



"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 07.10.22

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'

Well, it's been a relatively quiet week at St. John's but that's not necessarily a bad thing! Our children are very settled and are working really hard, enjoying our Primary Knowledge Curriculum lessons in particular.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING



As part of our current Catholic Social Teaching focus, 'option for the poor and vulnerable,' we have begun our Harvest celebrations and reflections this week. Thank you all for your generous food donations today, we recognise that many will be finding things increasingly difficult due to the cost-of-living crisis, however, it's comforting to know that all donations will be sent to support our local Kingfisher Foodbank. This means that we are supporting those who are most in need, right in our local community.

On Monday, everyone in school will be joining an online service to mark the tour of St Bernadette's relics, as they travel around the UK. Tomorrow I will be at St Chad's Cathedral, as her relics visit Birmingham, to pay my respects on behalf of our St John's community. I'll be able to feedback on this experience to the children during our whole school prayer and liturgy, next week.



I hope you all have a restful weekend.



Class Activities - Early Years

EYFS have enjoyed learning lots of new Makaton signs.

Makaton is a language programme that uses signs together with speech and symbols, to enable people to communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention, listening, comprehension, memory and expressive speech and language.

The children are getting very good with their signs and speech. Some of the signs we have learned so far are: please, pig, duck and horse.

Can you figure out which one is which?



Makaton

Makaton is a language programme that uses symbols, signs and speech to enable people to communicate. It

supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention and listening, comprehension, memory, recall and organisation of language and expression.

Well done to all of our Early Years Staff for completing their Makaton training this week.



Our Pope's Prayer Intentions

October

A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.



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Dates for your Diary

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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about BEREAL

Bereal is the latest trending social media app. The concept is that people see others in their authentic day-to-day lives, sharing candid photos without editing or applying filters each day at a random time. Users are simultaneously notified to take a picture of what they're doing at that exact moment. The two-minute window to submit an image means there's no time to select a particularly glamorous or exciting activity. Bereal shows two pictures: a selfie and an image of the immediate surroundings. Users can only view and react to their friends' photos once they upload their own.

13+ The app is for ages 13 and over.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- CONTINUOUS NOTIFICATIONS**
Like any social media app, Bereal's developers want users to be as engaged and scrolling for notifications to post a photo as much as possible. But there are other risks for users such as messages, comments, friend requests and receiving direct messages. Pressure to open the app and respond, disrupting other more important activities.
- CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS**
When someone signs up to Bereal, it highlights people in their phone's contacts (or who already has the app) to connect with. The app also shows them posts from strangers and gives users the option to send them direct messages. This connects with - and communicates with - a stranger.
- PUBLIC SHARING**
As well as sharing posts with friends in the app, users can share their posts to other social media platforms. If a user can see this public content, they could potentially share it with others. Currently, there is no way to limit the audience of a post, so it could be shared to people who aren't suitable for their age.
- EASY LOCATION**
Bereal's default setting is to share the exact location of where a post was sent from. Even though there is a two-minute window, anyone who is nearby where they are (or at least, where they were) can see where they are. This means that anyone who is nearby where they are (or at least, where they were) can see where they are. This means that anyone who is nearby where they are (or at least, where they were) can see where they are.
- VISIBLE PERSONAL DATA**
As with any other form of social media, it's important that your child doesn't share too much personal information. This includes their name, profile picture, address, phone number, email address, etc. It's important to make sure that your child's profile doesn't contain anything that could identify where they are, what they are doing, or exactly where they live.
- REPUTATIONAL DAMAGE**
What your child says and does online can have a long-term impact on their reputation. Even if it's just a silly post, it could be shared and seen by others. When they post something online, they are giving the app an impression of who they are. If a post is shared, it could be seen by others, including strangers. It's important to make sure that your child's profile doesn't contain anything that could identify where they are, what they are doing, or exactly where they live.

Advice for Parents & Carers

- LIMIT NOTIFICATIONS**
Bereal offers the option to turn off individual types of notification. Doing this will significantly reduce the number of times your child is notified to take a picture. It will also mean that they won't be notified to take a picture. It will also mean that they won't be notified to take a picture.
- STOP AND THINK**
Bereal is a fun app to use with friends, but it's important to think about the risks. It's a good idea to have a conversation with your child about the risks of using the app. It's a good idea to have a conversation with your child about the risks of using the app.
- KEEP IT AMONG FRIENDS**
Remind your child any adding strangers to their contacts isn't a good idea, and advise them to decline any friend requests from people they don't know in real life. If someone your child sees on Bereal makes them feel uncomfortable, they can report it by clicking on the three dots in the top right. The reporting tool allows them to select the reason why they're reporting the post.
- CREATE A SAFE PROFILE**
Remind your child to use an avatar as their profile pic (as opposed to a photo of themselves) and use a nickname or just their first name, not their full name. Any information they add to their bio (which is optional) should be kept vague, and personal details should remain private. It's also worth reminding them that the app has a reporting tool for inappropriate use.

Meet Our Expert
Dr Clare Bartlett is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has worked on many projects in the area of online safety. She has written various reports and created our research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and online behaviour of young people in the UK, the USA and Australia.

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Sports Star of the Week

This week's Sports Star of the Week is Talulah H in year 5 for listening and using the rules in handball.



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STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to

Isla E

in

Reception

and Kloe G

in

Year 6

We're all really proud of you

This week's virtues awards were given to

Niamh W

Nursery

Rio-George M

Reception

Kingsley C

Year 1

Mia D

Year 2

Millie-Mai P

Year 3

NJ L

Year 4

Olivia K

Year 5

Calvin E

Year 6

For being Compassionate and Loving

Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 5 with 97%. *Well done!*

Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual classes this week were Reception, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 4.



Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Keesha M, Ire A-P, Zachary H, Alfie W and Ava D.



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St. John the Baptist
Catholic Primary School

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

Anxiety and Worry

Is your child experiencing any of these symptoms?

- Difficulty concentrating or sleeping
- Change in normal behaviour such as eating habits or socialising
- Avoiding certain places, situations or objects
- Emotional outbursts or clinginess
- Needing the toilet frequently
- Complaining of aches and pains



Dear Parents/Carers,

You are invited to attend an 'Anxiety' information morning.

When: Tuesday 11th October at 9.15am-10.15am

Where: St John the Baptist Primary School

There will be a guest speaker, Jane Maguire, who will share advice and strategies to support pupils displaying possible anxiety. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to ask any questions about 'Anxiety' or to just listen to the information shared.

Please come along on Tuesday morning or speak to Mrs Drust if you require any additional information.



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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

Pinned Tweet

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 · Oct 5
Our Year 4 children took part in planning our prayer and liturgy, which they delivered today. We stopped on our pilgrimage at Lourdes. The children learnt about St. Bernadette and her devotion. #CatholicLife #CollectiveWorship #RE @OurLadyandAllSt @BCPP_



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Oct 4
Today is the feast of St Francis of Assisi. Let us all be reminded about the splendour of God's creation and how we must treasure it by using it responsibly. #RE #SeasonOfCreation @OurLadyandAllSt @BCPP_



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Oct 3
EYFS enjoyed performing out creation story song #RE #CollectiveWorship #CatholicLife @OurLadyandAllSt



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Sep 30
The Creation Story
Last week EYFS enjoyed learning about the Creation story using the Godly play resources. We even created a song to help us remember the order which things were created. We will post a video later. #RE #CatholicLife #CollectiveWorship @OurLadyandAllSt



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Oct 6
Year 6 have been using ICT in their English lessons! They have made their own trailer for the class text - The Arrival. The children will be using these trailers to inform the writing of their own narratives #EnglishAtSJB

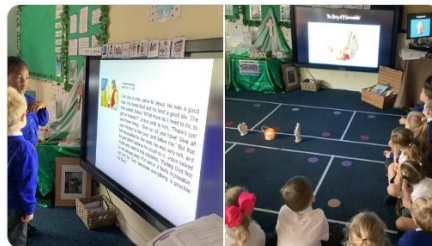


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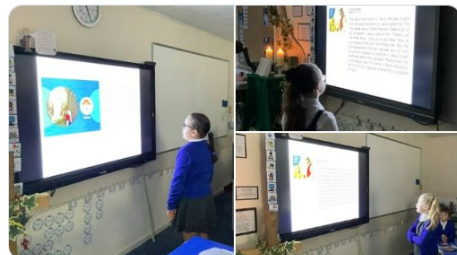
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- Corpus Christi** @CorpusChristIRC
Followers you
We are a two-form-entry Catholic Primary school in Birmingham. Where we are all 'Learning to Love - Loving to Learn, Whilst living together in Christ.'



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Oct 5
During #collectiveworship Year 1 learnt about the pilgrimage of St Bernadette, they enjoyed learning about Lourdes. One of the children said "the water is special because it makes people better" #RE @OurLadyandAllSt @BCPP_



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Oct 4
Year 3 enjoyed learning about the new pilgrimage stopping place - Lourdes in France. They learnt how just like St Bernadette, pilgrims today can visit the grotto in Lourdes. Some children confidently read the gospel Mark 10: 17-27. #collectiveworship #RE @OurLadyandAllSt



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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God of grace and mercy, we give you thanks for all the wonderful things you have done for us. May we turn to you with thanks and praise.

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear about how ten people were healed by Jesus but only one of them said 'thank you'.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

As Jesus made his way to Jerusalem, he went along the border between Samaria and Galilee. He was going into a village when he was met by ten men suffering from a skin disease. They stood at a distance and shouted, "Jesus! Master! Take pity on us!"

Jesus saw them and said to them, "Go and let the priests examine you."

On the way they were made clean. When one of them saw that he was healed, he came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself to the ground at Jesus' feet and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. Jesus said, "There were ten men who were healed; where are the other nine? Why is this foreigner the only one who came back to give thanks to God?" And Jesus said to him, "Get up and go; your faith has made you well."

By saying thank you we show we're happy with what we've got and we recognise how generous the other person has been by giving it to us. In this reading, we hear that Jesus gave the amazing gift of good health to ten men who all had an illness called leprosy.

While all ten men were happy to receive the gift, only one of them gave thanks to Jesus and praised God. Though the nine other men were really happy to be healed, they didn't return to Jesus to give thanks for what he had done. Only one man went back to show how grateful he was for the gift of health and a new life with his family.



Throughout the forthcoming week, try to notice all the good things that are done for you and make a special effort to remember to say thank you.

Loving Lord, help us to remember all the good things we have which come from you. Fill our hearts with thanks and praise. Help us to make sure all your people have their fair share of the gifts you give for us all.
Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.