



"Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice"
Proverbs 16:8

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 10.02.23

Eloquent

and

Truthful

Catholic Social Teaching Focus

The Dignity of Work (linking with Fairtrade Fortnight 21.02-06.03)

Everyone's work is of value. There are many kinds of work. In each job, workers deserve to be treated with respect; work safely; work reasonable hours, and earn fair wages. They deserve this because they are made by God. Our work gives us the means to live, but it is also a chance to use the talents God gives us. Our work is our way of cooperating with God to help create a better world.

Focus Hymns – 'Lord of the Dance' and 'You are my Brother'



Next Week is Loving Week



Next week is 'Loving Week,' one of our three annual mission weeks.

Our Catholic Social Teaching link is 'Option for the Poor and Vulnerable' and with this in mind, we will be raising money to support those living in Turkey and Syria.

Each class will be holding a small fund-raising event throughout the week.

Loving Week will then conclude on Friday, which is 'Random Acts of Kindness Day' - this will also be a **non-uniform day**.

We look forward to sharing examples of kindness and charity with you next week.



Class Activities - EYFS

EYFS had a visitor this week! We had to go in search of some jigsaw pieces to discover the story of the week. We also found a very big clue on the field...a red hood! We really enjoyed listening to the story of Little Red Riding Hood and did lots of work around this story from creating paintings and descriptions of our favourite characters to building a new house for poor Grandma!



Year 6 Health & Wellbeing Questionnaire

Your child was provided with a letter to take home on Monday regarding a Year 6 Health & Wellbeing Questionnaire, **If you wish for your child to opt out of completing the questionnaire, please contact the School Nursing Team on 0121 726 6754, giving your child's name, date of birth and school they attend within 5 working days from receiving the letter.**

Please feel free to contact the School Nursing Team, if you have any queries or concerns regarding your child on 0121 726 6754, or on the Confidential Parent Texting Service, on 07480 635 496 Monday-Friday 8am-5pm.

Further useful links for advice / support can be found at:

www.healthforkids.co.uk/staying-healthy

<https://www.facebook.com/solihullschoolnurses>

https://www.instagram.com/solihull_school_nurses

[@SolSchNurses](https://www.twitter.com/SolSchNurses)

<https://www.chathealth.nhs.uk>

Urgent Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal

The School Social Action Team are asking for your support. Money donations are desperately needed in aid of the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal. CAFOD has already donated £100,000 to support survivors of the earthquake. If you are able to donate, your donations will go towards the CAFOD Appeal to raise more funds.

'Your donation will be used to help provide shelter, food, water and emergency medical assistance to those in need as well as winter kits to help people cope with the freezing temperatures' - Cafod.org.uk

Please send your donations to school by Friday 17th 2023.

Know that Lent is a special season which starts during half term, when we try to follow Jesus more closely by listening to his words and learning from his actions. Be able to reflect on the words and actions of Jesus and apply them to real-life situations.

If you would like further information, please speak to Mrs Patterson.

Thank you for your continuous support

CAFOD
Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development



School Photographer

Each child who had their photograph taken on Wednesday was provided with a proof of their photograph and instructions on how to place orders via the Tempest website. Please note, in order to secure free post & packaging, you need to place your order within two weeks from Wednesday 8th February. If you miss the deadline, you can still place orders but will be charged post & packaging, which can cost between £4.00 - £5.00



Superstar Readers

Well done to our superstar readers who chose a new book from our vending machine this week.

Keep reading!



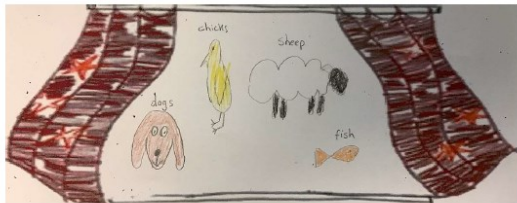
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Safer Internet Day

It was Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, take a look at some of the great work and activities the children got up to, to raise awareness of being safe on the internet!

Early Years



Want to talk about it?



Early Years enjoyed listening to the story Hanni and the Magic window. They drew pictures of something that they would like to see through the magic window.

Year 1



SCAN ME

Year 1 listened to the story of Hanni's magic window. They thought about times they had been scared. They used the voice recorder to talk about what happened and who helped them.



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Year 2

Want to talk about it?



When I was playing a roblox game this scary thing came up on about a wednesday story. I went to tell my mom and dad.

Year 2 listened to the story of Hanni's magic window. They thought about times they had been scared online. They all told a trusted adult about what happened.

What do you like doing online?

i like playing on the phone with my sister



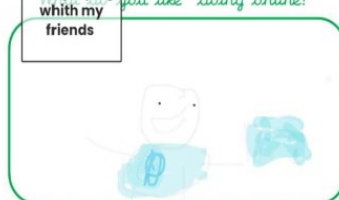
What do you dislike about being online?

I dont like when i get bullied



I like playing with my friends

What do you like doing online?



What do you dislike about being online?

i do not like when someone bully me



What do you like doing online?

i like playing games



What do you dislike about being online?

when people i dont know text me and when people try to add me



Year 3 shared what they like and dislike about being online.

Want to talk about it?



Year 3

What do you like doing online?



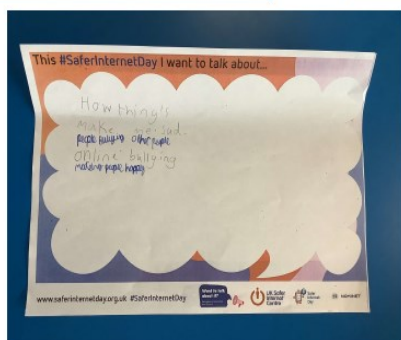
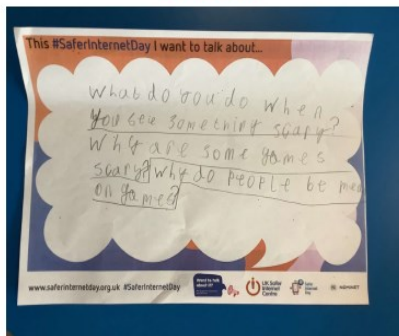
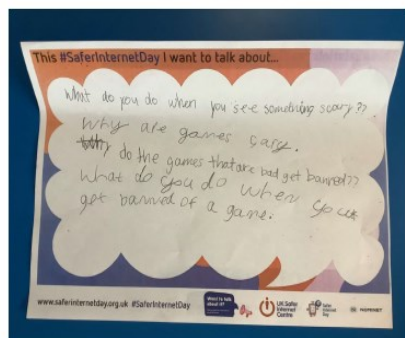
What do you dislike about being online?

messages not good message



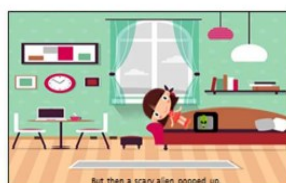
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Our eCadets delivered a fantastic session on what internet safety is all about.
The children 'got talking!'
They debated their ideas and came up with some questions they wanted to talk about.

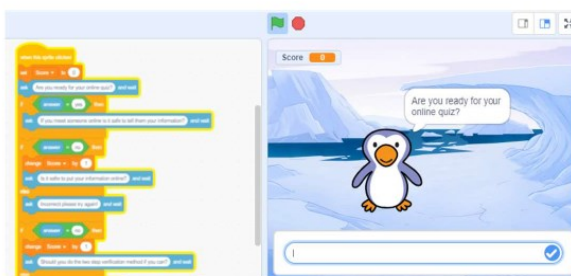
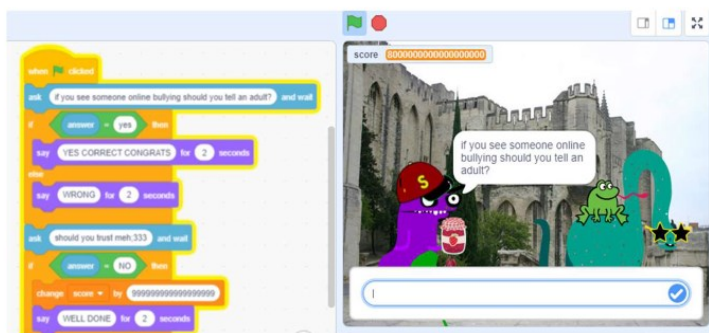


Year 4

Year 5 used PowerPoint to write their own Online Safety story. Here are a couple of examples as the others are a work in progress.



Year 6



Year 6 created an Online Safety quiz in Scratch using the knowledge they have been learning in their computing lessons around Variables. The quiz had to have a score variable and at least 5 true or false questions.



eCadets



Our eCadets were eager to share ways we can stay safe online with Early Years and Key Stage One. They looked through a variety of online safety stories and chose one to read to each class at the end of the day.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Safer
Internet
Day 2023

UK Safer
Internet
Centre

Age Ratings



Want to talk
about it?



As part of Safer Internet Day the children have been talking about what they watch on TV and what they do online. It has been quite concerning to hear children talk about films, programs and games that are age rated 18. Please keep an eye on what your children are doing and make sure they are watching/playing things that are appropriate for their age.



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Science Superstars

Year 4 have been science superstars this week. They are studying ecology and we wanted to look at the human effect on our local ecosystem. We walked over to Smiths Wood and discovered an amazing ecosystem. The children did spot lots of rubbish that could effect this ecosystem and the animals that live there. They want to go back and help make a change to make sure the woods stay for the next generation.



Job Vacancies

Please see the following jobs available at our school.

If you are interested or know someone who is please apply through wmjobs.co.uk by the 14th February

Learning Support Assistant - Early Years

- St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Solihull, West Midlands
- Band C £21,968-£25,409 per annum pro-rata
- www.olaas.co.uk



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Our Pope's Prayer Intentions

February - For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to

Oscar H

in Nursery

and

Joshua C in Year 5

We're all really proud of you!

This week's virtues awards were given to

Freddie E

Nursery

Koby J

Reception

Lizzy-Shay B-H

Year 1

Natalia D

Year 2

Diyana R

Year 3

Mikel B

Year 4

Arcange P

Year 5

Kayden D

Year 6

For being Eloquent and Truthful

Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual classes this week were Year 2 and Year 6

Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 3 with 99.2% *Well done!*



Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Jasper B, Ryan M, Gracie-Leigh A, Ocean H and Luke K



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 17th February 2023

All day - Non-Uniform Day (Loving Week)

3.15pm - Break up for February Half Term

Tuesday 28th February 2023

8.55am - Children return to school

Friday 31st March 2023

3.15pm - Break up for Easter Holiday

Monday 17th April 2023

8.55am - Children return to school

Friday 26th May 2023

3.15pm - Break up for May Half Term

Tuesday 6th June 2023

8.55am - Children return to school

Inset days 2022 - 2023

Monday 27th February 2023

Monday 5th June 2023

Next Week's Menu

<div>  WEEK THREE Week Commencing: 19 September, 10 October, 07 November, 28 November, 02 January, 23 January, 13 February </div>				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
All Day Breakfast	 Ham & Cheese Pinwheel	 Roast Beef & Gravy	 Sweet & Sour Chicken	Oven Baked Fish Fingers
Non Meat All Day Breakfast (V)	 Tomato Pasta Bake (V)	Cheese & Tomato Omelette or Salmon Fishcake	 Cheesy Stuffed Jackets (V)	 Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)
Pasta Oven Baked Diced Potatoes Green Beans Vegetable Medley Mixed Salad of the Season Tomato Bread	Savoury Rice Boiled Potatoes Peas Coleslaw Mixed Salad of the Season White Bread	Roast Potatoes Creamed Mashed Potato Shredded Spring Cabbage Fresh Carrot Batons Mixed Salad of the Season Twin Bread	Oven Baked Potato Wedges Potato Cake Broccoli Sweetcorn Mixed Salad of the Season Wholemeal Bread	Chunky Chips Homemade Potato Wedges Baked Beans Vegetable Sticks Mixed Salad of the Season Herb Bread
 Home made Carrot Cake Fruit Yoghurt Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter	 Chocolate Shortbread & Chocolate Sauce Fruit Yoghurt Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter	 Strawberry Fruit Smoothie Fruit Yoghurt Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter	Mixed Fruit Jelly Fruit Yoghurt Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter	Chocolate & Vanilla Cookie Fruit Yoghurt Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter
AVAILABLE DAILY Baked Potato Bar/Cold Sandwiches and Baguettes Seasonal Fruit Platter, Fresh Salad Bar, Home Baked Breads and Freshly Made Yoghurts available daily in addition to the above Menu offering.				
<div>   Denotes freshly prepared dishes. Menus may change to meet customers' preferences, a promotional event and seasonal variation. A range of locally sourced products are used when available and seafood with this mark comes from an MSC certified sustainable fishery. www.msc.org Allergies - please contact your school cook for more information about the content of menu items. </div>				



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](#)



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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.



Are **you** or someone you know
struggling to pay energy bills?

free

HELP AND SUPPORT

with energy bills

Act on Energy is administering the **Household Support Fund*** on behalf of Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council, so if you are a **family**, a **state pensioner** or **vulnerable to the cold**, and on a **low income** apply online NOW at:



www.actonenergy.org.uk/project

or call our free line

0800 988 2881

We can help with:

- Free energy vouchers
- Energy bill payments
- Debt relief
- Free repairs/replacement of broken heating systems



save money and the environment

*Household Support Fund is a scheme funded by the Department for Work and Pensions

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Registered charity number 1075679



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Mr G's Recommended Reads

My theme this week is love. This is influenced by Valentine's Day, which takes place next week but also the message shared in Sunday's gospel which recounts Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

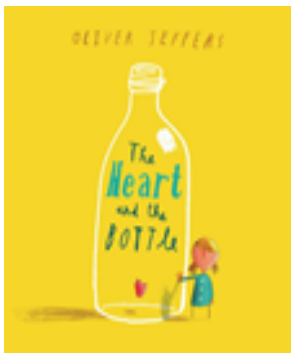
For our younger readers...

'Love grows Everywhere' by Barry Jimms and Tisha Lee



For our older readers...

'The Heart and the Bottle' by Oliver Jeffers



There is a wonder and magic to childhood. We don't realize it at the time, of course . . . yet the adults in our lives do. They encourage us to see things in the stars, to find joy in colours and laughter as we play.

But what happens when that special someone who encourages such wonder and magic is no longer around? We can hide, we can place our heart in a bottle and grow up . . . or we can find another special someone who understands the magic. And we can encourage them to see things in the stars, find joy among colours and laughter as they play.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Loving God, when we do wrong and hurt others help us to be brave and say sorry. Help us to all live in peace together.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

"I tell you, then, that you will be able to enter the Kingdom of heaven only if you are more faithful than the teachers of the Law and the Pharisees in doing what God requires.

"You have heard that people were told in the past, 'Do not commit murder; anyone who does will be brought to trial.' But now I tell you: whoever is angry with his brother will be brought to trial, whoever calls his brother 'You good-for-nothing!' will be brought before the Council, and whoever calls his brother a worthless fool will be in danger of going to the fire of hell. So if you are about to offer your gift to God at the altar and there you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar, go at once and make peace with your brother, and then come back to offer your gift to God.

"You have also heard that people were told in the past, 'Do not break your promise, but do what you have vowed to the Lord to do.' But now I tell you: do not use any vow when you make a promise. Do not swear by heaven, for it is God's throne;

"Just say 'Yes' or 'No' – anything else you say comes from the Evil One."

In this story Jesus tells us that we must try hard not to get angry with our sisters and brothers or call them names. If we do argue with them, we must try to make it up with them and become friends again as soon as possible.

We are all part of God's family. All people are our sisters and brothers and God asks us to try to treat them as we want to be treated.

Sometimes people spend too much time thinking about the differences between us, rather than seeing that we are all part of the same global family. This can lead to arguments and problems. In some cases, it can lead to war or fighting between countries which means that people get hurt and have to leave their homes.

We are all different but we all have our own special gifts. We can use our special gifts to work together to make the world a fairer place for everyone rather than fighting with people who are different.



This week, can you try not to argue with or hurt anyone? How will you try to make peace with others this week?

God of mercy and peace, forgive us when we get angry with others and help us to make our peace with them so that we can all work together to make a better world.

Have a lovely weekend

I. Gallagher

Mr I. Gallagher
Headteacher