



ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 13th February 2020

WELLBEING WEEK

Last week, we had a fantastic Wellbeing Week. The Wellbeing Team planned a week of events which included mindfulness activities, designing posters, team building activities and culminated in a 'Crazy Hair Day' on Friday to show how good it is to be different.

Throughout the week the children learnt the importance of 'Finding their brave'. They thought about what being brave really means and how we can all try 'to find our brave' during hard times. In Key Stage 1 they explored this through the stories of 'The Lion Inside' and 'Be Brave Little Penguin'. In Key Stage 2, the children were able to identify times when they have found it difficult to be brave and they also thought about how they could help others to be brave. The children learnt the importance of talking about their feelings, sharing their worries and asking for help if they need it.

The week was a great success and encouraged the children to think about how important it is to look after both our physical and mental wellbeing.



HALF TERM & INSET DAY

School finishes today for Half Term and opens again at the usual time on **Monday 24th February**
A REMINDER THAT TOMORROW (FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY) IS AN INSET DAY

SAFER INTERNET DAY



This week, we have been discussing how to stay safe online, with our main focus being on online identity, privacy and digital footprints. Following on from Key Stage specific assemblies, the children have explored what to do if they are worried by anything they see or do online; they have discussed the SMART rules and have learnt about different ways of staying safe online.

Key Stage 1 pupils have watched short films about Jessie & Friends produced by **Thinkuknow**, the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command's online safety education programme, and have talked about how to stay safe online.

View the animations, share the storybooks with your child and get advice at www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents



Key Stage 2 pupils have watched the 'Play Like Share' short films. These are a series of three animated films for 8-10 year olds about staying safe online, again produced by **Thinkuknow**.

Watch the films at: www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/playlikeshare

We would be grateful if you could continue the conversation at home. To help you with this you may be interested in downloading the **free** Safer Internet Day resource pack for parents and carers which is available here: saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents.

Some other resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:

- Advice for parents and carers from www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents
- Advice for parents and carers from Childnet
- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the UK Safer Internet Centre
- Guides on popular apps and games from NetAware
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows & websites from Common Sense Media
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from Internet Matters
- Information and reporting of online grooming or abuse from CEOP

Age Guidelines (From Common Sense Media)

WhatsApp – 14+

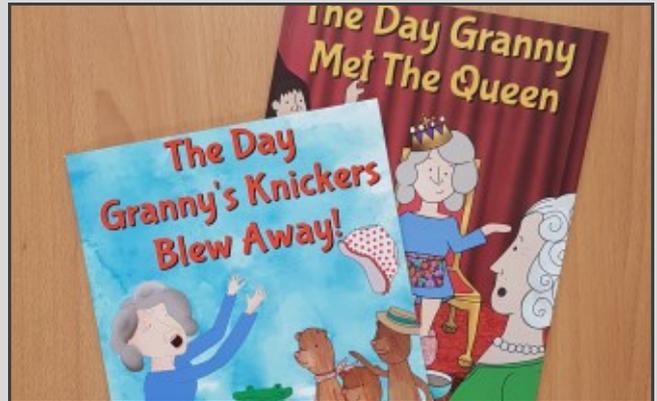
Instagram – 15+

Snapchat – 16+

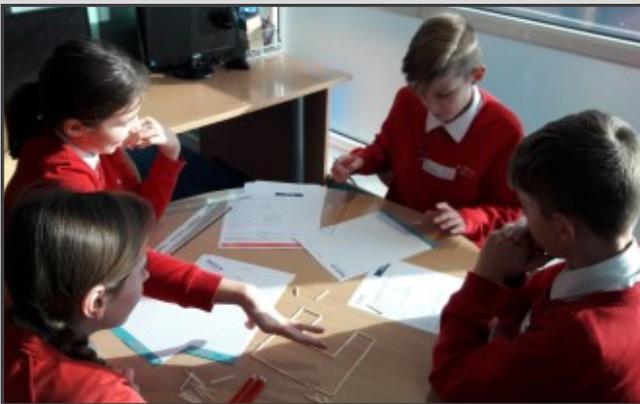
TikTok – 16+

AUTHOR VISIT

On Tuesday 14th January, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 were visited by Grant Koper, an author and storyteller, who read his book, *The Day Granny's Knickers Blew Away* to the children. They really enjoyed listening to this fabulous story and were able to ask Grant lots of questions all about this book and his others. Grant told us of how long it takes him to write a book and all about the illustrations too. After that, he personally signed some copies of his book and left us with an important message to **keep reading all sorts of different books every day!**



MATHS CHALLENGE



Earlier this term, some of our Year 6 pupils participated in **Explore Learning Mathematician's Award**. We received some lovely comments from the organisers;

We were extremely impressed with their ability to work as a team. In fact, they scored full marks for the teamwork section of the marking structure; it was lovely to observe them understanding the problem together, deciding and demonstrating how to work as a team and allowing each team member to contribute equally.

NATIVITY COLLECTION

Thank you for all your very generous donations collected after the Nativity plays which took place before Christmas. We raised the grand total of

£750.56!

YEAR 4 WATER TALK

Year 4 had a visit from Nick, Education Officer at SES Water, who came to talk with them about one of the world's most valuable resources; water. They learnt about the water cycle, the complicated process of making water safe to use and he discussed with the children how we use our water. With a variety of hands on activities, demonstrations and discussions, they had an enriching, educational time and now have a better understanding of how precious water is and how to use water responsibly.



Nick left each of the children with a useful shower timer and an activity booklet to complete. Thank you to SES Water for such a worthwhile visit!

ST FRANCIS HOUSE MASS

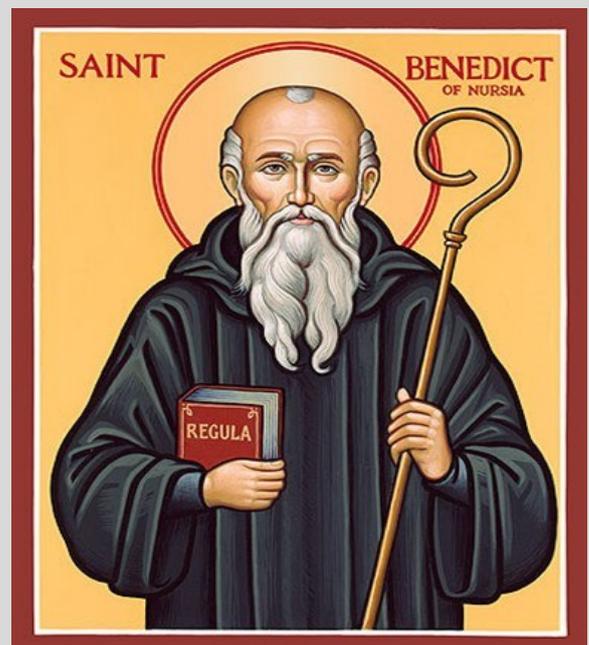
On 21st January, the children from St Francis House gathered together with Fr Graham to remember and celebrate the life of their patron, who dedicated his life to God. After Communion, Lucia read the Prayer of St Francis:

Lord,
make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so
much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to
eternal life

ST BENEDICT HOUSE MASS

The children from St Benedict's House gathered together with Fr Graham to celebrate Mass on 4th February 2020, in honour of their patron.

St Benedict understood that God gave us life, and that thanking God for that life should be the reason behind every word we speak, and every bit of work we do. He also understood that great things can happen when we're all working and praying together.



THE PANTO VISITS ST CLEMENT'S

At the start of the term the whole school was treated to a performance of *Robin Hood* by a touring theatre group who visited our school and turned our school hall into a magical theatre wonderland. The following report of the performance was written by some of our Year 6 pupils;

On the 10th January 2020, a marvellous pantomime came to our fantastic school. This time, they performed ROBIN HOOD. It was jam packed with puns and jokes, however, the best bit were the songs. They made you ache with laughter. It was clear to say, that Robin Hood was the hero and the Sheriff of Nottingham was the villain. Everyone had a wonderful time – even the teachers, who giggled all the way through.

Most of the younger children got to experience the new and amazing feeling of watching how the actors morphed into different characters.

By Alicja and Hannah Yr6

A huge thank-you to the Friends of St Clement's for providing the whole school with such a lovely treat!



Irish Dance Lessons



Kincorragh Academy
of Irish Dance

Boys and Girls Welcome
Ages 5-16

Enquires: Karleen Walker T.C.R.G 07984800147

TUESDAYS 4-5PM LJA STONELEIGH BROADWAY £6 PER CLASS

Competitions | Exhibitions | Official Grading