



ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd October 2020

We thank you Lord, for this half –term

For the challenges, the successes and the mistakes from which we have learnt

For the joy of re-uniting our relationships with our friends and our teachers

For the happiness in re-building our school community

For the enthusiasm to re-engage with our learning

We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.

God our Father be with us as we spend time with our family and friends

Guide us to be followers of our faith and to show compassion, love and kindness to all we meet

Help us to appreciate all that our families do for us

Shower us with your blessings

So that we may return to school refreshed, ready to accept the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead

Safe in the knowledge that your love surrounds us

And your light leads us to follow your path.

Amen

BEGINNING OF YEAR MASS

We were delighted to welcome Fr Graham back into the school on 18th September to celebrate the beginning of a new school year with a wonderful mass. Year 6 read beautifully and created a prayerful atmosphere, asking God for his guidance as we try to live out our mission statement so that we grow together in love and learning.

The words of the reflection after Holy Communion are shared for you below:

Lord, give us the strength to love others and to be loved.

Guide us through each day with your helping hand.

Give us the knowledge that you are with us

Especially when we need you the most.

Give us the courage to live our mission statement:

Growing in God's love.

Together we welcome and respect others.

Loving, sharing, celebrating.

Learning to be the best we can be.

MACBETH WORKSHOP

On Monday 21st September Year 5 and Year 6 were lucky enough to attend an active storytelling Macbeth workshop put on by Lyle from The Young Shakespeare Company and it was PHENOMENAL!

In previous years, Key Stage 2 have watched a whole production of a Shakespeare play, so we were not sure whether this would be as beneficial to the children, however, it ended up being a perfect introduction to Shakespeare's "Scottish Play"! - The children were transfixed from the first moment and have gone on to produce some outstanding follow up work!

Here are some quotes from our Year 6's about what they thought...

"It was amazing! I've never seen anything like it – the acting and explaining made everything so understandable and clear!"

"Everyone was able to take part and have fun – Lyle deserves an Oscar!"

And finally –

"Thanks to the Macbeth workshop our writing has improved and we have really been using WOW vocabulary with more confidence!"

All hail Macbeth! (and St Clement's!)



GRANDPARENTS WEEK

During this week we celebrated the fantastic contribution our **Grandparents** make to our lives. Each class made something special to take home to their Grandparents to say thank you to them for everything that they do for us.





EUROPEAN LANGUAGES



Amazingly, we have thirteen European languages spoken by our families at St Clement's, but this year our focus for European Languages Day was French. The children had the opportunity to engage in a variety of fun activities to develop their language skills. Reception were busy painting the French flag and found out about the Eiffel Tower. Year 1 learnt the names of fruits and vegetables in French and then had to guess what Peppa Pig bought at the supermarché! Year 2 learnt a song about greetings. Year 3 played Bingo to help them learn the words for the colours and then went on a colour treasure hunt. Year 4 made posters about the numbers 0 to 10. Year 5 found out about important landmarks in France and Year 6 had to follow instructions and then use their new vocabulary to have mini conversations.



THE POPPY APPEAL

After Half Term we will be collecting for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Each class will be given their own merchandise and collection box. Suggested donations for these range between 50p and £1 depending on the item. The children must bring their money into school in a plastic zip bag or envelope and they will then be responsible for putting their money into the collection box.



HISTORY WORKSHOPS

Digging for buried treasures, using stone tools, discovering fire, hunting and building Stonehenge were just a few of the activities enjoyed by the Year 3 children in their Prehistory workshop. Archaeologist, Mortimer Wheeler, really brought the past to life in an engaging and memorable way, enhancing our learning about the Stone Age.



The children in Year 4 enjoyed celebrating Ancient Egypt Day. They met Mortimer Wheeler, an Egyptian Archaeologist. Mortimer introduced them to the fascinating history of the Ancient Egyptians including the Pharaohs, the god Rameses, mummification and the famous battles of the day. This knowledgeable archaeologist invited Year 4 to become Egyptian explorers with him, to search for artefacts, to re-create a battle and to act out the roles of the Pharaohs.

The children then learned that the Ancient Egyptians had gods for everything, from dangers to chores, and each had different responsibilities and needed to be worshipped so that life could be kept in balance.



BIKEABILITY

This week, 30 year 6 children took part in the bikeability course. They learned a variety of skills on how to ride safely on the surrounding roads. The leaders were very impressed with our cyclists who demonstrated great listening and great determination to follow the instructions safely, despite a week of very changeable weather! They have all learned an extremely valuable skill.

Thank you so much to the team of bikeability leaders. Another job well done! Congratulations year 6!



#HELLOYELLOW 2020



On Thursday 8th October, St Clement's red uniform was brightened by flashes of yellow as staff and pupils wore something to support World Mental Health Day 2020. An amazing £183 was raised for the charity Young Minds who do such vital work supporting the mental health of young people and children. The children were engaged in a variety of activities to promote mental wellbeing. These included: sessions of mindfulness, meditation and yoga, craft activities and skills building to develop resilience. Both staff and children benefitted greatly from the day's experiences.

ANCHOR AWARD WINNERS

Anchor Awards are presented fortnightly in a special assembly to two pupils in each class for something that stands out to their teacher such as great listening, improved presentation, fabulous writing, great effort or kind behaviour. Each pupil is presented with a certificate and an Anchor Badge to be worn for the fortnight. Congratulations to the following children who received awards at our Anchor Assembly this half term;

Year 6	Roman, Jamie, Freddie, Joshua P, Grady, Luca, Amischa and Raul
Year 5	Laila, Aidan, Logan, Tyla, Nerisha, Henry W, Lois and Ethan
Year 4	Ellis, Eva, Drew, Leo, Jeannette, Max, Caleb and Scarlett
Year 3	Joe, Imoh, Jocelyn, Emma, Aaliyan, Ebony, Tom and Clara
Year 2	Annabelle, Noah, Jemima, Jacob, Daniella, Alex, Áine and Henry
Year 1	Cassius, Emily L, Franchesca, Thomas, Amelie, Orlando, Dawid and Nadia
Reception	Zuri, Daniel, Sophia, Johnny, Freya, Joseph, Mae and Darcie

Anchor Assembly takes place every two weeks on a Thursday morning. Please return Anchor badges to your child's class teacher on the morning of the next Anchor Assembly.

RECEPTION HARVEST ASSEMBLY



On Thursday 22nd October Reception performed their very first assembly at St Clement's.

They confidently acted out the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and they reminded us that we should be thankful for the Harvest. All the children were amazing and they even learnt how to sign to the poem 'Thank you Farmers'! A big thank you to all of our Reception parents who kindly donated to the Epsom Food Bank.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council represents the views of all the pupils at the school. It is an important and responsible role which allows pupils to have a say in issues that affect them and to know that their opinions count. The following pupils have been elected and have attended their first meeting before half term:

Year 1	Kamila Kielar	Thomas McMahon
Year 2	Chloe Chandler	Luke Ray
Year 3	Matteo Venerio	Jocelyn Saville
Year 4	Braden Currie	Taylor Cawood
Year 5	Thomas Newton	Lois Labbett
Year 6	Eloise Fry	Ailbi Green

VALUES AND VIRTUES AWARD

This half term we have spent time as a whole school reflecting on the meaning of the values of faith and compassion. We have thought about how we see these values in action in our lives and in the lives of others. We have also thought about how we can work to encapsulate these values in our lives.

St Clement's aims to honour and celebrate the good in each child. We have introduced a new award this month at our Anchor Assembly called the Values and Virtues award. This award is given to those children who have acted as role models in showing and living out the Gospel values. Well done to those children who received our Values and Virtues award at the Anchor Assembly this half term:

Year 6 Cieran
Year 5 Logan
Year 4 Jeanette
Year 3 Olivia
Year 2 Áine
Year 1 Jude
Reception Eloise

ATTENDANCE AWARD



As a school we are aiming for an overall pupil attendance of 97% and to encourage our community to reach this target we have the St Clement's Attendance Award. This is presented in Anchor Assembly to the class with the best attendance over the previous two weeks.

The reward is an extra long play time on Friday and the classes to receive it this half term are **Year 6** Who achieved 100% attendance over the last two weeks. Well done!

OPEN MORNING

We are holding a virtual open morning for parents of pupils due to start Reception in September 2021. These will be on our website from Tuesday 10th November. There will be a tour of the school and a presentation from Mrs Kelly the Headteacher.

WINTER UNIFORM

A reminder that all pupils need to be wearing Winter uniform after half term. Please see the uniform section on the school website for further details of our school uniform requirements. School ties are available from the School Office at a cost of £3 payable online via ParentMail.

LUNCH COSTS

The cost of school lunches will remain at **£2.40** per day.
The price of school lunches for years 3-6 (KS2) from Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th November is **£84.00** payable by ParentMail.

School breaks up today for Half Term and opens again at the usual time on **Monday 2nd November.**
We wish everyone a happy and restful week.

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INFLATABLE FUN



DIFFERENT MEGA ACTIVITIES EACH DAY AS WELL AS FOOTBALL, DODGEBALL, ROUNDERS, KWIK CRICKET
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