



ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th May 2021

This week we celebrated Pentecost! The children have been preparing themselves by talking about the Holy Spirit and how you cannot always see him but you can feel him. In one of his letters, St Paul, a famous teacher and follower of Jesus, tells us how to recognise the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and he calls these qualities 'fruits'.

"The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

Just as we can tell that a tree is good because it produces good fruit, in the same way, we can tell that we are allowing the Holy Spirit to work in us, by the way we behave towards other people. The children were asked at our Gospel Assembly on Monday to remember the times when they have experienced these fruits in their lives. The children have shown many of these fruits this term in their interactions with one another and also in their work to raise money for children in poorer communities in other areas of the world. We will continue to focus on these fruits in the next half term particularly generosity as we work together as a school community to help others who are in need.

Heavenly Father,
Help us to have hope,
Trust that You will al-
ways be with us,
Especially when we
feel that we are in
darkness.
Shine a light to guide
our path.
Amen.

hope

MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

The month of May is dedicated to Mary, our Heavenly Mother. Each class celebrated a reverent and moving prayer service in which we reflected on Mary's special qualities and asked for her intercession in our bidding prayers. We then crowned the statue of Our Lady with a garland of flowers and prayed a decade of the Rosary together.

ROSARY CLUB

Children throughout the school have eagerly joined the Rosary Club during lunchtimes in May. Each week, a new mystery is introduced and prayer petitions are offered up. Taking a few moments of stillness and quiet to reflect upon the life of Christ as they prayed a decade of the Rosary, has allowed the children to grow in their journey of faith and understand the Rosary as a prayer of petition.



ASCENSION OF THE LORD MASS

On Thursday 13th May Year 5 gathered in prayer to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. In the readings we heard how Jesus told his disciples to go out into the world sharing the Good News. Then Jesus was taken to be with His father in Heaven. Fr Graham reminded us that we too, are called to share the Good News of Jesus through our words and actions.



HISTORY WORKSHOPS

Year 1

On Thursday 13th May Year 1 travelled back in time to 1492 to the busy port of Genoa in Italy where a young Christopher Columbus was fascinated by all the different traders selling spices, fine silks and new navigation instruments to help sailors travel far across the seas. Columbus was determined to become an explorer and we learnt how he went to sea when he was only 14 to learn all he could about sailing ships. He wanted to find a direct sailing route from Europe to Asia by traveling West. We travelled with him on his long voyage on the Santa Maria to the island of San Salvador where he explored the island and brought back exciting new treasures of gold, pearls and tropical birds.

Then we travelled forward in time to 1969 America where Neil Armstrong prepared to journey to the moon. We looked at similarities and differences between the lives of Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. We had an exciting time travelling through space in our spaceship to land for the very first time on the moon. We explored the surface of the moon, looked at moon rocks and collected samples to bring back to earth. Then we returned to Earth safely where we were greeted with cheers and applause from everyone. We had a fun-filled afternoon and learnt lots of new and interesting facts about both explorers.



Year 2

Year 2 were taken back in time and met a very significant person, Florence Nightingale. They learnt about her early life and what influenced her to become a nurse. They also explored the poor conditions in British hospitals and army hospitals that Florence Nightingale worked so hard to improve. They also had a go at working in a Victorian hospital; scrubbing floors, getting rid of rats, emptying chamber pots and dressing wounds with bandages! The children had a lot of fun and enjoyed learning more about this fascinating lady.



YEARS 4 & 5 HISTORY WORKSHOPS

Year 4 enjoyed a Vikings Workshop with archaeologist Mortimer Wheeler. The children engaged in looking at artefacts, role playing traditional Viking families and village life and recreating Viking warrior battle scenes. The History topic this term was certainly brought to life and the children loved it!



Year 5 had a fascinating World War 2 Workshop with Bill Kitchen. The children participated in discussions about the home front, evacuation, air raid and warden. They were able to role play and recreate what life was like then. The children were truly immersed by the experience and the children had a wonderful time!

THE WIZARD OF OZ

On the first week back after the Easter break, the children of St Clement's were treated to a wonderful and ingenious performance of the pantomime, 'The Wizard of Oz'. Using a mixture of pre-recorded videos, live acting, audience interaction and music, the children were retold the famous story. The children had a wonderful time and enjoyed the unique experience.



BIKEABILITY

Well done to the children in Year 4 and Year 5 who completed their Level 1 cycling proficiency in May. The Level 1 course takes place in the school playground and teaches the children how to take care of their bicycle, how to be in control of their bike and to be aware of their surroundings. This course is run by Surrey County Council. We are proud of the efforts by all of the children who took part.



CHERTSEY MUSEUM VISIT

Year 3 had a wonderful afternoon with archaeologist, Emily Dove, who visited from Chertsey Museum to help us learn about the past using artefacts. Practising our Latin on wax tablets, building a Roman temple, making models of Roman gods and drawing artefacts were just some of the activities we enjoyed as we found out about everyday life as a Roman citizen and what it was like to be a Roman soldier.



MAD EDUCATION



On Wednesday 26th May, MAD Education visited St Clement's. Children in Years 1 – 6 took part in a range of activities which focussed on the skills of communication, team work, following instructions, problem solving and resilience. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activities and it was great to see how they were challenged to work together as a team.



SPORTS CLUBS IN SCHOOL

Lots of the Year 3 & 4 children have been enjoying their Tuesday lunch time skipping club. They have found out that skipping is actually very tricky and requires really good coordination. Girls and boys have been skipping along in time to some music. The skills they are learning are: fast skipping, simple tricks like hopscotch and running skipping. Lots of the children have tried skipping with a partner and jumping into and out of a spinning rope. All children have learnt something new or improved their skipping style. Above all, they are becoming fitter, are having fun and they have found out that skipping is actually very hard work!

The Year 5 & 6 children have really enjoyed coming to the Thursday after school netball club. They have been learning skills to improve their agility, balance and coordination as well as ball handling skills. They have played small-sided netball-based games and have been introduced to the rules of Hi 5 netball. The children have a good understanding of attacking and defending and their game play is really improving. Team spirit is high and everyone is developing their sense of good sportsmanship whilst having great fun at the same time. We definitely have some budding netballers amongst them!



PYJAMARAMA DAY



On Friday 14th May the children of St Clement's took part in a fund-raising day called 'Pyjamarama', raising funds for BookTrust.

BookTrust have sent us a message:

'A huge thank you to everyone who took part in Pyjamarama on Friday 14th May. We had a brilliant day and hope you did too! You joined thousands of children around the country enjoying stories, reading and rhymes - all in the comfort of their PJs - to help BookTrust make sure every child gets their bedtime story.'

The children had lots of fun taking part in all of the day's activities, a great day was had by all and thank you so much to parents for helping us to raise £165 for BookTrust.



ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS

You may remember before the Easter holidays that we announced the Royal Academy of Arts competition.

We were absolutely delighted with the number of children who entered their art work and were so impressed by the high standard of work submitted by many of them, in fact some were exceptional!

Sadly, none of our 55 entries were chosen to be displayed by the Royal Academy this time, but when you consider that 33,000 submissions were made countrywide it is clear that the competition was fierce!

We would like to offer huge congratulations to the children who gave up their time and made the effort to enter; we are very proud of you!



The Hummingbird
Scarlett Morris



The Pointe of my life
Megan Dulwich



Beach View
Joshua Plechocki



The magical Tree
Aislinn Harvey-Porter



The blossom tree
Lily Fairbairn

ANCHOR AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following children who received awards at our Anchor Assembly this half term;

Year 6	George, Adam, Sebastian, Raul, Star and Ben
Year 5	Isla, Matthew, Beth, Ben, Leo and Nerisha
Year 4	Rhyley, Lily, Taylor, Archie, Ben and Marta DS
Year 3	Brielle, Oliver, Frankie, Max, Lizzie and Matteo
Year 2	Victoria, Victor, Orla, Deandre, Jacob and Victoria
Year 1	Jude, Francesca, Cassius, Caitlin, Catherine and Filip
Reception	Etieno, Mason, Jacob, Oscar, Sophia and Ella-Rose

VALUES AND VIRTUES AWARD

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

Well done to those children who received our Values and Virtues award at the Anchor Assembly this half term:

Year 6 Kaylah and Lavina
Year 5 Laila and Lola
Year 4 Marta DS and Annabelle
Year 3 Alex, Amelia and Clara
Year 2 Annabelle and Henry
Year 1 Francesca and Dawid
Reception Eleanor and Daniel

SCHOOL COUNCIL

This term the school council have been working on a number of issues. They have thought of ideas for our Science Garden which we hope to start in the Autumn Term and ways in which we can improve the playground. They have also voted with the rest of the school on names for their classes which are based on an animal theme.

Reception – Polar bears

Year 1 – Chimps

Year 2 – Pandas

Year 3 – Sea turtles

Year 4 – Tigers

Year 5 – Snow Leopards

The children will take these class names up with them in September to their new classes.

Year 6 have been given the important task of choosing the name for our new Reception class in September. They have voted for Hedgehogs.

HOUSE POINTS

This half term the winners are St Francis.

House	Points
St Benedict	5681
St Francis	6049
St Clare	5190
St Margaret	5935



The attendance award for this half term has gone to Year 6 and Year 4.

They have both received an extra - long playtime.

Well done!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

All children should be dressed in the Summer St Clement's school uniform. Please remember that children are not allowed to wear earrings at school.

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 7th June to Thursday 20th July is £74.40 payable by Parentmail. Please remember that if you wish to change your child's lunch arrangements that you need to give a full school weeks' notice to the school office.

School breaks up today for half term and opens again at the usual time on **Monday 7th June**
We wish everyone a happy and restful break.

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