



# ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st April 2022

During Lent, we are reminded that in all the difficulties of life, Christ journeys with us and through prayer, he gives us strength to carry our own crosses each day. Lent is also a time when we reflect on how we can become more like Jesus and through prayer, fasting and giving, we aspire to grow more like our shepherd, guide and friend.

*We wish you and your loved ones a safe and peaceful Easter.*



Dear Lord

We thank you for all the gifts you have given us,

especially the gift of your son.

During this holy season of lent,

help us to change and grow and become the kind of people you created us to be.

Fill our hearts with love for you and love for all people,

for we are all created in your image.

Show us how to use the gifts you have given us to help others in your name.

As we journey together toward the light of Easter,

we know you are with us in all that we do.

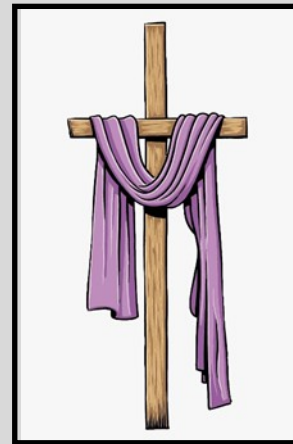
Amen.



# EASTER SERVICE

On Wednesday morning, we gathered, as a school community to watch the children in Years 3 to 6 perform the events of Holy Week in the hall. It was a really spiritual and moving moment as it had been a long time since we have been able to worship as a whole school in one place together. Each class re-told a part of the Easter story through narration, mime, contemplation and quiet music. The children demonstrated great reverence and it was wonderful to experience and share the special St Clement's feeling of community and togetherness, of 'Growing Together in Love and Learning.'

Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom. Luke 23:42



# ASH WEDNESDAY

We celebrated Ash Wednesday, the first day of one of the most important seasons in the Church's liturgical year – Lent, on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Year 4 led the mass respectfully and prayerfully, along with Father Graham. Lent is a time when we try to get closer to God. The children thought carefully about fasting, prayer and almsgiving and also about how they could help others who are less fortunate than ourselves and pray a little more.



# YEAR 5 CLASS MASS

The Year 5 children celebrated mass on 22<sup>nd</sup> March with Father Graham. The theme was Friendship. The children took an active role in the mass; reading beautifully and bringing offertory gifts that represented the bonds shared within our classroom. Every child participated with great reverence and thoughtfulness and we were very proud of them. It was a real joy to celebrate mass alongside Father Graham and we are very grateful to him for being part of our Year 5 worship.



# YEAR 2 HISTORY WORKSHOP

As part of their History topic this half term, Year 2 were taken back in time and met a very significant person, the Nurturing Nurse, 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 and how Florence Nightingale improved them. 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 consolidating what they already knew and learning more about this fascinating lady.



# YEAR 1 HISTORY WORKSHOP

On Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> of March Year 1 travelled back in time to the 1690s to the bustling port of Genoa. Christopher Columbus, a young sailor, was preparing to set sail for Asia by using the novel approach. He was certain that if he sailed west rather than east, he would get to Asia more quickly! With the backing of the King and Queen of Spain, Columbus, with his crew, set off on their adventure. We learnt how to climb the rigging, to scrub the decks, to bale the water and to live on salted meat and dried biscuits. Finally, we reached land where Columbus discovered potatoes, tobacco, turkeys and gold which he brought back to Spain.

Fast forward to the 1960s where Neil Armstrong is preparing to be launched into space to be the first man on the moon. After landing safely, we took our first steps out onto the moon's surface. We collected rocks and samples to bring back to earth where we were greeted as heroes.





# WORLD POETRY DAY

On Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March we celebrated World Poetry Day. Each class had learnt a poem off by heart to recite to the whole school outside on St Clement's Corner. We were fortunate enough to have a lovely, sunny day for our recital. The children stood up, in front of the rest of the school, to perform their poem. The themes of the poems were all varied from healthy eating in Reception to resilience in Year 6. This was a hugely entertaining afternoon and every class excelled themselves in their recitation.

*"Poetry helps in language development, creative language skills, creativity, writing skills, self-expression, and in the development of natural rhythms."*



# CHILDRENS MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2022



For Children's Mental Health Week 2022, St Clement's held a 'Dress to Impress' day on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February. The children took part in a virtual assembly and engaged in activities designed to help them relax and feel happy, encouraging exploring their creative sides. The children certainly achieved dressing to impress and their outfits were very vibrant and colourful. Thank you for all your donations, we raised a fantastic £221 for the Place2Be Charity.

# YEAR 6 ARE OUR JUNIOR CITIZENS!

On Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022, Year 6 travelled to Epsom Downs Race course to take part in the annual Junior Citizens event. There were many organisations there who were teaching us how to stay safe in multiple situations. Here is a summary of each one!

Hope UK taught us about safe and unsafe drugs, including drugs we might use at home to make us feel better if we are unwell, such as Calpol or Paracetamol, then others that we are all familiar with, such as alcohol and cigarettes. Did you know that there are over 4,000 chemicals in just one cigarette? This is what makes them so addictive - so don't start to begin with! We also talked about more dangerous drugs which we may come into contact with as we get older and the main lesson we learned was

"If you don't know what's in it, BIN IT!"

Surrey Police explained to us what was illegal and legal. Did you know that swearing in public; sharing inappropriate images or text messages or carrying a knife in public are all illegal? We were all shocked to find out that you can be charged with a crime and arrested from the age of 10!

The Police also talked to us about the importance of staying safe online and being very cautious about using social media. We learnt about not meeting up with people we have only 'met' online and we should NEVER accept gifts from people or deliver parcels to others if we don't know what's inside or who they are coming from or going to. The main lesson we learned was about our online safety, it was:

"Stop! Block! Talk!"

Fearless is an organisation which allows people to report crime completely anonymously. Unlike reporting any incident or worry to the police, you do not need to give any personal information. Fearless stopped or solved 27,000 crimes in 2021. We learnt to ...

"BE FEARLESS!"

The British Transport Police are a national police service for the railway system throughout Great Britain. The service is also responsible for policing the London Underground system, the Docklands Light Railway, the Midland Metro and Croydon Tramlink. We are now far more aware of the dangers around train lines and level crossings; the railway is full of hidden dangers! If you trespass on the railway there can be serious and catastrophic consequences for you, your families, rail staff, and communities as a whole. Do you really know the potential risks of trespassing? When you step on the track you face 25,000 volts of electricity, 400 tonnes of train, and the electrified third rail. Keep safe and remember ...

"Everyone loses when you step on the track."

RNLI (The Royal National Lifeboat Institution) taught us how to plan for a trip near water, what to take and what to do, and how to identify possible dangers by rivers, lakes and the sea. The most important information we learnt was

"Stop and think, Stay together, Float, Call 999 or 112."

Surrey Fire and Rescue service was great fun and we learned many insightful things! First of all, we talked about smoke alarms and the importance of testing them regularly and also about the potential danger of candles, extension cords and mobile phone chargers ... these can all lead to a very firey outcome!

We took part in some serious but fun scenarios which showed us what to do in the event of a fire, for example, test the door with the back of your hand to feel if it's hot; if it is, stay inside! It was a great experience and probably the favourite activity of the day for all of us. We left promising to remember the two following rules:

Stop! Drop! Roll!  
Get out! Stay out! Call 999!

Reported by Year 6. As you can see, they had a brilliant day!





# BIKEABILITY

Well done to the children in Year 4 who completed their Level 1 cycling proficiency in March. 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.



# YEAR 6 NETBALL RALLY

On 22<sup>nd</sup> March, we saw the return of the Epsom and Ewell netball rally! It was held at Blenheim secondary school and the weather was on our side! We took 7 girls and boys from Year 6 to play in the Hi 5 netball rally. All the children were a little nervous and very excited to be finally playing against other schools again. There were 8 schools taking part and we played 3 schools in our pool. We beat Stamford Green and Auriol and drew with Southfield Park. We showed how far we had come with our netball skills. We had some fantastic passing, brilliant interceptions and superb goals! We got through to the semi finals, where we were up against Cuddington Community. It was a very fast game! We drew 2 - 2 and so we were into extra time. There was still no score so it went to sudden death! Unfortunately Cuddington scored in the 3<sup>rd</sup> minute of extra, extra time! Myself and Mrs Roberts were so proud of all the team. They were so supportive of each other, very focused, very encouraging and showed fantastic sportsmanship to all the other teams! They are a credit to St Clement's! A huge thank you to Blenheim for hosting, to Stamford Green for organising the event, Mrs Roberts, my co-coach and to all those parents cheering and supporting from the side lines. A great, netball afternoon was had by all!



# TAG RUGBY

On the 8<sup>th</sup> March, 24 of the year 5 and 6s were really lucky to be able to participate in a training session delivered by Harlequins Rugby club. They learned some new tactics, practised their skills and played some matches. It was a hugely successful and well organised afternoon. As usual, the children were very well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We are very grateful to Harlequins rugby club for arranging this with us.

Following on from this, we were delighted to see the return of the KS2 tag rugby tournaments run by Epsom and Ewell! It was so lovely to see many schools coming together for 2 afternoons of fantastic rugby.

On 17<sup>th</sup> March, it was the turn of the year 3 and 4s to show off their tag rugby talents. Both teams had a very busy and very energetic afternoon scoring many tags and an array of tremendous tries! Both teams played their hearts out in amongst 10 schools and Year 3 came joint 3rd, with their final game ending in a draw. A fantastic effort by all involved!



# CRICKET TASTER DAY

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, children in year 1 - year 6 had a cricket taster day run by a 'Chance to shine.' Coach Paul was brilliant with the children and developed some cricket skills at all the different levels. They were throwing and catching with themselves, then to each other. They were rolling the ball to each other and stopping it. They finished their sessions with some cricket relay races and some mini team games. The children thoroughly enjoyed their sessions and learned cricket skills and the importance of listening and following instructions. There are some definite future cricketers in St Clement's!





# THE FOUR NATIONS IS BACK!

On Tuesday this week, we finally saw the return of 'The Four Nations KS2 Tag Rugby Tournament'! Back in 2014, two former year 6s took it upon themselves to organise this tournament. It was such a huge success that we have run it ever since (bar the covid years!) This year we took the tournament across the road to Old Schools Lane, where we were able to play on the grass. The weather, thankfully, was very kind to us. All the KS2 classes took part as one of the four nations.

St Benedict represented Scotland

St Clare represented England

St Francis represented Wales

St Margaret represented Ireland

All the year 6s had roles to play from team coaches, side line judges, try judges, supporters, scorers, runners, timers and bell ringers! We even had to have 2 year 6s who had to referee! They were all very efficient and well-organised and brilliantly encouraging of all the teams taking part. The rugby in KS2 was wonderful to watch with some fantastic tagging, superb tries, outstanding sportsmanship and rousing support being shown to all! KS1 joined us from the side lines and were in fine voice cheering for their teams. All the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the morning! When all the matches were played and all the scores were in, the final results were:

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Scotland

Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> place - England and Ireland

1<sup>st</sup> place - Wales

So, congratulations to Wales!!

A huge thank you to all of KS2 and in particular to the year 6s for their fantastic help in running this event. Also to Mrs Regan on the results table and our resident photographer, Mrs Kelly.

Six Nations? Eat your heart out!



# BOOK PRIZE WINNERS

The book prize winners this term are:

**Reception** Sophia K

**Year 1** Daniel

**Year 2** Emily L

**Year 3** Jemima

**Year 4** Lizzie

**Year 5** Lily

**Year 6** Nerisha





# WORLD BOOK DAY!

To celebrate World Book Day the children have been involved in a variety of book themed activities including dressing up as their favourite book characters. The librarians organised an activity for every class which consisted of designing your own potato character, a book scavenger hunt, book cover designs, quizzes and creating a picture book. There is also a bookmark competition, with the children designing their own bookmarks for homework. There will be a class winner for each class and an overall winner with prizes to be won. The children also received a £1 World Book Day token to purchase a £1 World Book Day book or redeem against the price of another book. The children had a lot of fun and were encouraged to change lives through a love of books and shared reading.

The winners of the World Book Day bookmark competition were chosen by Mrs Kelly, Mrs James and the Year 6 librarians. Each child received a book prize and the overall winner also received a certificate. The winners are:



Reception- Ferne Norman

Year 1- Anton Kurichkov

Year 2- Dawid Lenartowicz

Year 3- Camilla Da Silva- Long

Year 4- Matteo Venerio

Year 5- Isabella Grzenda- Rodriguez

Year 6- Tyla Marshall



Overall winner- Ferne Norman from Reception

# SCIENCE WEEK

British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics which took place between 11th-20<sup>th</sup> March. The theme for 2022 was 'Growth'. Throughout the week, the children took part in a variety of activities around the theme of growing; from planting seeds to growing cress to measuring the growth in shadows throughout the day to even looking at how a curly wurly can grow in length in Year 3 and making slime in Year 4!

To begin the week, the children had a Science assembly where each class was given a challenge to 'grow for gold' by helping to save and protect the planet. In their classes, they had to take part in various activities to complete their challenge such as looking at recycling, how we travel, what we buy, what we eat, what we do at home, what we wear and how it can have an impact on the planet. The children enjoyed taking part and displayed and used a variety of scientific skills, showing a curiosity to learn more. They are all budding scientists!

Science week ended with a bang with a Science assembly by Mr. Van Loon from a company called 'Roto Flo- air products', an air products business. He talked to the children about the different types of gases in their air, about the three states of matter and showed videos of liquid nitrogen experiments, such as using a banana to hammer in a blu tac nail! The assembly was informative and the children asked interesting questions.



# HELP FOR UKRAINE

This half term the children and families of our school and local community have really lived out the value of giving through their generosity to our Ukraine Appeal.

Year 6 have also lived out the value of service as they have packed and loaded box upon box of donations from St Clement's families and from our Deanery partner Catholic Primary Schools. We have also received donations from the parishioners of St Clement's Church and from the local Epsom and Ewell community. We have been inundated with donations and we would like to thank Mrs Charge, Mrs Barreiro Tuke and Mrs Kurichov who helped organise the Year 6 and the donations. We could not have done it without their help!

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March, the Mayor and Mayoress of Epsom and Ewell visited us to see the wonderful work that the children were doing for Ukraine. They were impressed with the children in Year 6's attitude and sense of wanting to make a difference. They spoke to the children about what they had been doing over the week and how it made them feel.



## SPONSORED EVENTS FOR UKRAINE

The following amount was raised by each class for the sponsored events they did to raise money for Ukraine;

Reception - £240.50

Year 1 - £92.00

Year 2 - £278.50

Year 3 - £60.00

Year 4 - £131.50

Year 5 - £103.00

Year 6 - £232.50

The total amount raised was an amazing £1,138. Well done children. You should be extremely proud of yourselves!

# CAFOD SOCIAL TEACHING WORKSHOPS

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March, Cafod visited our school to talk to all of the classes about how our actions have an impact on everyone. The principle aim of the workshops were to encourage the children to think about when we make decisions, we should consider the good of all. Reception and Key Stage 1 were encouraged to think about how they were going to make the world a better place. They were introduced to the principles of Catholic Social Teaching using animal mascots to make it memorable and engaging for the children.



Years 3 – 6 were given different scenarios and they had to think about which catholic social teaching principle it embodied. Every child was encouraged to participate and to respect each other's views.



## ANCHOR AWARD WINNERS

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

**Year 6** Mia, George, Ben, Ashley, Logan and Matthew

**Year 5** Frankie, Amy, Sara, Ellis, Archie, and Isabella GR

**Year 4** Austin, Tom, Ebony, Erin, Imoh and Sylvie

**Year 3** Deandre, Ekom, Bertie, Noah, Eliana and Annabelle

**Year 2** Sophia, Thomas, Emily, Hanna, Kamila and Oscar

**Year 1** Penny, Oscar, Mae, Darcie, Zuri and Jagoda

**Reception** Alistair, Liliana, Gabriella, Oliver, Sophia and Hudson

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

## VALUES AND VIRTUES AWARD

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

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

**Year 6** Tyla and George

**Year 5** Raphael, Lily and Lara

**Year 4** William, Lizzie and Tom

**Year 3** Caitlin, Bella and Daniella

**Year 2** Lily, Emily and Cerys

**Year 1** Daniel, Eleanor and Ellie

**Reception** Evelyn, Marlow and Hazel

We have now introduced a new badge for this award which is called the '**Following Jesus**' badge. This is a small gold cross which the children will wear for two weeks and this will show the school community that they have embodied the value and have been recognised for this.



# ATTENDANCE AWARD



The overall attendance award this half term has gone to Year 3. Well done to Year 3 who have earned themselves an extra playtime.

## HOUSE POINTS

**This half term the winners are**

House	Points
St Benedict	5857
St Francis	5772
St Clare	6065
St Margaret	5690

## LUNCH COSTS

The cost of school lunches will remain at **£2.45** per day. The price of school lunches for the next half term from 19th April to 25th May:

Year 3 & 6 - £63.70

Year 4 - £56.35

Year 5 - £51.45

The reason the costs are different is because Years 4 and 5 have residential trips

Any changes in the new term from packed lunch to school dinners or vice versa requires a week's notice to the School Office.

School breaks up today for the Easter Holidays and opens again at the usual time on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April. We wish everyone a happy and restful Easter break.