



ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th February 2022

In the blink of an eye, we have already reached half term and we are half way through the year. This week in school, we have been focusing on mental health and well-being. The theme for the week has been 'Let's connect.' The children have been asked to think about who they have connected with this week and how by connecting with others, they can do good and change the world. After the half term, we are going to be taking part in the 'Big Lent Walk' to help fight global poverty. By thinking about others we will as a school community be putting our faith into action. We hope that you have a lovely half term!



Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the wonderful season of Spring and the hope of warmer, longer, brighter days.

Thank you for the coming of new growth and life.

Help us to make a fresh beginning in each of our hearts.

Help us to be more loving, generous and thoughtful.

Remind me of the beauty of Spring and what new beginnings mean.

Place those in my path that need help.

Teach me what to pray about.

Guide me to show compassion and care to all.

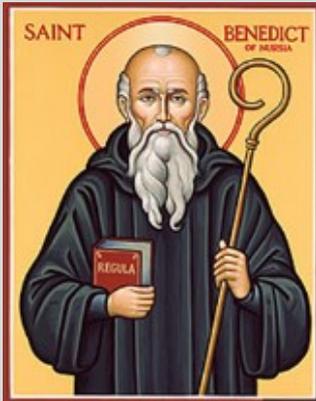
May we be thankful for the miracles of Spring, the charm of nature and the love You never fail to provide for us.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen



ST BENEDICT HOUSE MASS



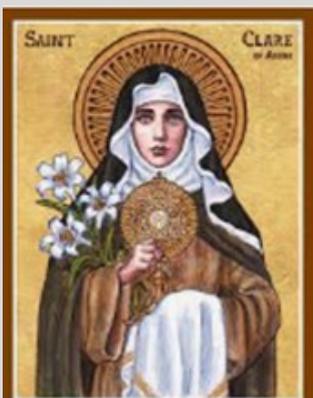
Children in St Benedict's House celebrated Mass to honour their patron saint St Benedict on 24th January with Father Graham. The children took an active role in the mass; reading beautifully and bringing offertory gifts that represented their patron saint. St Benedict started his own monastery, devoting his life to God. St. Benedict understood the importance of thanking God for the life he gave us and that great things can happen when we are all working and praying together. 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 House worship. It was wonderful to see so many parents join with the school in celebrating this very special Mass

EPIPHANY MASS

Epiphany, also known as Three Kings' Day, is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God in His Son as human in Jesus Christ. It is held on the 12th day after Christmas Day, and also marks the arrival of the Three Kings to the stable of Bethlehem. We gathered, as a school community to celebrate the Mass of the Epiphany in the hall on Friday 6th January. It was a really spiritual and moving moment. 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.'



ST CLARE HOUSE MASS



Children from St Clare's House celebrated Mass to honour their patron saint St Clare on 31st January with Father Graham. The children participated in the Mass respectfully and prayerfully; bringing offertory gifts that represented their patron saint. St Clare founded an order of nuns called the Poor Clares who exist to this day praying and serving their community. Clare felt that the fewer things they had, the more room they had for God in their hearts. The children thought carefully about their patron saint and also about how they could help others who are less fortunate than themselves and pray a little more in their daily lives. It was lovely to celebrate mass alongside Father Graham and we are very grateful to him for being part of our House worship as well as having so many parents join with the school in celebrating this very special Mass.

FIRE ENGINE VISIT

On Friday 3rd February, Hedgehog Class had an exciting visit from Epsom Fire Station, to support our learning about people who help us and the Emergency Services. Three Firefighters came into our classroom to show us their uniforms and some of the equipment that they use. They talked to us about fire safety and the importance of having smoke alarms at school and at home. We were then invited to see the big, red fire engine parked in the front playground. The children had a wonderful time exploring the equipment, spraying water with the long hoses and sitting inside the fire engine. It was very exciting to hear the loud sirens and to see the blue flashing lights as the engine drove away.



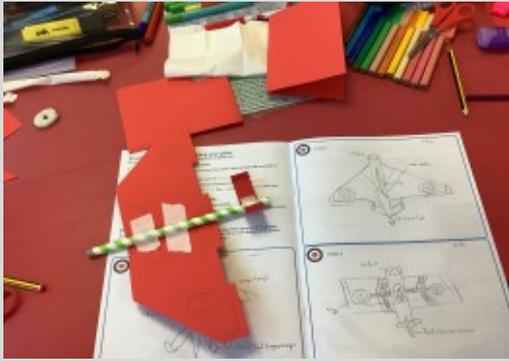
DOGS TRUST WORKSHOP

This half term, Year 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 took part in a workshop led by the Dogs Trust charity. They were taught how dogs and children can live safely together, so that everyone enjoys the many benefits of the human-canine bond. They learnt about times when dogs need to be given space, for example when they are sleeping or eating, and that we should always give them the **freedom to move away** from a person or situation if they wish to, only approaching dogs at the right time and with the owners permission. The children learnt a lot about how dogs and humans can learn to trust each other.



YEAR 6 STEM CHALLENGE

On Wednesday this week, Year 6 took part in a Stem Challenge to design and make a glider. They really enjoyed the session and learned a great deal. They added to their banks of vocabulary with new flight related words and managed to use them in their labelled designs which were very impressive! They then had to make them using straw, paper, tape and blu tac. There were a vast selection of gliders amongst the class. In the afternoon, we had the opportunity to test them out to see which designs worked best. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and showed us that there are budding engineers amongst our class! Well done Year 6!



INTERNET SAFETY DAY

This year, Internet Safety Day focused on the theme: **'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'**.

This year we are hoping to answer the following questions:

What issues really matter to children and young people?
What changes do they want to see?

How can we all work together to advocate for them moving forward?

Throughout the day we got the children exploring and discussing what is great about being online and what we should be careful of. We practiced children creating videos or posters about being online in a safe way. Everyone's digital footprint will be in the cloud for everyone to see. However, if we post media and make sure we don't include personal information (Full name, address, school logos) we can remain safe and share our ideas with the world.



CHILDRENS MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Children's Mental Health Week has taken place this week at school and this year the theme is 'let's connect', looking at the importance that connections with others have on our mental health. Healthy relationships with family, friends and school staff are vital for children's wellbeing, offering a strong protective factor against poor mental health. The children have celebrated the week by coming together for a special assembly around the theme of 'let's connect' and in our PSHE lessons they have taken part in sessions on working around meaningful connections with others which support our mental health. For further information on the charity supporting Children's Mental Health Week please go to:



<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

ANCHOR AWARD WINNERS

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

Year 6 Eva, Rhyley, Marta, Amy, Sara and Leo
Year 5 Oscar, Austin, Owen, Joe, Jude and Lizzie
Year 4 Victor, Camilla, Harry, Ariadne, Isabella and Aine
Year 3 Daniela, Jan, Emily, Filip, Ava and Hanna
Year 2 Oscar, Max, Etieno, Darcie, Mason and Daniel
Year 1 Katie, Aidan, Ted, Sophia, Maelie and Myles
Reception: Noah, Emily, Verity, Henry, Liam and Kaia

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 Honesty and Forgiveness. 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.

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

Year 6 Caleb, Archie and Liam
Year 5 Edric, Aaliyah and Austin
Year 4 Alex, Caitlin and Henry
Year 3 Jack, Lily and Jude
Year 2 Daniel, Ted and Ella-Rose
Year 1 Layla, Evelyn and Liliana
Reception Xander, Millie and Laura

HOUSE POINTS

This half term the winners are St Clare

House	Points
St Benedict	3236
St Francis	2967
St Clare	3264
St Margaret	2786

ATTENDANCE AWARD



The attendance award this half term has gone to Year 3.

Well done!

LUNCH COSTS

The cost of school lunches for the next half term is £78.

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 February half term and opens again on Monday 20th February 2023.

IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING TERM 2023

Friday 10th February	All	INSET Day—School closed for all pupils and
Friday 10th February - Friday 17th February	All	Half term
Tuesday 21st February	Year 6	Junior Citizenship Event
Wednesday 22nd February	All	Ash Wednesday Mass at 2.15p.m.
Thursday 23rd February	Year 5 and Y6	'Who Cares' Career Presentation
Friday 3rd March	All	World Book Day
Tuesday 7th March	St Francis	St Francis House Mass at 2.15p.m.
Friday 10th March	All	Science Week begins until the 18th March
Monday 13th March	All	Science workshops
Monday 13th March—	Year 4	Bikeability
Monday 20th March	All R, Y1 and Y2	Book Fair arrives Drama 4 All workshops
Tuesday 21st March	All St Margaret	World Poetry Day St Margaret House Mass at 2.15p.m.
Tuesday 28th March	All	Tag Rugby tournament—Old Schools Lane
Thursday 30th March	All	Easter service—Key stage 2
Friday 31st March	All	School finishes for the Easter holidays at 1.30p.m.