



Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together

Friday 30th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

The week began with our celebration of the European Day of Languages, a variety of activities were enjoyed throughout the day. The children in Reception and Year One enjoyed **Tortilla Española**, a perfect way to celebrate their country of choice.

Thank you to those parents who attended our curriculum evenings this week. We hope you found them to be beneficial. For those parents who did not attend, the slides are available on your child's class page on the website.

The pupils in Year Five completed their Play Leaders Training, they are looking forward to supporting our younger pupils.

We have got lots to look forward to next week. Pupils in year six are going to be evacuated, an insight into the experience of children during World War Two.

On Friday the 'Life Caravan' arrives on site. After a gap of two years we are really excited to engage in the workshops once again.

Our Cafod group have been busy planning for the Autumn Family Fast Day next Friday. As you can see below, this term they are focusing on supporting those closer to home. Everyone is invited to Brighten up Autumn next Friday, wearing brightly coloured clothes and donating packet or canned food for our local Foodbank. Each day next week, members of the group will also visit each classroom with their Cafod money collection box, please help them to fill it up.

Dates for you Dairy

Phonics Workshop Thursday 6th October – 3.45 pm - Parents in EYFS and Key Stage 1

Friday 7th October 2.30 pm- FoSL Meeting – an informal gathering where all are invited.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Eileen Murtagh

Attendance

Lower than 90% Attendance Class 4	90-95% Attendance Reception Class	96-100% Attendance Class 1 Class 2 Class 3 Class 5 Class 6
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Overall Attendance this week **96.8%**

Across the school, **1 hour and 14 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

98% attendance means **4** school days missed

95% attendance means **10** school days missed

90% attendance means **19** school days missed

80% attendance means **38** school days missed

5 minutes late each day means **3** school days missed

Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Reception

What a wonderful week we have had in Reception! On Monday, dressed in the colours of Spain, we enjoyed celebrating European Day of Languages by learning some Spanish phrases and tasting Spanish tortilla. We also created mosaic houses inspired by Antoni Gaudi.

This week has also been National Recycling Week/ Big Green Week and we had lots of different activities within our provision linked with this including sorting items for rubbish or recycling and thinking about ways we could look after our world.

We have also enjoyed our own learning time where we have created play dough flowers, constructed aeroplanes and explored counting and numbers.

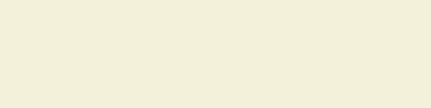


Class 1

It has been such a busy week in Class 1! On Monday, we thoroughly enjoyed celebrating European Day of Languages. Spain was our focus country and we learnt lots of Spanish phrases throughout the day. We also learnt all about a Spanish architect called Antoni Gaudi and enjoyed participating in a live online workshop about Spanish superheroes. As it is a popular dish from Spain, we tasted a slice of Spanish tortilla which we thought was delicious!

It has also been Big Green Week/ National Recycling Week and we enjoyed finding out all about recycling and why it is important. We created our own pledges to help look after our world.

We've also enjoyed writing in our new English books and working on tricky Maths challenges in our Maths lessons.

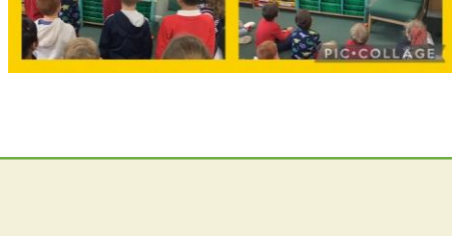


Class 2

Class 2 have really enjoyed this week. On Monday we celebrated all things French as part of 'European Day of Languages'. The children really enjoyed hearing the French national anthem and finding out that Peppa Pig could speak French!

In English we have been using the iPads to show what the characters from our class book Tabitha Lumpit and Timothy Limpet could say to each other.

Another highlight this week has been exploring hot and cold countries of the world, the children have enjoyed using our globe to find places that they have never visited.



Class 3

We have learned so much this week in Class 3! Our focus in Maths this week has been number lines up to 1,000. We have used our problem solving and reasoning skills to identify the sequences patterns to help us.

In English this week we have enjoyed writing our own riddles! We have created a riddle based on a sea creature which follows the theme of our Ocean themed English writing text The Seal Surfer by Michael Foreman.

The highlight of our week has been European Languages Day! Our European country of choice was Germany. We learned lots of new German words, learned all about German culture and even created a class art piece inspired by 4900 colours by Gerhard Richter.



Class 4

We have had a fantastic week in Class 4! We kicked off the week on Monday celebrating European Day of Languages; we learnt lots of interesting facts about The Netherlands, made origami tulips and even learnt some Dutch words!

In English this week, the children wrote a narrative, using their imagination to create a story based on an image in the book we are focusing on, Gorilla. We also explored Anthony Browne's style of writing and his use of imagery to depict a scene.

In maths, we have moved on to place value of 4-digit numbers - adding 10, 100 and 1000 - and lots of reasoning with 4-digit numbers.

In science we learnt all about teeth! We learnt the names for the different types of teeth that humans have and their purpose. Next week we will learning about tooth decay - and how to avoid it!

We are already looking forward to next week and the challenges it brings!

Class 5

This week the children were trained as Play Leaders! This means that they can now confidently lead games with the younger children in school and demonstrate how to be a good team player and a good friend.

The children enjoyed learning about the difference between a covenant and a contract and we explored God's covenant with Noah.

In Science we learnt about mammal and bird lifecycles, the children produced fantastic, annotated illustrations to show these.

Class 6

We have had so much fun in Class 6 this week. On Monday, we celebrated European Day of Languages by learning all about Italy. A definite highlight was creating masks that could be used during The Carnival of Venice.

Following last week's presentations, we were delighted to announce our new Head Boy and Head Girl in a special assembly on Wednesday.

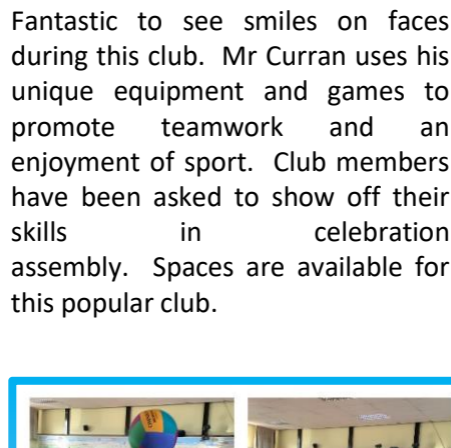
This week, we have been spending time working together to overcome challenges particularly in Maths! We have learned so much through working with a partner.

Class six have shared their prayers for the future of our planet:



Head Boy and Head Girl

Congratulations to our new Head Boy and Head Girl and their deputies!



Head Teacher Awards & Sports Superstars

Congratulations to all this week's winners. You've made us all very proud.



Girls Football Taster Afternoon

Thank you to coach Sam for delivering the girls football taster sessions. All of the girls who took part enjoyed themselves, some trying football for the first time. Coach Sam commented on the commitment of each player and mentioned that he saw improvements in each session. This has proved so successful that we are starting our very own girls after school club on a Wednesday. Please secure a place for your daughter by signing up online (Y2-6)

Mr Curran's PE Club

Fantastic to see smiles on faces during this club. Mr Curran uses his unique equipment and games to promote teamwork and an enjoyment of sport. Club members have been asked to show off their skills in celebration assembly. Spaces are available for this popular club.

CAFOD group

St Luke's CAFOD group are doing a tin collection next week for CAFOD Family Fast Day. Please help us by donating a packet or tinned food next week on our non uniform day (Friday 7th October) where we invite the children to wear bright colours.

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