

Catholic Life of the School

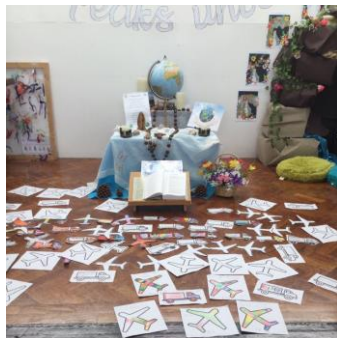
It was so lovely to be able to finally welcome parents and grandparents to our Leavers' Mass last week. We had a wonderful turn out and support for the outdoor Mass which was also in celebration of many years of dedicated service on the governing body of Jo Fisher and Helen Jowett along with Sue Lovell as clerk to the governors. We thank them for their many years of support. Also attending the Mass was our CEO, James McGeachie and his PA Karen Rich. Many thanks to Fr Michael and the Y6 team for making this special celebration such a memorable occasion. And well done to the Y5 and 6 children for leading the readings, singing and Gospel Drama so beautifully.



We have continued to create weekly Word of the Week films which have been created by every class across the school throughout the year. These have been posted on Class Dojo weekly and on Twitter, so I hope that you have managed to see some of them!

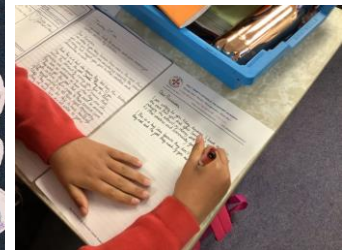
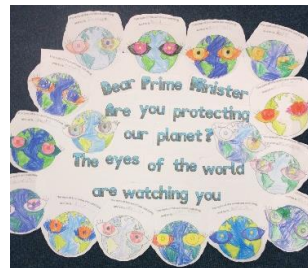
We have continued to enjoy various assemblies and liturgies throughout the year via Teams and it has been great to welcome parents and governors to some of these. The children continue to take responsibility for planning and leading class liturgies once every fortnight and they are becoming very skilled indeed in this area, taking real ownership and pride in what they do!

We have also enjoyed a wonderful whole school Retreat and Eco day at the beginning of July. The children thought about different ways of travelling in a more environmentally friendly way and learnt about air pollution as well as other ways they can look after God's wonderful world!



Our Eco Curriculum, School Garden and Forest School

As part of our Eco Curriculum and work towards achieving the Green Flag Award, earlier this term we celebrated 'Wear it Wild' Day and raised money for the World Wildlife Fund. Whilst doing so, the children also learnt about the impact that litter has on our oceans. We made our own pledges to cut down plastic pollution as well as joining Cafod's 'Eyes of the World' campaign to help fight the climate crisis. The children also wrote letters to the Prime Minister to persuade him to look after our planet and distribute funds fairly to poorer countries.



Our Forest School sessions have continued weekly throughout the year and it is clear that the children have greatly enjoyed and hugely benefitted from some wonderful experiences this year. Many thanks to Mrs Smith, our trained Forest School Lead, for all her work in making this happen! And for working with the children to take care of our School Garden – another great crop of vegetables were delivered to our school chef, fresh from the garden just last week!





Music Concert

Well done to all children who took part in our end of year Summer Music Concert. What talented children we have! UKS2 and Y3 children showcased their talent in a special outdoor performance for the rest of the school to see.



Throughout the year, the children in Y3-6 have had an opportunity to learn how to play a musical instrument – percussion, ukulele, trombone, drums etc thanks to Mrs Stanton and the team at Sound Advice. Many of the children now take part in individual music lessons too.

Sound Advice will continue to provide all of our music tuition next academic year.

Please visit their website for further information and sign up for tuition for your child if you are interested. <https://www.soundadviceeducation.co.uk/music/>

Y5/6 Den Day

As an end of year treat, our Y5 and Y6 children enjoyed a very special Den Day out on the school field! They enjoyed making their dens, eating snacks and spending time together – what could be better!



A great time was had by all!

Friends of Holy Trinity

As Robert Beall, our Chair of Governors, wrote in his end of term letter – ‘even a pandemic could not stop this wonderful band of volunteers!’ And never a truer word was spoken!

Our FHT team this year have raised sufficient money to install a new sound system in the school hall – so when eventually we can invite parents in, you will hopefully be able to hear every word spoken in assemblies and plays etc! They are also in the process of raising money for a new projector and screen for the hall to help improve the productions that we can put on.

Thanks so much to all families for your generous support of the fundraising events which have taken place this year, particularly for the recent Fun Day. Great fun was had by all on the bouncy slide (not just the children!)



There's lots of easy ways you can support us:

1. By ordering through 'Amazon Smile' every time you shop online at Amazon. Simply click on the link which will show you how to sign up: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1068235-0>.
2. By taking part in our school lottery. This costs just £1 a week for each ticket. Join at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk



School Attendance

Despite the pandemic, our school attendance has largely been good this year, just slightly below the National Average. Thank you for supporting your child's good attendance.

Holidays in term time are not authorised by the school.

Leave of absence can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances, and in this case, up to three days only can be authorised.

Please work in partnership with us in advance so we can advise you, particularly if there is a way of avoiding a fine. Please don't tell us your child is ill if you are going away – they always tell us before they go and it is really embarrassing for parents and staff too!

EYFS Graduation

Well done to all of our youngest children for completing the most important years of their school life – their foundation years... Everything else is built on this! It was a joy to attend their F1's Graduation Ceremony last week.

They all looked so proud in their special badges and with their certificates. Such a shame that parents could not join us this year – but I know the certificates and pictures will be shared with you!



What a wonderful year the Foundation Stage children have had in the care of the EYFS team.

Sports Fun!

Despite not being able to attend tournaments and events this year, we have still made the most of what we can do and the children have had lots of opportunities to take part in different sporting activities. Mr Robinson, our Sports Coach has provided exciting sports opportunities for all classes throughout the year



and has put them through their paces. The older children visited YMCA before half term for a variety of activities too. Mrs Poole has provided extra sports and physical fitness activities at lunchtimes for different classes. Each class enjoyed Sports Days in their bubbles – it wasn't quite the same without parents there to cheer them on, but they all took part with enthusiasm and showed excellent sporting attitudes! Y1F and some of the Y3 and 4 children have also benefitted from additional Sports lessons held by Magnus Academy sixth form students studying sport

as part of their qualifications. They were great young ambassadors and it was wonderful to be able to support them with this!



BREAKFAST CLUB NOW OPEN TO NURSERY CHILDREN

The popular Breakfast Club is open from 7:30am until 8:45am, Monday to Friday, term time.

A healthy breakfast is served with a range of fun activities to do too! Booking forms are available from the school office containing details of costs, discounts for children eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant and information about different start times etc

Booking and payments should be made in advance please



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB NOW OPEN TO NURSERY CHILDREN

Our popular After School Club is also open Monday to Friday, 3:15 – 5:45pm. Please contact Mrs Poole on:

07852463028 or the school office. Booking forms are available in the Main Entrance or via Mrs Poole detailing costs and discounts. Healthy snack included, along with lots of fun activities to enjoy!

Booking and payments should be made in advance please





School Uniform

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain high standards with our school uniform.

BOYS: Red jumper with school logo, school tie, white shirt, grey trousers or shorts, grey/black socks, black shoes – no trainers or boots please...



GIRLS: Red jumper/cardigan with school logo, school tie, white shirt, grey skirt/pinafore/trousers, grey/red tights or white socks. Red gingham dress in the summer. Black shoes - no trainers or boots please. Hair bobbles in school colours

PE Kit: White T Shirt, Red shorts, plimsolls or trainers, plain tracksuit in the winter for outdoor PE, Holy Trinity hoodie optional.

Please make sure that all uniform is labelled clearly with your child's name - thank you!

Our wider curriculum

We are very pleased with the progress that the children have made this year across the curriculum, not just in their English and Maths. We follow the full National Curriculum and pride ourselves on making sure that this is as interesting and exciting as possible. You might have heard your children in KS1 or KS2 talk about Kahoot... This is an online quizzing tool that we have bought into and is used to help children remember and recall lots of facts in different subjects, even when they are not covering that particular topic. The children have really enjoyed this as they can see how well they have done compared to the last time they took the quiz. When our CEO James McGeachie visited, Y3/4J put him and Mrs Summers through their paces and needless to say, the children beat them hands down (in speed that is!) Well done particularly to Brodie who beat everyone! Here are some children in Y1/2KL celebrating their Kahoot quizzing victories!



Reading Success!

Who would have thought that the middle of a pandemic would be the best time to roll out a new Early Reading scheme? This is what we asked ourselves back in September – is this really the best time? However, as a result of Mrs Parker, our Reading Leader's excellent leadership the children have truly flown in their early reading and phonics skills. Many thanks to the great support that parents have given too – it makes such a difference when you read at home with your child.



Why not take part in this Summer's Reading Challenge and keep your child's reading skills going over the holidays. For more details please visit: https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/wild-world-heroes-summer-reading-challenge-2021/

TERM DATES 2021/22

Advent Term 1: Thursday 2nd September - Friday 15th October 2021

Advent Term 2: Monday 1st November - Friday 17th December 2021

Lent Term 1: Wednesday 5th January - Thursday 10th February 2022

Lent Term 2: Monday 21st February - Friday 1st April 2022

Pentecost Term 1: Tuesday 19th April - Friday 27th May 2022

Pentecost Term 2: Monday 6th June - Tuesday 26th July 2022

INSET DAYS:

Tuesday 31st August and Wednesday 1st September 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Friday 11th February 2022

Wednesday 27th July 2022

Have a happy and safe summer everyone!

