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CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

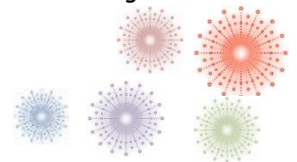
6th November 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians,

It has been a pleasure to welcome back the children after the half-term break. As always, the children have continued to amaze us with their enthusiasm and hard work. We have another busy week ahead of us . . . On Wednesday, we will be remembering Armistice Day; the children will be carrying out a range of activities such as designing and making poppies and wreaths as well as reading and writing poetry linked to World War 1. Unfortunately, we will not be selling poppies in school this year. Please also note that Friday 13th November is Children in Need Day. Children can embrace this charitable event by coming to school dressed in their own clothes. If they wish, children can wear something spotty/Pudsey-related to show their support.

Have a restful and safe weekend.

Best Wishes from Mrs Brown, Mrs Teasdale and Mrs Fox



Faith Space

Our Church celebrated two important days this week: All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. These two feasts are dedicated to remembering the lives of those who have died and joined Our Lord in Heaven. We remember their examples and the impressions they left on us - both those who we knew and loved personally and those who we did not know.

Our online remembrance book is now live and can be found at <https://stedwards.npcat.org.uk/virtual-book-of-remembrance/>
Please do feel welcome to email any names of your loved ones for this throughout the month of November to stedwardsremembrancebook@gmail.com (apologies for the error in previous newsletters).

For all our loved ones who have gone before us, we pray:
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen.

Upcoming feasts: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - 9th November; World Day of the Poor - 15th November

Year 6

Well done for another brilliant week Year 6. We have enjoyed celebrating Bonfire Night through some of our work this week, creating some fantastic firework paintings in school, as well as researching the life of Guy Fawkes, creating informative posters and completing Bonfire Night code breakers.

In English, we have focused on our Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling work. Whilst in Maths, we have begun exploring prime factors and multiples of numbers. The children have worked extremely hard, solving worded problems related to this too!

We have also been giving directions in French, learning all about rhythm and pulse in Music and showing off some wonderful WW1 projects too. Keep them coming in! We look forward to seeing you all again next week.



Year 5

A brilliant start to the new half term for Year 5. Their WW2 homework projects have been out of this world! We have some very creative pupils (and parents). In English, we have started reading Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo and we are already hooked! Lots of the pupils have also decided to read some of the other Michael Morpurgo books after we analysed blurbs earlier in the week. In Maths, we have begun the multiplication and division unit and have been focusing on written methods. Please continue to practise times tables as much as possible as this will really help. During Science this week, we made observations of chemical changes taking place and in Computing we have started our programming unit using Scratch. We also carried out some research into war medal designs ready to create our own designs for our DT topic. We have had a very busy and productive week and are looking forward to even more hard work next week. Well done Year 5.

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Year 3 / 4

This week year 3/4 have continued to develop their knowledge and understanding of column multiplication, using this method to solve problems. We have continued reading Charlie and Chocolate Factory and created non-chronological reports based on the Oompa Loompas. In R.E, we have begun looking at the Sacraments, starting with Baptism and why parents share their faith with their children. Some brilliant art work has been produced including African masks and firework pictures.

The children have settled back into school wonderfully after the half term break.



Year 2

We have enjoyed a busy week back in Year Two after the half term break. We have been thinking closely about the month of November being dedicated to remembrance. We began our week with a special whole school liturgy. Our English work has also been based around this theme. We enjoyed reading a wonderful book named, "Where the poppies now grow." This book generated lots of thoughtful discussion in class and the images helped the children to understand the importance of friendship and remembrance. We also began our new topic in RE, Signs and Symbols discussing why signs and symbols are important to us all. Work in Maths has been lots of practical learning exploring the properties of 2D shapes. We have had a lovely time during this first week with lots of new learning.



Year 1

The children have come back to school after the half term break with such enthusiasm and positive attitudes towards their learning. At the beginning of the week, the children went on a secret mission in our outdoor area. They had to read and follow clues which led them to find a dinosaur! They are looking forward to learning a lot more about dinosaurs next week. We have been very busy learning new phonemes and the children are really engaging with Bug Club in phonics sessions. They are experts at the alphabet song now! In maths, the children have been investigating subtraction with a fun game called 'Smash it Subtraction!' They had lots of fun with playdoh and consolidated their understanding too. A very successful first week back to school!



EYFS - Nursery & Reception

What a super start to the half term we have had in Reception. We have read and sequenced the story of 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy, learnt all about nocturnal and diurnal animals and explored 2D and 3D shapes in maths. On Thursday, we learnt all about Guy Fawkes and the gunpowder plot and made chocolate sparklers and drank hot chocolate in order to celebrate Bonfire night. YUM YUM!



This week we have been looking at our RE theme: Welcome, in Nursery. We made a poster to welcome people to Nursery. We talked about being welcomed into the school family and will be talking about being welcomed into God's family next.

We love 'dough-disco'! We have been enjoying using play-dough (individual) to exercise the muscles in our fingers, hands and wrists to improve our fine-motor control and coordination - the songs are available on YouTube too!

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