



ST EDWARD'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 19th March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a wonderful week in school. The children and staff have been so busy in terms of curriculum, sport initiatives as well as preparing for Lenten liturgies. Wednesday saw school busy and active - from planks to squats to push ups! The whole school took part in NPCAT Sports Live work out! It was amazing!

This week we have also continued our devotion to St Joseph, through our Novena. Today we celebrated the feast of St Joseph across the school beginning with a prayer and coming together at the end of the day for a collective act of worship. It was lovely to see a sea of red across the school today in support of our fundraising appeal. Thank you for your generous donations - your support as always is very much appreciated.

Best wishes,
Mrs Brown, Mrs Teasdale and Mrs Fox



Faith Space

For the first time in over 12 weeks, we were able to virtually come together as a school community to worship. We heard the Gospel from John 3 - which is probably the most famous of all: "For God so loved the world that He sent His only son so that we may not perish but have eternal life." This is essentially a one-sentence summary of the Good News!


Mrs Guinness' Reception class shared their journey through the 9-day novena with us and this, as well as all other outreach, can be found at <https://stedwards.npcat.org.uk/faith-outreach/>. Our novena to St. Joseph has come to an end. It has been inspirational to journey with Joseph and grow closer to God through him. Today, we are celebrating the wonderful man that Joseph was in our work, prayer and actions. An act of worship focussing on this can be found at <https://stedwards.npcat.org.uk/year-of-st-joseph/>, alongside activities, family prayer packs and our plan for how we will continue our devotion throughout the rest of this year and beyond.

Tuesday 23 March, the anniversary of the first national lockdown, will be marked with a minute's silence at midday. We will join our national community in a day of reflection, remembering those who have been affected by Covid-19 and praying for those who have lost loved ones. At 8pm, people are encouraged to create a 'beacon of remembrance' on their doorsteps by beaming phones, candles and torches into the night sky. Prominent buildings and landmarks will also be lit up across the UK. The statement from the Bishops' Conference can be read at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/03/Statement-Covid-Day-of-Reflection-140321.pdf>.

As we are quickly approaching Holy Week, we know that we are unable to mark this week in the way that we previously would. We will be sharing videos and reflections, led by the children, on our school website and social media channels.

Upcoming feasts: 5th Sunday of Lent - 21st March; The Annunciation of the Lord - 25th March; Palm Sunday - 28th March; Maundy Thursday - 1st April; Good Friday - 2nd April; Holy Saturday - 3rd April; Easter Sunday - 4th April

Year 6

 This week in Year 6, we have continued to enjoy our class novel, 'A Long Walk to Water'. The children have produced some fantastic diary entries written from Salwa's (the main character) perspective. In Maths, our new topic of time has begun. We have converted 12 hour and 24 hour times, analogue and digital time as well as solve lots of time related problems!

The children have really enjoyed participating in many sporting activities this week. Teesside Lions visited us for our weekly session again on Monday, where the children continued to practise their basketball skills, focussing on shooting. The NPCAT Sporting Challenge was great fun on Wednesday too: we were able to join a live sports session from our classrooms.

This Friday, we celebrated the feast day of St Joseph; the adoptive father of Jesus and a man who inspires us every day with his faith, grace and love. We'd finally like to thank you for your generous donations for Comic Relief: it will make a great difference.

Year 5

Year 5 have had another hard-working week in school. The children have thoroughly enjoyed reading *The Secret Lake* in English, basing their work around this text. In maths, we have been recapping our knowledge of time using both the 12 and 24 hour clock. We have continued to add to our sacred space altar for St. Joseph leading up to St. Joseph's Feast Day in the Year of St. Joseph! The children have reflected respectfully on the life of St. Joseph and his influence on us all as Christians.

Today also happens to be Comic Relief. Our children have donated generously to help and support people in our community who need it most and we thank you so much for this!

Well done Year 5!



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Year 3 / 4

Year 3/4 have had another hardworking week in school. We have enjoyed reading "The Sheep Pig" and have composed wonderful diary entries as Babe and Farmer Hogget. In Maths, we have continued to explore money, making different amounts and converting pounds and pence. In Science, we looked at different types of teeth and their functions. The children thought about how they could live like Jesus when we revisited the Beatitudes. This week we completed our Novena prayers and celebrated St Joseph's Feast Day by looking at what an inspirational man he was and how he could influence us.



Year 2

Year 2 have shown a brilliant attitude towards their work once again this week. Within English, we continued to read 'The Faraway Tree' with the children. They were able to produce a descriptive setting of the magic roundabout and were able to think of metaphors and similes to describe the characters of Moonface and Silky. In Maths, we have focused on addition and subtraction using the column method which the children have really enjoyed! During R.E, the children created a wonderful 'Litany of Thanksgiving', giving praise and thanks to God for all of the wonderful gifts that He gives us freely each and every day.



To celebrate the Feast of St Joseph, we created a collage using a variety of different lilies to create Joseph's gown - it was beautiful! The children also thought about what questions they would like to ask St. Joseph. Well done Year 2 for another brilliant week - we are so proud of you!



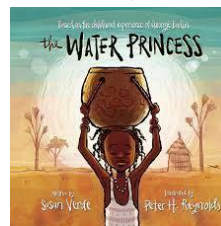
Year 1

In Maths this week, we have had brilliant fun exploring the capacity of different containers. The children enjoyed estimating how many cups it would take to fill a range of containers - it took a whopping 56 cups to fill a bucket! Through our English work, we have continued to read Man on the Moon where the children created safety posters for landing on the moon using imperative verbs. They also designed their own aliens and described them using adjectives. The children showed great interest in learning about 'The Space Race' in order to find out about the competition between Russia and the USA wanting to be the first people on the moon! The children were a vision of red in their lovely clothes to celebrate Red Nose Day!



EYFS – Nursery & Reception

This week Reception have loved learning about Ethiopia as part of our Geography theme week. They enjoyed listening to the beautiful story of 'The Water Princess' and discussed what they could do to help Gie-Gie the main character in the story to have access to fresh, clean drinking water. We thought the best way was to raise money for charities such as CAFOD – this linked closely with our 'Walk for Water' event. On Thursday, we boarded St Edward's flight 375 to Ethiopia and enjoyed inflight snacks and entertainment. We even went hunting for African animals when we arrived in Ethiopia. A very fun week of learning. Well done Reception!



This week Nursery have been learning about Ethiopia, along with CAFOD's 'Walk 4 Water' appeal. We found Ethiopia on a world map; compared Ethiopia with where we live in England; made a 3D map of our 'walk 4 water' and listened to a wonderful story called 'The Water Princess'.

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