



# Newsletter

**Dear Parents,**

As we approach the Fifth Sunday of Lent, I would like to remind you about some lovely resources which Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust have put together to help us all journey through this time to prepare for Easter. The weekly family prayer resource can be found by clicking on the link:

<https://npcat.org.uk/family-prayer/>

This Sunday's Gospel reading is from John 12:20-33. We hear about some people worshipping at a festival. These people approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together

went to tell Jesus. The reading tells us how Jesus replied to them:

This event in Jesus' life took place after he had been welcomed into Jerusalem by joyous

crowds waving palm branches. Jesus knew that he was to be betrayed and would suffer. He must have been afraid but he took comfort and strength in God. In this week's Gospel he used the example of a grain of wheat seed which has to die to produce a new plant. Jesus was using this image to help explain what would happen to him. That just as the seed has to die, his death also has to happen so that we could have a new and everlasting life.

There is a simple version for children at [https://youtu.be/hAMVi\\_FSoFA](https://youtu.be/hAMVi_FSoFA)

Tuesday 23rd March

As we reach the anniversary of the first lockdown, there is a national day of Reflection and Prayer.

We are asked by the Bishops of England and Wales to stop, reflect, remember and pray on this day.

Schools across NPCAT will stop at midday and have one minutes silence, where we will take time to think of all of those whose lives have been so greatly affected by the events of this year.



## The Year of St Joseph

We completed our Novena to St Joseph this week. As you can see, the children in Y6 were most prayerful.



Celebrating St Joseph's day this year was even more special as it starts off school celebrating 'The Year of St. Joseph' which Pope Francis declared this year as being. It is a year of celebration, dedication and prayer centred around St Joseph: protector, father, worker and champion of families and the Church. Pope Francis has recognised that St Joseph is truly the saint we need in these times.



As we couldn't have our usual celebrations in school, the children enjoyed the non-uniform day and their games of bingo this afternoon. Well done to the lucky winners.

We will send some of the proceeds of the day to CAFOD's Lenten Appeal which is aiming to provide communities abroad with fresh water. Further details can be found at <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent-Appeal>

### Wednesday Workout Live

On Wednesday 17th March, Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust held a remote PE event in celebration of our dedication to physical activity and fitness. You can see Mr Scarlett's class wearing the new NPCAT sports kit.



I love this picture of a Year 6 girl after she completed the workout, she was thoroughly worn out!



### Covid

We continue to work very hard to ensure we remain Covid free, thank you for your support with this. Just a reminder that should your child show symptoms or have a positive test result over a weekend or after school hours, please contact school via email

[covidpositive@stjosephs.npcat.org.uk](mailto:covidpositive@stjosephs.npcat.org.uk)

or by telephone 07826789383. This allows us to take the necessary action should we have a positive case in school.

### Next Week

We will have our Lenten Liturgies in school next week, these are part of our preparations for Easter.

Monday - FS2, Tuesday - Y1, Y2, Wednesday - Y3, Y4 and Thursday Y5, Y6.

## Testing for household members / carers / bubble

You will have seen the announcement that from 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test.

There are 4 ways in which parents and carers therefore can get tests

- \* Through your employer if they offer testing to employees at a local testing site for those without symptoms and appointments must be booked.

### Find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site

- \* By collecting a kit from the testing sites for those with symptoms. You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect. No bookings needed

### Find your nearest home test kit collection point

- \* By ordering a home test kit online:

<https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/order-lateral-flow-kits/>

From March 25, the test site will move to **Loftus Fire Station, Coronation Rd, Loftus, TS13 4SW** on the following days:

Monday: 8am - 12pm

Tuesday: 8am - 12pm

Thursday: 2pm - 6pm

Saturday: 9am - 1pm

Anyone over the age of 18 who does not have symptoms can take a quick and easy test to see if they have the virus. Most results are returned within 30 minutes.

Anyone wanting a test should book at [www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk) or ring 01642 774774. Walk-in slots are also available.

Anyone displaying the following Coronavirus symptoms should not come to the site for a test:

- a new, continuous cough
- a high temperature; or
- a loss of, or change, in your sense of smell or taste.

If you have any of the symptoms listed above, you should follow the guidance online on how to book a test - <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> - or call 119. Lines are open 7am to 11pm. You will also need to stay at home and self-isolate.

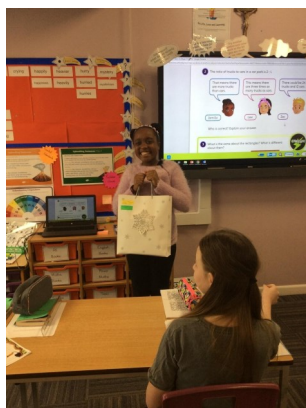
## Snappy World Book Day Illustration Competition.

Children from all classes were asked to draw a picture of chosen book characters. We were overwhelmed with the response and have now found out that Tees Valley Music Service have picked several of our children as winners.

KS2 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Y6

KS1 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Y1

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Y1



Because of the fantastic response, school was also sent a great selection of books to add to our class libraries. Well done to all those who took part.

## World Book Day

Well done to our World Book Day Quiz winners who scored full marks! We hope you enjoy spending your gift card money on some super reads!





Well done to the following children, your teachers are very pleased with the time you have spent learning your times tables!

Y2 - Isaac

Y3 - Ellie

Y4 - Freya

Y5 - Isabelle

Y6 - Danai

### Lexia

We have lots of children accessing Lexia, a web based reading programme. Mrs O'Hara has picked the following children for a special mention and certificate this week as they are making a real effort with their reading. Well done!

Y2- Oliver M Y5- Maisie

Y3-Ava Y6- Katie

Y4- Ollie

### Stars of the Week

Teachers have awarded certificates this week to children who have worked hard with their times tables, number bonds or counting. Well done to them all!

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Little Joey's-Amelia

FS1-

FS2- Millie & Lola

Y1- George & Imogen

Y2- Oscar & Charleigh

Y3- Logan & Fiann

Y4- Bridget & Pippa

Y5- Lucy & Maisie

Y6- Ellie & Eva