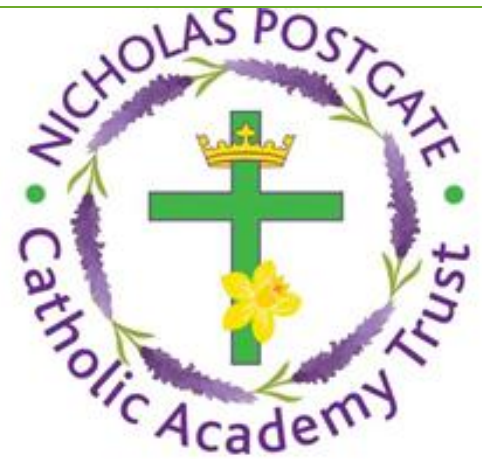


# Parents Newsletter

October 2018 Issue



## Welcome

*Half term is upon us already! Where does the time go?*

Welcome to our initial Trust Newsletter which will be issued each half term. This edition we have a focus on St Bernadette's, St Mary's and St Thomas More's Catholic Primary Schools. I hope you get a flavor of the excellent range of experiences that our pupils access on a daily basis.

I am delighted to inform you that Trust has designated 2018-19 as the Year of Service with the theme "Called to Serve". Throughout this academic year I will have the opportunity to share some of the excellent programmes of service being undertaken within our Trust.

You will have noticed our website is fully operational and I urge you to keep in touch with our work by regularly visiting [www.npcat.org.uk](http://www.npcat.org.uk)

Oh and I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable half term.



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## Key Stage Results

Our recently commissioned analysis for the Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust, has identified a number of highlights within the three-year trend: -

KS1 results at the expected standard are notably higher than national averages – which is impressive and reflective of the work that goes on daily throughout all of our primary schools. Progress from EYFS to KS1 is, in the main, fairly impressive. The proportions of pupils making rapid progress from low starting points, pupils moving from ELG to expected and from exceeding to greater depth, are all better than national transition averages.

KS2 results (both progress and attainment) are a real strength of the trust. At both expected and high scores within the trust are notably well in excess of national averages. Progress from KS1 – KS2, over the last three years has been significantly better than average.

## Forming lives ready to face the future

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# School Stories

## St Bernadette's Primary School



### October Sporting events

Two groups of Y5/6 children have participated in Tag Rugby festivals at Trinity Catholic College and the Sports Village following training for several weeks after school with Mr Peacock. The competitive festivals were thoroughly enjoyed by the children and deserving of their hard work in training!

Following their success in the previous round, three boys in KS2 (Daniel R, Jack S and Will S) represented Middlesbrough in the Tees Valley Cross Country Finals on Thursday 18th October. We are so proud of them for this feat! They competed in a field against runners from Redcar, Hartlepool and Stockton and were a credit to themselves, their families and the school.

### Nursery Liturgy

Prayer life is central to our school ethos and we were delighted to welcome so many new parents to school on Wednesday 17th October. As always the children lead by example and led the congregation through simple prayers and songs.

### Harvest Festival – SVP Food Banks

Food donations in advance of our Harvest Mass were collected and packed by our teaching assistants. Boxes were sent to deserving families following our Mass on Wednesday 24th October.





# School Stories

## St Mary's Catholic Primary

Wow, we have had another brilliant sporty few weeks at St Mary's! That so, many of your lovely children were celebrated in today's Celebration Assembly! Firstly, six children were celebrated for achievement in sport that they take part in outside of school. Then, more children were celebrated for events attended in school time; the Year 6 girls for Tag Rugby, Year 2 for a multi-skills invasion games event, many of our Key stage 2 children for a Cross Country running event. Well done! Miss Warriner.

Celebrating' one of our Year 6 girls coming 5th in her age group at the last weeks Cross Country Run event, which meant she was able to compete in the finals. We are very proud of how far she came!



## Message from the Headteacher

St Mary's Catholic Academy is at the heart of the community and it is the positive, caring attitude of all members of our school community that creates the unique nature of St Mary's Academy.

Christ is at the centre of all we do and this is reflected in an ethos that affords equal opportunities for all, regardless of faith, race, disability or gender. We are a school with high expectations and aspirations for all and we celebrate our commitment to inclusion.



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## St Thomas More

### Careers, calling and vocation

Pupils in Key Stage 2 spent a day learning about calling and different career paths through visits from 2 parents, Karen Vose from Middlesbrough Council and our local PCSO, Neil Errington

The parents (one of whom was a former pupil at St Thomas More's) visited to talk to pupils about their chosen careers. They included a chef who had worked his way up from dishwasher to pastry chef in the prestigious Acklam Hall and a soldier from the British Army who started his working career as a painter and decorator.

Karen and PCSO, Neil Errington spoke about the difference going to university had made on their lives and aspirations. All speakers were inspirational to listen to.

This is the start of a project we have begun to enable our pupils to start thinking early on in their school career about what their chosen path might be and what options are available to them once they leave school and begin to think about the world of work.

More visitors and former pupils are planned to visit St Thomas More throughout the year to talk further with pupils about working hard, responding to calling, choosing the right path and making a positive difference to the world.



