



ST. NORBERT'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter

24th February 2017

*Article 29: Education should develop your personality and talents to the full. It should encourage you to respect your parents, your own and other cultures.*

## St Norbert's in top 3% of schools!

St Norbert's School has received some very exciting news this week in the form of a letter from the Rt Hon Nick Gibb M.P., who is the Minister of State for School Standards. He has already written to the school once, to congratulate St Norbert's on being in the top 8% of schools nationally for our Phonics results.

This week, however, Mr Gibb has written to the school as we are in the top 3% of schools nationally in terms of the progress that our children make between the ages of 7 and 11 in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. There are 16,678 primary schools in England, so St Norbert's is doing extremely well to be positioned so highly.

This is a tremendous accolade for the school and for Catholic education in this part of the Diocese. It is also a reflection of the hard work, skill and commitment of everyone involved at the school to ensure that our children receive the best education possible.



## Year 6 Class Spotlight

This term, Year 6 are very much linking science and history together; exploring who Linnaeus was and the structure of his classification of living things. He has helped us to realise the importance of classification of groups and sub-groups.

We worked in teams, creating posters that sorted a vast range of living creatures into groups. For example, did you know a lion is not just a lion? A lion is an animal. A lion is part of phylum chordata which means it is an animal with a backbone. Its class is mammal. Then it is within the order of carnivore. It is part of the family of feline. It is genus panthera. Finally, it is the species leo so it's official name based on the classification of Linnaeus is Panthera Leo.

Year 6 said about this learning;

"I really liked how we worked as a team to classify the creatures."

"I liked the style of learning, using video clips and images."

"We all have an individual job or role."

"It was interesting learning the species names."



### Donation

A big thank you to Glenn Perkins, a Tennis coach at Spalding Town Tennis Club, for kindly donating some tennis balls to our PE department. These will be utilised greatly by pupils, particularly now the weather is getting warmer, and is very much appreciated!

### Spotlight on Year 4 PGL experience

Year 4 embarked upon an exciting adventure to Caythorpe last term. They embraced every challenge they were given, despite the low temperatures and snow! The pupils took part in a wide range of activities, including Fencing, High Ropes and ZipWire. Archery was a great success! The children showed fantastic listening skills and there were a few Robin Hood's hitting the bulls eye!



A moment to remember was watching Marco and Olivia climb to the high rungs of Jacob's Ladder independently! The children showed excellent perseverance and resilience in overcoming their personal goals. They demonstrated outstanding teamwork skills, encouraging each other with respect and patience. The children and teachers had a thoroughly enjoyable time and gained an array of life skills.



### Ash Wednesday - volunteers required!

Ash Wednesday approaches and St Norbert's school will join parishioners for morning Mass on the day itself. The whole of the school will walk together to the church of the Immaculate Conception and St Norbert, leaving here as close to 9am as possible. Our biggest challenge is finding enough adults willing and able to walk with our children to and from Mass.

If any parents feel able to support us in this matter, we would be delighted to see you at the school before 9am on Ash Wednesday (please just let us know beforehand so we can plan accordingly) - we are grateful for any assistance and will even provide you with one of our very smart Hi-Vis school vests for the morning! Thank you.



### Parents' Evening

Please return appointment requests at your earliest convenience, to secure your preferred appointment time. At this session, you will be able to look at your child's books whilst you wait for your appointment. In addition, after the success

of our last parents' evening, we will also be running the book fair again.

### World Book Day

World Book Day is fast approaching on Thursday 2nd March. We have lots of exciting activities planned for each class to complete, including creating their own StorySacks, designing fairytale settings and writing and illustrating their own stories! We are looking forward to an exciting day to enjoy, share and celebrate reading! We will not be dressing up this year as we have another book themed day following shortly in which the children will be asked to dress up!



### Book Fair

Because of the huge success of our last Book Fair, it will be visiting us again shortly! From Monday 13th-Friday 17th March, The Book Fair will be open after school and during Parents' Evenings. With a fantastic range of fiction and non-fiction to choose from, come and visit for a browse or buy! A competition will also be running for a chance to win a £5 book voucher. Details to follow soon.



### Key Stage 1 SATs information evening Wednesday March 1st

Year 2 pupils will be sitting their Key Stage 1 SATs exams this Summer. Parents and carers of Year 2 pupils are invited to attend an information evening about the SATs and all that they involve. The meeting will be held at 3:30 pm on Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> and will be finished by 4:15 pm.

### Year 6 SATS

Thank you to all those who attended the KS2 SATS workshop last term with Mrs Withers. We have received such positive feedback and happy to hear that you find these sessions useful and informative. All children in Year 6

have been issued with a copy of the presentation and further information about scaled scores.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Mrs Withers. Also, please keep an eye on the Year 6 website page this term, which will have further support and guidance, including an information video. You will also receive a detailed letter later this term, outlining the arrangements for SATS week.

### Pupils of the Week

**Reception** -George Bell for grasping a correct pencil grip and forming the letters in his name independently. Well done George!

**Year 1** - Inesa Bindzaitė for her retelling the story of The Last Supper.

**Year 2** -William Coaton for developing his learning at home with an amazing Titanic model

**Year 3** - Alicja Karcz for persevering to understand co-ordinates in Maths.

**Year 4** - Jasmine Macasaddu for a fantastic electronic radio created at home!

**Year 5** - Andrea Elloway for enthusiasm in learning, a big improvement in handwriting and lovely singing of our new Easter songs

**Year 6** - Olivia Riley for growth in confidence answering questions using reasoning and justifying skills.

### Attendance

Week commencing: 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2017						
REC	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
97.08%	98.5%	98.71%	93.33%	96.67%	93.33%	96.61%

Congratulations go to Year 2 this week for the best attendance.



### Rewards-House Points

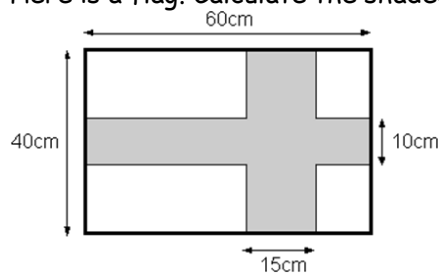
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
220 points St Dominic	198 points St Bernadette	185 points St Francis	162 points St Lucy

Well done St. Dominic House. You are the winning house this week.

### Year` 6's Challenge Corner

Adults are always hearing on the news what the Year 6 expected standard is, so we have decided to share with you what is expected in our Year 6 SATS. Each week following our SATS revision club we will choose and share with you a couple of questions we have faced. So have fun solving!

Here is a flag. Calculate the shaded area:



### English Challenge Corner

Adverbs describe how a verb (action word) is being done.

Write as many adverbs as possible to describe how Bart eats his dinner.



### Friends News....

**Change Challenge - raising money for a fun and healthy playground.**

The Friends would like you to help them raise money to purchase outdoor gym equipment for the playground, to be used by the children to promote the benefits of a healthy, active lifestyle in a fun and leisurely way. You may have seen similar facilities in local parks.

To help support this fantastic project, the Friends are holding a **Change Challenge**. They are asking for donations of any spare change over the next 4 weeks for children to deposit into their class money collection pot.

As a mini challenge, at the end of each week, children will weigh their money pot to see which class has collected the most. Please help by donating any spare change.



### Friends Cake Sake

Thank you to all those who kindly donated and purchased cakes today for our Cake Sale. We raised an impressive £209.18.



### Prayers please!

Dear God

Give us the courage to overcome anger with love.

Amen

God bless.

Mr J Burns  
Headteacher