



ST. NORBERT'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

27th January 2017

ARTICLE 12: You have the right to an opinion and for it to be listened to and taken seriously.



Year 6 Class Mass

Thank you to Fr. Jim and Year 6 who enjoyed a beautifully reflective Mass in school this week, the theme was hope and the children's dreams for the future. If you have not yet had the opportunity; please go to the school website where you can access our Tweet from our class Mass. You can hear the fantastic singing and the hard work that the children put into preparing this Mass. They created a beautiful tree of hope as a focal point and made small scrolls with their hopes for the future recorded.



As part of our legacy following the Year of Mercy, these scrolls are going to be contained in a time capsule and buried on site here at school. Staff also spent one of our morning reflections this week writing their own scrolls to be added to the capsule.

If any of our families would like a message of hope to be added to the capsule please hand in to the main office before half term. If you

would like more information, please speak to Mrs Withers.

Research Cafe

Our next Research Café is in the school hall on Wednesday, February 22nd from 2pm to 3:15pm. It will be all about 'Teaching for Mastery' and we would love to see as many parents there as possible to find out what this approach is all about and why we are all so enthusiastic about it. As always, you will be very warmly welcomed and refreshments will be served.

School Attendance

Regular school attendance is a priority for your child and our school. There is a very strong link between regular school attendance and achievement and if your child is frequently absent from school they are much less likely to reach age related expectations. Remember 90% attendance sounds good if it is in a test but 90% attendance throughout your child's school career means over one year's absence! Whilst we strive to achieve 100% attendance our school target is 97%.

Therefore we expect attendance for all our pupils by the end of the academic year to be 97% and above. To improve attendance we have to work together. If something is stopping your child coming to school, please come and talk to us about it.

Pupils of the Week

Reception - **Thomas Paciora** for always trying his very best.

Year 1 - **Jack Hart** for working hard to improve his handwriting and for his

fantastic DT work when creating a model house.

Year 2 - Dominik Derewonko for excellent work in both English and Maths.

Year 3 - Bartosz Szeliga for his exceptional reading skills, inference and application when completing his comprehension.

Year 4 - Shane Morris for an enthusiastic attitude to learning and excellent concentration in all subjects.

Year 5 - Harley Hall for being an excellent learning support partner and improving his confidence in Maths!

Year 6 - Molly Hallissey for her excellent personal reflection, read at our Class Mass this week. Especially well delivered as she had to re-write it just before Mass as her first draft went missing. Well Done!

Out of School Achievement

Congratulations to Marisa Kieviets who has been crowned Dancer of the Year 2016 at Diamonds DG. Well done Marisa !!

Attendance

Week commencing: January 23rd 2017

REC	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
94.56%	95.76%	95.3%	94.5%	96.36%	94.55%	95.76%

Congratulations go to Year 4 this week for the best attendance.



Rewards-House Points

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
463 points St Dominic	420 points St Lucy	377 points St Bernadette	368 points St Francis

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



English Challenge Corner

English Challenge and Challenge for all!

Here at St. Norbert's School we aim to provide our pupils with as many fantastic challenges as we can. Currently we are working on several exciting competitions at school including the Word Mania challenge, The Wicked Young Writers competition and a

National Handwriting competition. So if you are an aspiring young writer and want even more challenge; why not enter a competition at home. Please find below a link to the BBC2 Radio station "500 Words" competition. There are some fantastic prizes available-something to keep you busy during half term perhaps!

Happy Writing!



Prayers please!

Friends

Dear God,
guard our friendships:

Encourage us,
that we may encourage one another.

Inspire us,
that we may inspire one another.

Strengthen us,
that we may strengthen one another.

Remember us,
that we may remember one another.

Amen

Mr J Burns

Headteacher