



ST. NORBERT'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child



School Council

This week some of our school councillors have visited each class to show off one of the completed knitted Twiddlemuffs that they are collecting for the Dementia Café. If you have lost your letter with the knitting instructions please speak to the main office. Thank you to those who have already been busy knitting and donating your gifts, this will enable us to complete our local community outreach project. Thank you for your continued support!



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.

Children's University Graduation



Congratulations to Silvia Elloway (Silver Award), Tiago Monteiro Read (Gold Undergraduate Certificate), Victor Bayard (Bronze Undergraduate Diploma), Matthew McManamon Cookson (Bronze Undergraduate Diploma) and Erin McMurray (Silver Undergraduate Diploma), all of whom graduated from the Children's University last week.



Dance success!

Rosalyn Hallissey in Year 2 has been awarded a Merit grade by the Royal Academy of Dance in her recent dance examinations. Congratulations Rosalyn!

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY WORKSHOP

Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory came to life for Year 4 on Monday with an exciting drama workshop based on their class book. It inspired the children to think, in depth, about the characters and their personalities, by showing their great drama skills, freeze framing in the parts of Mike Teavee, Verruca Salt, Violet Beauregarde, Augustus Gloop and Charlie himself. Before lunch the pupils had the chance to design their own sweet!

The afternoon session gave the children the opportunity to delve deeper into the world of Charlie, recreating some magical scenes from the book. They became Willy Wonka's amazing chewing gum machine and imagined eating their very own "Three Course Dinner Chewing Gum!" The children worked in groups of five to create their own machine and reactions after eating their sweets. They then created a goodbye dance and presented it to the rest of the class.

The children developed their communication skills, confidence, expression and a **fantastic day was had by all!**



Article 29 - Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live

peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

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 - Gabriela Laskowska for her independent writing during child initiated learning.

Year 1 - Jessica Pilgrim for her fantastic extended writing, describing thoughts and feelings.

Year 2 - Olivier Borowiec for focusing on his learning and trying really hard to improve his skills.

Year 3 - Sabine Brauna for her determination, courage and confidence in delivering her lines during our Class based Worship.

Year 4 - Thomas Pilgrim for an excellent attitude and thoughtful choices this week.

Year 5 - Maryfel Payumo for excellent homework and super use of note taking in lessons too!

Year 6 - Shanaz Abdullah for excellent calculation strategies solving multi-step complex word problems about measure.

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!

Write in the missing digits to make this correct

$$\begin{array}{r} ?4? \\ \times 6 \\ \hline 2052 \end{array}$$

Complete these fractions so they are equivalent to $\frac{3}{5}$

$$\frac{?}{10} = \frac{?}{15} = \frac{12}{?}$$

Parking near the school

We have received telephone calls from neighbours who are unhappy that some of our parents are choosing to park on the green near the school, churning up the turf. Some are also parking across driveways and turning their cars around in people's driveways.

PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY! This situation is causing a real problem for our neighbours and is harming the good name of the school.

Attendance

Week commencing: 30 th January						
REC	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
97.27%	97.33%	92.79%	92.67%	96.36%	96.97%	97.49%

Congratulations go to Year 6 this week for the best attendance.

Rewards-House Points



1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
St Bernadette 184	St Lucy 173	St Dominic 168	St Francis 131

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

English Challenge Corner



Past tense word forms is something that many children find tricky. Work together as a family. First you need to identify the words that are not in the past tense and convert them. There is an example to start you off:

He **goes** to the park and **plays** football. Becomes... He **went** to the park and **played** football.

I forget to pick my brother up from work, so he caught the bus home and were 30 minutes late.

I take some cards and letters to the post office last week for my Aunt's birthday, I send them to Australia.

It have been raining all night, I have to drive to the supermarket for supplies. When suddenly I slide down the road and got stick in a hedge. A tow truck has to come and pull my car out.

Last week I swim 50 metres and got my certificate.



Prayers please!

Lord Jesus,
show me how to live today
with a genuine concern for others.
In expressing my care,
may I show people that they are valued,
loved and appreciated for who they are.
Amen.

Mr J Burns
Headteacher