



ST. NORBERT'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

3rd March 2017

Article 29: Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities.



Ash Wednesday is upon us and Lent has begun. The children and staff of St Norbert's School, aided by several volunteers, walked from the school to church on Ash Wednesday morning to join with Father Jim, Deacon Dennis and parishioners to attend Mass and to mark the beginning of Lent with the distribution of ashes.

With the need for risk assessments, and the high volume of traffic on our roads, it is much more difficult now to organise and supervise such occasions than it was when I was a St Norbert's pupil, making that same journey from school to church and back again.

We are reliant on volunteers to help us ensure that we have the correct ratio of adults to children, so that our children are able to participate in marking key dates within the Liturgical Year as part of our Parish. On behalf of St Norbert's School and its children, I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to accompany our children on Ash Wednesday for their contribution to supporting the Catholic mission of our school.

Thank you.

Spotlight on Year 1

On Monday the children in Year 1 went to visit Peterborough Museum, where they had the opportunity to explore different toys from the past. The day began with the children being introduced to toys from different eras. They then acted as detectives to find clues as to whether they were modern or old toys by identifying the materials they were made from. After, the children had the chance to play with the different toys, which they found fascinating. Using their understanding of the push and pulls the children then made their own pop up toys, decorating the card with bright colours and patterns.

After lunch the children took part in a toy trail around the museum where they used picture cards to find different artefacts and learn more about their origin. Later the children took part in a toy drama, using their bodies to act out the part of the wood chopper and spinning top toys.



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.

Friends News

Thank You to all children and parents who baked cakes and biscuits for the **CAKE SALE** last week. Your donations raised over £200.



This term's **CHANGE CHALLENGE** has got off to a fantastic start with children filling their class collection pots with generous spare change donations. The class with the most amount at this half way stage is Reception. The challenge continues over the next two weeks, so please bring in any spare change. A reminder that all money raised will be put towards outdoor gym equipment for the playground.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to a **MOVIE NIGHT** on Wednesday 8th March 3:15pm - 5pm. A fun afternoon is planned watching and singing along to the Trolls movie. Tickets are £3 each which includes hotdog and popcorn. Please return your reply slip to the school office by Friday 3rd March.



School Uniform reminder

Just to remind parents and carers that the deadline for our move to the new school uniform is the end of this term. Year 6 pupils are exempt, of course, but all other pupils should be wearing our new uniform from Tuesday April 18th onwards. Thank you.

Uniform items can only be ordered online from our suppliers <http://www.uniform-direct.com/>

World Book Day



St Norbert's pupils really enjoyed World Book Day on Thursday. We shall have a full report next week but, in the meantime, here are two images taken using 'green screen' technology.



Book Fair

Because of the huge success of our last Book Fair, it will be visiting us again shortly! From Monday 13th to 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.

Pupils of the Week

Reception - **Sophie Harvey** for her independent writing using excellent phonics skills to sound out words, finger spaces and a full stop at the end of her sentence!

Year 1 - **Max Macasaddu** for his fantastic answers during the museum visit and for helping other members of the class.

Year 2 - **Kavinya Eravanan** for always working hard with a beautiful, happy smile.

Year 3 - Edgars Kraucs for his amazing learning when drawing 2D shapes and calculating their area.

Year 4 - Alejandro Holmes for always looking smart and setting an excellent example during our Easter Play practise.

Year 5 - Rosalia Bunder for a positive attitude to Maths learning and new challenges.

Year 6 - Weronika Ragan for her detailed explanation of the signs and symbols in Holy Communion and exploring the concept of unity.

Attendance

| Week commencing: 27 th February 2017 | | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| REC | Yr1 | Yr2 | Yr3 | Yr4 | Yr5 | Yr6 |
| 94.46% | 88.11% | 97.00% | 95.83% | 97.62% | 98.88% | 99.25% |

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



Rewards-House Points

| 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| St Bernadette 130 | St Dominic 107 | St Francis 106 | St Lucy 69 |

Well done St. Bernadette 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!

1. Write a sentence using the word cover as a noun. Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.
2. Write a sentence using the word cover as a verb. Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.
3. Draw a line to match each word to its correct antonym.

| Word | Antonym |
|-------------|--------------|
| meandering | confront |
| sympathetic | unfeeling |
| evade | unbelievable |

plausible straight



English Challenge Corner

Add these words to create a **relative clause**: where/who/whose/which

Relative clauses are clauses starting with the relative pronouns who*, that, which, whose, where, when. A relative clause modifies, describes or adapts the noun.

1. My teacher told me to try my best.
For example: My teacher, **who was kind**, told me to try my best.

2. The boy ran down the street.
3. I saw the dog.
4. "Don't cry", said the girl.
5. The athlete won the race.
6. She lived in a small house.
7. The girl clambered over the rocks.
8. The wind battered the ships on the coastline.



Prayers please!

A Lenten Prayer

Lord,
I know how much you love me.
It's hard for me to feel it sometimes,
but I know your love is always with me.

Help me to use your love as a way
to persevere in my Lenten intentions.
I am weak, but I know with your help,
I can use these small sacrifices in my life
to draw closer to you.
Amen

God bless.

Mr J Burns
Headteacher