

SRRCC Primary Bulletin

2nd October 2020

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we are three weeks away from half term. The children have settled into new routines and are working incredibly hard in their subjects. Yesterday we celebrated National Poetry Day on the theme of vision. The children enjoyed sharing, reciting and writing a range of poems across the school. Taking this theme the children were given the challenge of creating their own poem on something they could see around them or their hopes and dreams for the future. Mrs Parker selected the winners from each class today and presented them with their book prizes. This year we have introduced a new Poetry trophy for the overall winner. We have named this the 'Nerea Whitmore trophy' in memory of one of our wonderful Year 6 pupils who sadly died at the end of last term.

Nerea won the same competition in Year 4 with her poem titled 'freedom'. Congratulations to Martha Shah in Year 6 who won the trophy this year. In this Bulletin you can read some of the poems the children produced.



Yesterday two Ofsted Inspectors came to the school for an Interim Visit. Ofsted are currently visiting 1200 schools across the country in the Autumn term to gather information for the Department for Education (DfE) and ministers about how schools have returned after the lock down and the experience of remote learning. The purpose was fact finding and no judgements were made but a letter outlining the information will be sent to school next week. This letter will be shared with parents so you can see a summary of the visit. For us it was an opportunity to share and celebrate the practices we have developed to keep children engaged, learning and safe over the last few months. We also emphasised the strong working partnership between home and school.

A letter has been sent out today explaining our new online parents' evening system. This has been trialled already with Year 7 parents and we have received very positive feedback. The system will allow you to book appointments and on the evening click a link to meet the class teacher via video. Please use the system to outline anything you wish to discuss with the teacher.

Finally we have introduced a new element to the bulletin. As parents are not currently coming into school we have included learning snapshots from each year group. This will provide you with an opportunity to see new elements we have introduced into our Curriculum this year.

I hope you all have a safe (if not wet) weekend.
Thank you for your support.

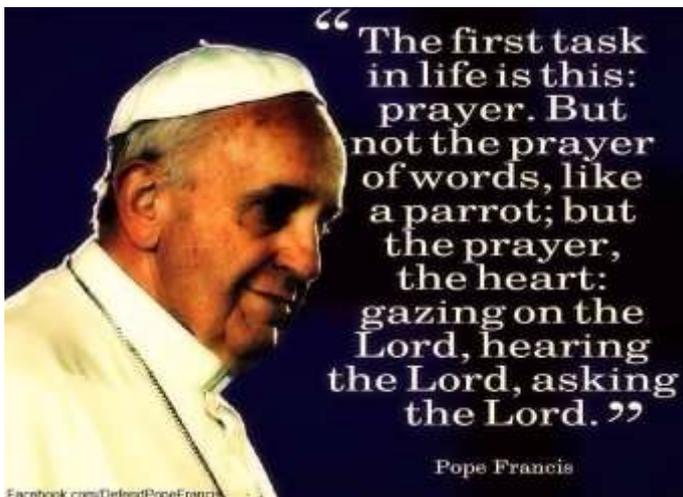
Miss A. McMullen

Our Catholic Community

Harvest

Prayer Booklets

At St. Richard Reynolds, prayer is an integral part of school life. We appreciate that prayer empowers us to serve God through showing care and compassion towards others. Our children are taught traditional Catholic prayers in each year group. These prayers can be used at home to support parents in developing their children's knowledge of prayer and to continue to develop their children's understanding of what the words mean to us as Christians today. With the development of knowledge and understanding, comes an increased desire to live out the words of our Holy Father Pope Francis. This year we have created prayer booklets for each class. These will be used to support the children in class and a copy will be sent out to parents to use at home as a family.



As part of our Harvest celebration this year the children will be taking part in a recorded whole school liturgy. Each class will perform a hymn and read prayers in their classroom. Parents are invited to watch the recording with us on **Wednesday 14th October at 9am**. A link will be sent out via parentmail. We will send out a further link to the recording for those parents who were unable to attend.

Our Harvest contributions this year will continue to go to the Richmond Foodbank, however, due to Covid-19 restrictions, they have asked for contributions in the form of money instead of food. The money will be used to help buy a much needed distribution van to deliver food to families in need.

Instead of bringing in food contributions we are asking our school family to take part in the **Cafod Family Fast Day on Friday 9th October**. On this day we ask that the children do without their after school snack, a small reminder of how some people in our world are hungry due to not having enough food, and bring in a contribution to the value of that snack. The money we raise will go to the Richmond Foodbank.

Please follow the link below if you would like to read more about the work of CAFOD and the Family Fast Day there is also a free quiz your family might like to take part in.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

Many thanks for your support.



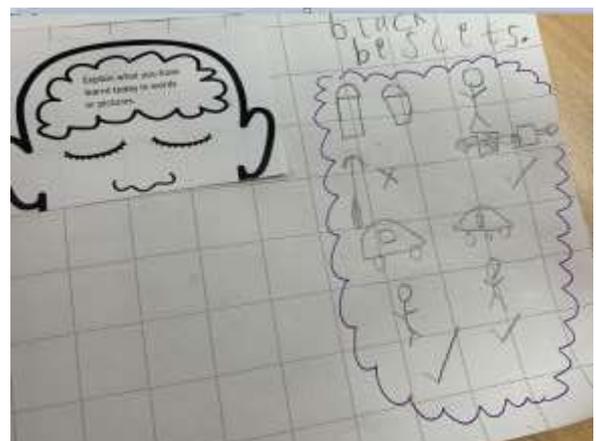
Class Learning

Reception

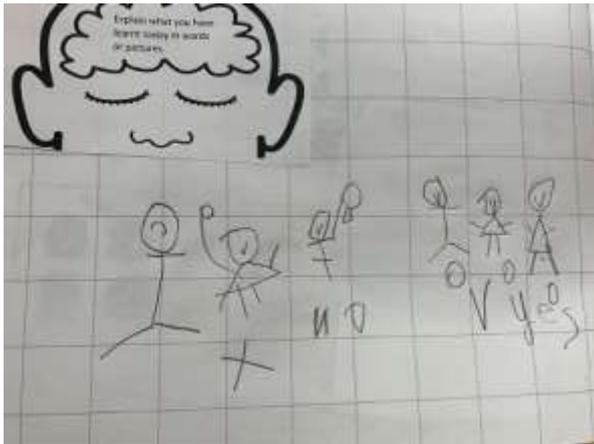
In our first half term as we settled into school routines, our topic "Do you want to be friends?" saw us display this in many ways. We recognised what it is to be a good friend and that friends can be different and can like doing different things. By painting ourselves we noticed that we all are special and part of God's family and have practised writing our names as well as our friend's names. Together in the classroom we have found things we like to do and during circle times we are finding the confidence to share these ideas. Learning has begun with the focus on developing our gross motor and fine motor skills with daily activities to build up our little muscles.



Year 1



In Year 1 we have been learning lots of tricky new concepts in Maths. The children have been developing their maths vocabulary and have begun to think about how to explain their maths thinking. We have introduced 'maths heads' across the school and it has been wonderful to see some of our youngest pupils demonstrate their understanding in Maths. Here you can see two examples of 'one to one correspondence'. Brilliant work Year 1.



Year 2



Year 2 have been learning about colour mixing in their Art lessons. We learned all about 'warm colours' and mixed two primary colours (red and yellow) to make a secondary colour (orange). We blended these warm colours to create the effect of burning flames behind the London skyline of 1666.

Year 3

In Year 3 we have been learning about science fiction, descriptive language and synonyms. We have been thinking of lots of adjectives to describe sci-fi scenes and thinking of synonyms for common verbs.



Year 4

In Year 4, we have started the year off with our RE topic 'People'. We have been learning about Jesus' family tree and the importance of each generation. Last week, we used drama to explore the story of Jacob and his 12 sons.



Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about the process of mummification.

They have learnt how the four sons of Horus (Imsety, Duamutef, Hapi, Qebehsenuef) protected the pharaoh's important organs in special 'canopic' jars, to help the pharaoh into the next life. In our art lessons this week, we have been using charcoal pencils to draw these jars developing techniques to appropriately scale our drawing as well as use different grades of shading.



Year 6

National Poetry Day



Vision

I'm crouched down outside on the Stone Grey floor,
which never seems to warm.
As I sit I watch vast mortals coming backwards and
forwards like they are dancing here, to their warm holes.
I notice the grey and black core as they speed past.
But they never notice me.
And yet there is this one family that are always looking
out for me and bring a smile to my face as I see them.

Day Doctor Prescott Dixon

National Poetry Day

Poem - Vision (haiku)

Eyesight is a gift
To see the world we live in
It is beautiful

Written by Daniel Atkinson

Vision

Vision is such a beautiful thing
That brings you jaw dropping sights
It's beautiful in the morning and no different in the night

When you close your eyes your imagination can also bring vision to life
When you close your eyes vision can appear in your dreams
But still be careful because it's not always what it seems

WRITTEN BY ENZO ALMEIDA



National Poetry Day—Overall Winner

STAIRS

Visions changes with age,
When I was a toddler,
the stairs were an exciting adventure,
A huge peak undiscovered,
What would I find?

Visions change with age,
When I was a teenager the stairs
were the perfect musical instruments
to show my feelings.
How loud could I stomp?

Visions change with age,
When I was an adult,
the stairs became part of my long daily mile.
Laundry up, babies down,
Will this ever end?

Visions change with age,
Now I am elderly,
every day the stairs are a challenge for me,
dragging my tired limbs up and down.
How much longer can I do this for?

Visions change with age,
Zooming up, zooming down,
On my brand new chair lift.
And all whilst having a cup of tea.
How much more fun could this be?

WRITTEN BY MARTHA SHAH

Pupils of the Week—Golden Tie



Reception

Last week

Saskia Belloc
Katie Waite

This week

Grace Lewis
Sophie Courell

Year 1

Last week

Nico Morgan
Flora Larmour

This week

Chiara Mata
Hector Needs

Year 2

Last week

Celia Stewart
Felix O'Kill

This week

Laura Wojnar
Constance Gee

Year 3

Last week

George Ball
Gerald Poti

This week

Jessica Wheatley
Kaytlin Mok

Year 4

Last week

Speich Ivy
Charlie Pile

This week

Eva Evans
Jack Panormo

Year 5

Last week

Jonjo Fahey
Lucy Ball

This week

Giulia Roccato
Jemima Larmour

Year 6

Last week

Miguel Mendoza Estrada
Emeline Gee

This week

Daniel Atkinson
Charlotte Ball



Year 6 Pupils Ambassador



Our Year 6 children applied and attended interviews this week for the Ambassador roles. Mrs Forsdick and Miss McMullen were incredibly impressed with how the children conducted themselves. We look forward to seeing what the children will achieve this year.

House Captain

Mary Magdalene

Theo Corth

House Captain

Elizabeth

Lakeisha—Jayne Seenauth

House Captain

Moses

Anthony Goscinski

House Captain

Peter

Anne-Marie Kostov

House Captain

Noah

Olivia Swiderska

House Captain

Hannah

Liana Minhas

English Ambassador

Elsie Kinch - Miguel Mendoza Estrada—Marta Shah

Playground Ambassador

Enzo Almeida—Finnbar Harris—Ella Payne

Computing Ambassador

Daniel Atkinson—Olivia Mendez—Sienna Minhas

EYFS Ambassador

Charlotte Ball—James Harzar

Music Ambassador

Susanna Benedetto—Emeline Gee

Eco Ambassador

Bosley Brown—Julia Szewczyk

Maths Ambassador

Liza Coimbra—Ethan Nicol

Display Ambassador

Albert Connors—Euan Fitzgerald-Monk—Nikola Nycz

Sports Ambassador

Milo Ketteringham—Baxter Prescott

RE Ambassador

Yudayan Naidu—Alexander Slodkiewicz