



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Pentecost Term

Newsletter No.35

Friday 21st June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a such a vibrant, busy and exciting week in school, and spirits have been high due to this glorious weather we are having. Children have enjoyed playing outside in the warm sunshine, as well as eating their lunch picnic-style on the playground with their classmates. Some phonics groups have also taken place out in the gazebos, much to our youngest children's delight.

On Tuesday, Mrs Hume's Year 1 class enjoyed their visit to Langley Library. They were able to browse the books and select a book to read quietly, before sharing a story together.

On Wednesday, it was lovely to see children arrive to school dressed in either their cultural dress or the colours of their national flag. We are so lucky that our school reflects such a broadly diverse world, and children are proud of themselves and their heritage. Thank you to everyone for their efforts and making this such a special day in school.

Yesterday evening, many of our staff members hosted an information evening for the parents of the children joining our Reception classes in September. It was fantastic to welcome so many new families to our school, as well as see lots of familiar faces coming to listen for the second, third or sixth (!) time. We look forward to working with these parents for many years to come.

Today, Mrs Kukla's Year 3 class enjoyed celebrating their saint's day – St Thomas More – by learning about his life and creating a prayer card. They also enjoyed juice and biscuits at break time.

Congratulations to all our children who received the Eucharist for the first time last weekend. I have heard how beautiful the masses were and how stunning your children looked. Staff have really enjoyed hearing from children about their special day. Thank you to the members of staff who were catechists and those who helped and supported during the First Holy Communion Masses.

Thank you to everyone for wearing your own clothes to school today in exchange for all your kind donations for the Summer Fair tomorrow. It promises to be a really fantastic day with lots of different stalls, face painting, bouncy castles, entertainment and lots more! Any money raised will go towards updating additional learning areas around school. I look forward to seeing you at the Summer Fair tomorrow.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend in the sunshine.

God Bless,

Mrs Doyle

DIARY DATES

Saturday 22nd June	Summer Fair 11:30-2:30pm
Monday 24th June	Week 2 of the Menu Year 2 Mrs Hendy Class Saint's Day Slough Music Service Summer Music Festival 6:30pm
Tuesday 25th June	Year 5 trip to Bray Lake Year 3 (Miss Macfarlane) visit to Langley Library Surprise Concert for Fr Kevin 2pm
Wednesday 26th June	Year 6 Swimming Year 6 (Mrs Ragg) visit to Langley Library
Friday 28th June	Year 1 Classes Saint's Day – St Peter and St Paul Reception Class Assembly (Mrs Harris) Parents Welcome 9am
Monday 1st July	Week 1 of the Menu
Tuesday 2nd July	Year 1 (Ms Iqbal) visit to Langley Library
Wednesday 3rd July	Year 5 Trip to Bray Lake Nursery – Year 2 Sports Day Parents Welcome 9.30-11.30am Year 6 Swimming Year 4 (Mrs Green) visit to Langley Library
Thursday 4th July	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR POLLING DAY
Monday 8th July	Week 2 of the Menu Year 3 Beach Trip
Tuesday 9th July	Year 4 (Miss Dardis) visit to Langley Library
Wednesday 10th July	Year 3 & 4 Sports Day Parents Welcome 9.30-11.30am Year 6 Swimming Year 2 (Mrs Hendy) visit to Langley Library
Thursday 11th July	Year 5 & Year 6 Sports Day Parents Welcome 9.30-11.30am Optional Parents' Evening 2-6pm
Friday 12th July	Year 4 (Miss Dardis) Class Saint's Day

Amazing Achievements

Congratulations to Zoe Rogulska who has progressed to Stage 3 in her swimming lessons. Well done Zoe – excellent work!

Our congratulations also go to Klara Zielinska (Y1) for receiving her first swimming certificate. Great job, Klara!

Well done to Jacob Mathew (Y5), who has passed his Piano Grade 1 theory exam, with merit. Great to hear about your hard-work and resilience, Jacob!

Celebrate Success!

To link in with our Vision statement, 'To value, inspire and challenge all', we invite parents/carers to notify us of special achievements (outside of school e.g. music, sports, positive contribution) your child has achieved so they can be recorded on their school record and shared with children and staff. Please email bethany.chandler@hfcs.org.uk for notification. Your child will receive recognition for their achievement from their class teacher, who will award them a marble for the class jar, and Mrs Benn, who will issue a 'Head teacher's Award' certificate. If you send a photo of your child's achievement it will be posted on Mrs Chandler's 'Wall of Fame.'

Book of the Week

Each week, I will recommend a lovely new book, which will hopefully inspire our children to broaden their reading tastes.



Author: Jennifer N. R. Smith

The focus of this large hardback book is remarkable natural phenomena such as rainbows, volcanoes, earthquakes, caves and crystals, hot springs and geysers: the truly amazing things that happen on earth. (age 9+)

Diversity Day

On Wednesday 19th June, we acknowledged and celebrated the diversity that is present within our own school community. On this day, we asked everyone to come to school dressed in either cultural dress or the colours of their nationalities flags. During the day, each year group learnt about one of the many different countries that make up our diverse community here at Holy Family.

Nursery learnt about Sri Lanka. They looked at the National flag, learnt about some traditions of the country and painted animals have been added to our display.

In Reception the children also learned about Sri Lanka. They located it on the world map and sourced factual information, created flags and a decorative elephant, to represent

the Kandy Esala Perahera. They learned about The Festival of the Tooth, which is a festival held in July and August in Kandy, Sri Lanka.

The children in Year 1 learnt about Kenya. They learnt different facts about the country and about Wangari Maathai who was an environmentalist. She won a Nobel Peace Prize in 2004. In the afternoon we looked at different patterns and had a go at drawing them.

Year 2 spent the morning learning about Lithuania, including how to speak a few phrases in Lithuanian. Then in the afternoon we made a replica 'The Hill of Crosses' which is found in Lithuania. Here pilgrims have left thousands of beautiful crosses.

Year 3 celebrated diversity day by learning about Romanian culture and art. We researched and made posters about Romania and were inspired by the artist, Alexandra Nechita.

Children in Year 4 learnt all about Portugal. They learnt the language, made some traditional Portuguese bread, learnt a dance and made some famous Portuguese tiles.

In Year 5, the children learnt about the culture, language, food and geography of Poland. The day was spent researching the key information, creating beautiful folk art (wycinanki), tasting Polish foods and enjoying Polish music. By far the most fascinating fact that we learnt was that at one point in history Poland was divided up between 4 different countries! It was amazing for the children who speak Polish to be able to teach their teachers for a change and we certainly appreciate what a difficult yet beautiful language it is.

Year 6 celebrated everything Italian! They looked at the artwork of an Italian artist by the name of Fredrico Pinto Schmid. His style of artwork is based on Abstract Expressionism and his paintings are known for being vibrant, colourful and expressive. We used his unique style to create our own versions of some Abstract art - with some amazing results! To end the day, we feasted on some wonderful traditional food which was kindly donated by the Staffiere and Gumbs families. We enjoyed Taralli (a snack food similar to a grissini breadstick), pizzetta (little puff pastry bites), sfogliatine (light and delicious cookies) and some delicious treats called Goccoe. We would like to say a big thank you to both families for making our day one to remember!

Surprise Concert for Fr Kevin

On Tuesday afternoon, members of our choir from Years 4, 5 & 6 will be performing at a **surprise** concert for Fr Kevin. This will take place in Holy Family Church, starting at 2pm. Parents of the children performing are welcome to attend.

Hot weather

All children, but especially our younger children, should bring a sun hat to school daily. Sun cream should be applied in the mornings before school.

Class Photographs

The school photographer was in school on Tuesday 11th June for class photographs. For details of how to order, please see the information card that was sent home with your child.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

Summer Fair – Tomorrow

The Summer Fair held tomorrow between 11:30 and 2:30pm is open to everyone, so please bring friends and family!

Raffle Tickets: If you have forgotten to return raffle tickets but would still like to do so, please hand them in at the Raffle Ticket Stall at the start of the fair.