



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Lent Term

Newsletter No.18

Friday 31st January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We ended our week today with a fantastic assembly led by Mrs Powell's Year 2 class. They presented what they have been learning in their humanities topic all about China and imparted their new knowledge through poetry, singing songs, acting and speaking clearly and with great expression. The rest of the school thoroughly enjoyed listening to all they had to share. They shared messages of how our uniqueness makes us special and how important it is to be accepting of everyone's differences. All small acts of kindness contribute to making the world a better place for us all. Well done and thank you to the Year 2 children and staff team.

As part of their China topic, Year 2 were given the fantastic opportunity to visit Heathrow airport on Wednesday, where they enjoyed watching a Chinese dragon weave its way through Terminal 5! Thank you to the parent who helped enrich our children's learning by organising this outing.

Year 1 have been learning about Candlemas this week, and finished the week off by processing through all classrooms to share their new knowledge. Pupils and teachers alike were delighted to hear about what they have learnt, and it was joyful to watch some of our youngest children speak with such confidence and enthusiasm. Well done, Year 1!

Year 3 have been enjoying their art lessons, and have produced some fantastic observational drawings of fruit and vegetables using a variety of media. They should feel very proud of the work they have produced!

Please note that the consultation regarding the possible closure of Langley library is still open. This is such a valuable and important resource for our children. If you haven't already done so, please do take the time to sign the ePetition (more details in this newsletter).

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

God bless

Mrs Doyle

DIARY DATES

Monday 3rd February

Week 1 of the Menu

Tuesday 4th February

Year 5 Class (Mrs O'Reilly) Visit to Langley Library

Wednesday 5th February

Year 2 China Day

Year 1 Class (Mrs Hendy) Visit to Langley Library

Monday 10th February

Week 2 of the Menu

Tuesday 11th February Nursery Stay & Play 11.15-11.45am & 2.15-2.30pm

Year 5 Class (Mrs Fox) Visit to Langley Library

Wednesday 12th February

Year 4 Swimming

Year 6 Class (Mrs Doyle/Miss Caswell) Visit to Langley Library

Friday 14th February

Year 3 Class Assembly (Miss Iqbal) Parents Welcome 9am

Half Term: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2024

Monday 23rd February

Start of Lent Term 2 for Nursery – Year 6

Week 1 of the Menu

Year 2 Windsor Castle Trip

Tuesday 24th February

Y5 STEM Activity (In School)

Year 6 Class (Mrs Ragg) Visit to Langley Library

Wednesday 25th February

Year 4 Swimming

Year 2 Class (Mrs Powell) Visit to Langley Library

Friday 28th February

EYFS Saint's Day – St David (EYFS to Wear Yellow)

Year 1 Class Assembly (Mrs Hume) Parents Welcome 9am

Celebrate Success!

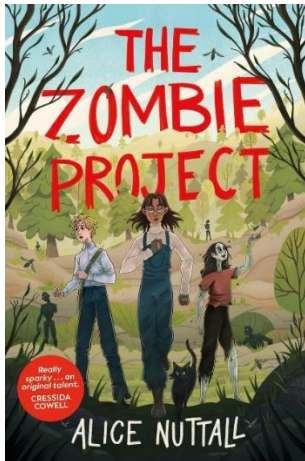
To link in with our Vision statement, 'To value, inspire and challenge all', we invite parents/carers to notify us of special achievements (outside of school e.g. music, sports, positive contribution) your child has achieved so they can be recorded on their school record and shared with children and 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.'

Amazing Achievements

Congratulations to Chanasya Naroju for recently achieving Level 3 Abacus certification with distinction.

Book of the Week

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



Author: Alice Nuttall

Merian's mum Gwen studies and protects zombies, but an unexpected zombie outbreak plunges them both into extreme danger. This highly original, dystopian novel is a thrilling and thought-provoking read. (Age 9+).

Wednesday Word

Chetachi writes for us this week:

The Holy Spirit had promised Simeon that he would not die until he had seen Jesus, the light of the World. Simeon took Jesus into his arms and praised God saying, "Now, I can die in peace because you have kept your promise. This child, Jesus, will be a light for all our nations".

In this week's gospel, we read that the Holy Spirit keeps its promise to Simeon. Simeon then says that Jesus will be a light to all nations.

God promised us that Jesus will take away our sins. Our Wednesday word this week is HOPE. Jesus is our hope and God promised us this.

"God is the reason for our hope and the source of our happiness" Pope Francis said.

The Holy Spirit is our hope, Jesus is our hope, God is our hope, but who's hope are you?

Yours in faith,

Chetachi Nneke – Year 6 Faith Ambassador

Year 2 Visit to Heathrow Terminal 5 to Celebrate Chinese New Year

On Wednesday, Year 2 celebrated Chinese New Year by taking a trip to Heathrow Terminal 5. The children were lucky to watch a Chinese Lion Dance. The Lion swooped and danced around the concourse. The children also enjoyed listening to the Chinese drumming. After the dance, children said their favourite part was when the Lion chose some children to give them an orange.



February Half Term Creative Homework

During February half term, we will be setting the children a creative homework task. Advance warning: all children will need a clear glass jar to complete the creative homework. You can use any type of empty jar: coffee, preserve or mason jar. If you have any difficulty sourcing a jar, please let us know. You don't need to do anything with the jar yet; just set the jar aside. Closer to the time, class teachers will share some examples of how the children could complete the creative homework. More details will follow in the newsletter before half term.

Year 4 Swimming

Swimming lessons for Year 4 will resume on Wednesday 12th February. Parents will be contacted regarding the missed swimming lessons (due to pool closure) as soon as possible (we hope to still offer the full number of swimming lessons to our Year 4 pupils but, if this is not possible, we will refund parents). We will update parents as soon as we have an update. Many thanks for your patience and understanding.

Phonics

If you would like to continue to support your child at home with their phonics, the following links below might be useful. If you look for the name of the adult who leads your child's RWI group or the colour of book that they are on you will see links to the sounds that have been taught this week. This support is primarily aimed at those children in Reception – Year 2 who are currently learning their phonics; however, all parents are very welcome to access the links below regardless of what year their child is in.

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Mrs Mulrooney	Set 1	Y- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/BK1GiXjf/43kwUN2w V- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ZhhmmMTg/ny0MJpCf I - https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/a7XbvtiF/cOBqI4I8 https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/sYwoEf6M/Y23g9zpl https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/cz4IMKNE/KIyjA1Yf
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Mrs Crow	Ditties	NK- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/vX0TLIFe/bLEhXAmb CK- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/zKtrbj0c/DfnjuDGF SH- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/nBI6e2x0/HLoMiHc1 TH- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/SXxID2v9/h5pw34Ss
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Langley Library

You may already be aware that there is/will be a consultation regarding a possible closure of Langley Library. The consultation will last for 10 weeks with a proposal being made in the Spring. An ePetition has been set up - please see link below. This ePetition runs from 17/12/2024 to 17/03/2025.

democracy.slough.gov.uk