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Newsletter No.6

Friday 26th November 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Newsletter number 6. We are now in the Season of Advent which is a special time of the year when the Church waits and prepares for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. In our Gospel Assembly next week, we will be speaking to the children about the importance of Advent and what we can do to prepare, including looking at the Advent wreath. Each candle represents a week leading up to Christmas and a candle is lit each Sunday. There are three purple candles, one pink and the final candle is white at the centre of the wreath, to be lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. The first candle that we will light this Sunday, is the "Candle of Hope" and it symbolises faith in God keeping his promises to humanity. The Advent wreath is made of evergreens which symbolises everlasting life and the circle represents God's continuous love. Please continue to talk to your child about the importance of Advent and ask them what they have been doing in class to help them prepare for the coming of Jesus.

Congratulations to the Key Stage One award winner's last week. The awards were as follows:

Key Stage One

The Tidiness Award	FYT	Lining Up award	Y2G
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	Y1S	The Attendance Award	Y2G
The Travel Tracker	Y1G		

This week's award winner are as follows:

Key Stage Two

The Tidiness Award	Y6H	Lining Up award	Y3B
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	Y4E	The Attendance Award	YL6 – 98%
The Travel Tracker	Y5S		

Y5L Class Assembly

Well done to Y5L who presented a wonderfully informative assembly about the Anglo-Saxons on Thursday. Y5L have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons in their History lessons learning about Sutton Hoo, the awe-inspiring Anglo-Saxon burial site. We really enjoyed watching the Assembly, particularly the Song 'History Rocks Anglo-Saxons'. Thank you to Mrs Leahy and Mr Sheehan for helping the children with the brilliant assembly.

PTA Movie Nights

We would like to say thank you to all of the PTA members and Staff who helped out to make the movie nights possible this week. The children were so excited to all get together, eat their food and have a drink while watching a movie, and having lots of catch ups with other children! This event helps raise vital funds for the PTA.

Children's Christmas Lunch

The Children will be having their Christmas lunch on Tuesday 14th December, a separate message has been sent via Parent Mail.





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A special Well Done!

We were very proud to hear two of our pupils have gone above and beyond to help raise money for others and we wanted to share their gesture of goodwill. Ayan in Year 4 recently celebrated his 9th birthday and as a part of this he wanted to help people around him. As a family they chose to do a fundraising walk for Acorn Children's Hospice. Ayan's sister, Ahana, in Year 2 joined him to support and fundraise for this wonderful cause. They both raised an amazing £135, and this amount is continuing to grow. Well done to both Ayan and Ahana for thinking of others and raising an incredible amount of money for Acorn Children's Hospice.

Kindness Week

Last week was Anti-Bullying week, here at St Joseph's, through our catholic teaching, we refer to this week as 'Kindness Week'. The whole school have taken part in a number of different activities throughout the week including conversations about what Bullying is and why it is never acceptable. The staff have been very impressed with how mature the children have been during Kindness week and we are feeling the warmth around school with lots of acts of kindness happening all over. Although this is great, it is important that the children understand that this is so much more than 'just being kind for a week'. Teachers have spent time with their class discussing the long terms effects bullying can have on everybody. Look at just a few of the fun activities pupils have been busy completing...



FY discussed how Jesus had special friends called disciples. They thought about who their special friends are and made a heart for them. They also told their special friend why they made a heart for them. FY spoke about how they can be a kind friend to everybody.



Y5 chose names out of a box and then each child made a card for another child without telling them, writing 3 lovely things about them. They then read them out at the end.

They also made 31 Days of Kindness calendars where they wrote 31 kind things that they are going to do throughout December.





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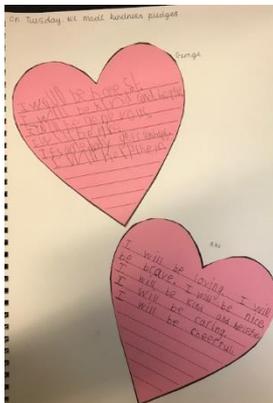
For Kindness week, Year 3 read 'We're all Wonders' by R. J. Palacio. As an act of kindness, they drew and painted a portrait of their partner and wrote about why they are wonderful.

Year 4 have been busy giving lots of compliments to their friends, spreading kindness all around! They then focused on playing team games outside.

Kindness Week Bucket Filler Headbands



How 4F are going to fill other people's buckets with happiness.



Year 1 have been working hard throughout kindness week and have added work to their learning journal.





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Y6 looked at ways in which they could use 'one kind word' to help make others feel good about themselves. They also looked at the affects singling someone out has on them and ways in which we could stop this happening through discussions based around a film called 'For the birds'.

Musician of the Month: Bob Dylan

Artist of the Month: Claude Monet

Word of the Month: Camaraderie

Inspirational Person of the Month: Emma Raducanu



Key Dates for your Diary

Dates for your diary - December

Date	Time	Event
Friday 3 rd December	9.00 am	Y6 Thanksgiving Mass (In School)
Friday 10 th December	8.35 am-3.20pm	Non-Uniform Day- Christmas Jumpers
Tuesday 14 th December	8.35 am-3.20pm	Virtual Pantomime Children's Christmas Lunch Christmas Parties in Classrooms
Friday 17 th December	8.35 am-3.20pm	The last day of Autumn Term

This Sunday is the 1st Sunday of Advent

Come, let us worship the Lord, the King who is to come.

Heavenly Father, as we begin this Advent, give light to our eyes and peace to our hearts.

May the Lord find us watching and waiting in joy when He comes.

We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Yours sincerely,

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