



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS

2022-2023 Newsletter 20 (3rd March 2023)

This year, the month of March is wholly taken up with the Liturgical Season of Lent. Lent offers a chance for us to reflect on our relationship with God and make a fresh start as the Church focuses on the three pillars of Lent, prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



Our 'Virtues to Live By' for Lent are:

- Self-control
- Reflection

as well as

- Love of Neighbour through acts of kindness and charity

Sunday's Gospel from St Matthew told us about The Transfiguration. Transfigure means 'to change.'

'Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.'

During Lent, Jesus is inviting each one of us to make the arduous journey up the mountain through prayer, self-control, and acts of love.

"The invitation at the Transfiguration is to listen to Jesus and to follow him, laying down our lives as a gift of love for one another." Pope Francis



Let us think about the changes we can make during Lent to prepare for Easter. Maybe you could say your prayers more, fast by giving something up that you enjoy or show love for your neighbour by giving to charity (almsgiving).

Diary Dates

Wednesday 8th March

3.30-4.30pm Reconciliation Class

Friday 10th March

- Y2 Dodgeball competition
- Author visit for Reception

Sunday 12th March

St Patrick's Day Parade 10.45 for 11am departure Millennium Square



Wednesday 15th March

Science Workshops

Thursday 30th March

Year 3 and Year 4
Music Celebration of singing and Djembes

Sunday 2nd April

Palm Sunday



Thursday 6th April School Closes at 1.00pm

Maundy Thursday



Friday 7th April

Good Friday



Sunday 9th April

Easter Sunday



Monday 17th April-School opens



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Catholic Life of the School

Enrolment Mass



Congratulations to the children who enrolled on their Sacramental journey on Sunday 26th February. May God bless them as they prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



It was lovely to see past and present pupils taking an active role in the parish by serving or reading at Mass.

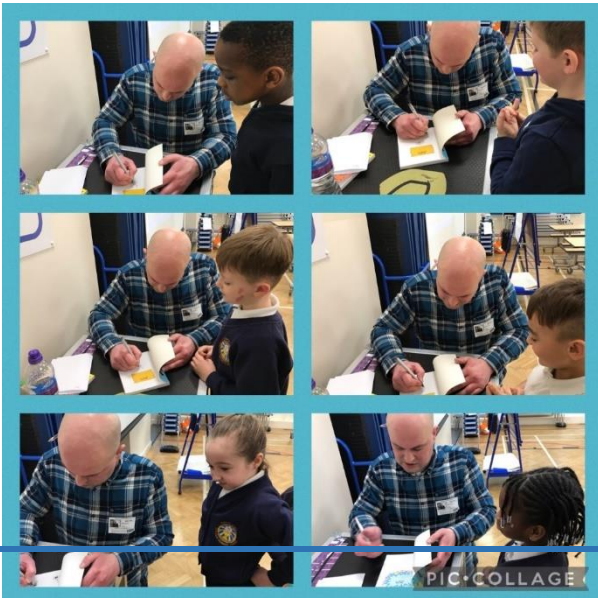
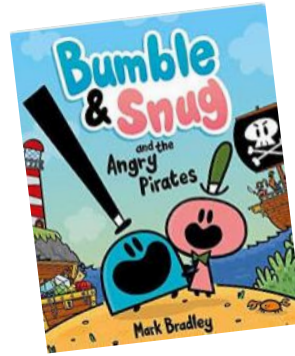


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Love of reading

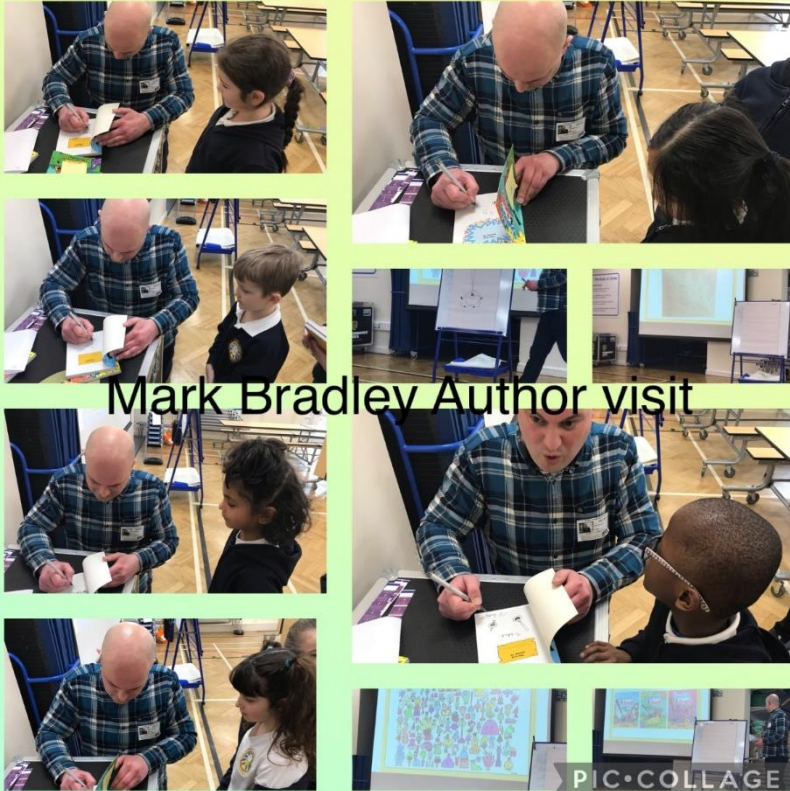
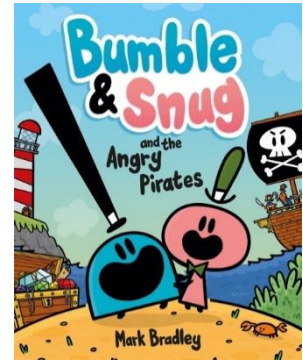
This week the children in Year 1, 1/2, 2 and 3 were visited by the author and illustrator Mark Bradley. He spent some time talking to the children about his early life and how he loved drawing and reading comics. Then he spoke about how he began writing and illustrating his books. He taught the children how to draw the characters from his books and he even gave some tips on how to create their own little monsters. After that Mark read some of his book 'Bumble & Snug and the Angry Pirates'. Everyone really enjoyed it and thought it was very funny. Some children who had bought one of his books even had it signed by Mark!





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Mark Bradley Author visit

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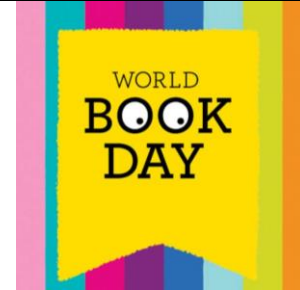
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World Book Day



On Friday morning, we launched World Book Day with a wonderful theatre production, 'Alice in Wonderland'. The children really enjoyed participating with the show and were immersed in the story throughout the performance. What a lovely way to celebrate our love of reading together as a school community! Thank you to all parents for supporting children to prepare their World Book Day outfits. The staff were eager to speak to every child about their favourite books and characters throughout the day.

WORLD BOOK DAY

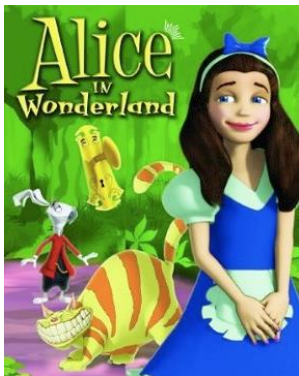
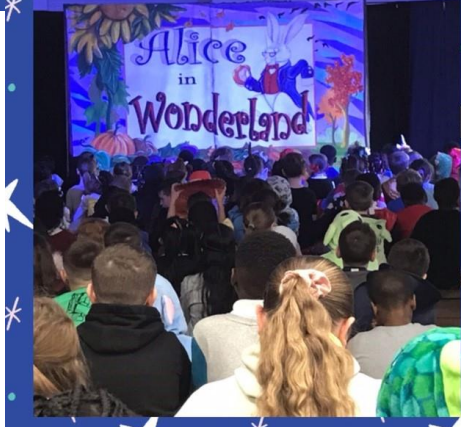
After the Alice in Wonderland pantomime, the Year 6 children were lucky to have a workshop to learn about the characters, set design and effects backstage. They learnt about how to bring the characters to life and how lights or sound can change a scene.





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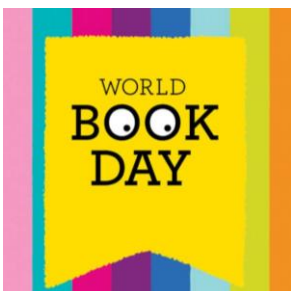
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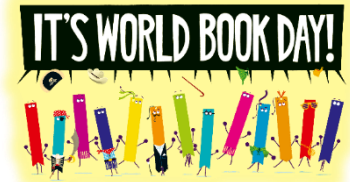
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Lots of amazing outfits for World Book Day dressing up! Thanks to all parents and carers for all the effort put in, the children loved it. Well done!





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How good
do Class
Year 2
look?
Pretty
amazing!

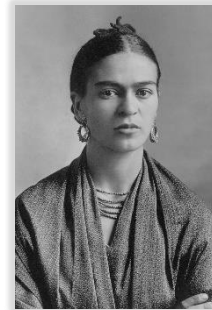




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To compliment World Book Day, the author Kate Pankhurst was invited to talk to all pupils in Key Stage 2. Kate was an illustrator for ten years before she wrote her own books about famous women in History. She wrote about historical figures such as the suffragette Emily Pankhurst, artist Frida Kahlo, Amelia Earhart and the talented Josephine Baker from the 1920s who talked about equal rights. Kate was inspired to write about them because she is distantly related to Emmeline Pankhurst, who challenged the Government of the day in the 1920s to give women the right to vote in elections. Kate also gave a sketching lesson to the children which they thoroughly enjoyed.





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Look at what else has been happening in school!

This week the children in Year 1/2 had an afternoon of baking with Miss Gilbey from Classroom Kitchen. The children used their maths skills to measure and weigh the ingredients to make healthy apricot cookies. There were mixed opinions about the dried apricots but the cookies themselves were a real hit with the pupils!





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Year 5/6 with
pancake flipping
on Shrove
Tuesday last
week and then
attending Mass
on Ash
Wednesday.





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Sporting News

Mr Goodall and Mr Herron took two five a side teams to a tournament at Temple Learning Academy and both were impressed to see such fantastic football played by Years 5 and 6. The teams ended up with three wins and a draw.

Well done Team Corpus!





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After school on Monday, a team of Year 5 and 6 dodgeballers took part in a tournament after school at Bishop Young C of E Academy. The children had a great time, showing lots of skill and great teamwork and togetherness to get each other through the fixtures. They were able to win 4 of their 5 games and even managed to qualify for a city-wide finals!

Fantastic!



Mr Goodall and Miss Rockcliffe took a team of our Year 3 and 4 footballers to John Smeaton on Friday for a competition against other schools. The group had a brilliant day and it was great to compete against other teams. Despite the overall result, there was some amazing individual goals and the team encouraged each other through every fixture. Well done!

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Notices



School success starts
with attendance

Our attendance this week is at 96.4%, just below our target of 97%.

6 out of 10 classes were above target. Well done to those 6 classes, Reception 1, Year 1, Year 1-2, Year 2, Year 4/5 and Year 5/6.



Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform one of the school's Designated Safeguarding Team- Mrs Walsh, Miss Horkan, Mr Doyle and Mrs Collins. In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads.



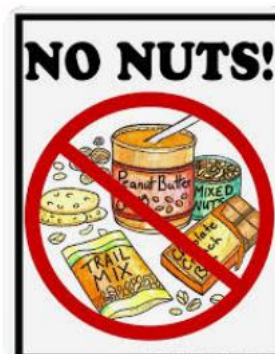
**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**

Easter Traditions

Advance notice to get busy!
We will be once again taking part in our Easter traditions of Easter Bonnets and decorated eggs. These will take place in our final week before closing at 1.00pm on Thursday 6th April.



Please remember we have a NO nut policy in school due to allergies. Please can we ask parents/carers ensure that snacks and packed lunches are free from food items which may contain nuts. This includes sandwich fillings such chocolate spreads. Thank you.





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Childhood Anxiety Parent Workshop

9am-Thursday 16th March

The MindMate Support Team would like to welcome parents/ guardians to a workshop which looks at supporting care givers to understand and manage childhood anxiety.

- *They will explain what anxiety is and how it looks in children.
- * Explain what happens to the body
- * Explore what might keep anxiety going.
- * Offer strategies and coping skills.
- * Offer helpful hints and tips!

If you would like to attend, please speak to Mrs Clay as we have a limited number of places available.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely week!

God Bless

From Mrs Walsh

and the team at

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School