

St. Anne's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

17th March 2023

Spotlight on Year 3

Our Christian faith is so important to the life of this school, from the prayers we pray every day, to the assemblies we have and to the way we treat each other. As part of this catholic faith, Year 3 are preparing an Easter Reflection to share with the school and our parents in the last week before Easter. All the lines have been learned, the songs practised (thanks to the amazing Mr Knowles and Mrs Brookfield) and the acting created. Thank you to our wonderful parents for helping our children learn their lines in super quick time.

We are studying rocks, soils and fossils in Science (and volcanoes/earthquakes in Geography). We have learnt words such as igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary, as well as learning what stratovolcanoes are and what a plinian eruption is (named after Pliny the younger, who wrote about the deadly Vesuviun eruption in 79AD)!

In RE we are studying the service of the Eucharist (Mass) and what the bread and wine mean. Did you know we are in the liturgical season of Lent and that it bears the colour purple, so our worship table has been draped in purple as we consider Jesus's sufferings - did you know Jesus means Saviour, because an angel told Jesus, "He will save His people from their sins"?

In PE we are doing gymnastics, learning to balance and move on various body parts and last week we even learnt to hurdle with varying degrees of success - we hope the horses in the Grand National do not clatter as many hurdles as we did.

In English we are learning what a genre is and we have been writing mystery stories and poems, using famous poems (like Funny Bones) as a model.

In ICT we are very grateful to Mr Farrimond for helping us learn to code. Using Java (a coding language), we have been directing figures around a grid and debugging mistakes as we go.

In Maths we have learnt about fractions, finding fractions of a number and how to count in fractions - tough stuff!

If you want to know more why not ask any Year 3 pupil? They will explain all about our lessons.











Message from Headteacher

Dear parents, carers, grandparents and parishioners,

St Anne's Open Afternoon - Friday 24th March – 1.30pm to 3.00pm - All parents, carers and grandparents are invited to visit St Anne's School and Nursery to celebrate the excellent educational, pastoral and faith development that takes place throughout our school. Your child will bring home today an invitation for you to attend the Open Afternoon and another invitation for you to give to a friend. We need your help to increase the number of children joining our school. Whenever a family visits St Anne's they always stay! This is due to the superb school family that we all contribute to.

Parents' evening -Thank you to all who braved the elements to attend parent's evening this week. We hope you found the reports and meetings beneficial.

Vacancy — We have a vacancy for a dinnertime supervisor at St Anne's. The role would include playing games with our children and supervising dinnertimes for an hour and a half each day. If you are interested in finding out more, please ask Mrs Oates in the main office.

Wishing all our families a wonderful weekend,

Mr P Bates

Headteacher



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Curriculum News

Nursery We have been reading 'Wake up on Bumble Farm', the children have been discussing the different places that the animals live on the farm and what they need to be happy and healthy. The children have been using their phonic knowledge and visual clues to describe farm animals when playing 'I spy'. In the story 'Wake up on Bumble Farm' the were consequences to the Rooster's actions, we related this to our actions in Nursery and the different consequences that may happen.

Reception This week in Reception we have started the book 'The Enormous Turnip' we retold the story through actions and then created our own story maps to fit the story. We have also been learning about the lifecycle of a chick and plants. We sadly said goodbye to our chicks - we will miss them a lot!

Year 1 This week in Year 1 the children have enjoying learning and listening to 'Poems on a Theme' as part of our English topic. The theme of the poem was all about animals and we focused on the poem 'The Animals Went in Two by Two'. The children had a tricky challenge of counting the syllables within the animals and changing the animal to their own. We had to make sure the rhythm of the poem didn't change by keeping the syllables the same. This week we have started the process of making our finger puppets in D&T. We can't wait to start sewing it together next week.

Year 2 The children have worked incredibly hard again this week! In Maths they have been studying measure - mass and volume. They have been able to read and balance scales, as well as read the scales carefully. Well done! The children have finished writing their own chapter from 'The Owl Who Was Afriad of the Dark' using all their magic ingredients: effective adjectives, super adverbs and extended sentences. We are so proud of them! They have also loved working on the third stage of their DT project - designing their moving minibeast. We can't wait to see their finished products next week!

PE has been great fun this week! In a very wintery tennis lesson, the children were focussing on their throwing and striking skills. Whilst during class PE they have been learning to throw underarm but aiming in a channel at a target. Another super week of learning!

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Year 4 started the week off in a very energetic way. We performed our Fitness routines to the rest of our class and even got to choose our own music- it was fun but exhausting. We have researched and designed a bird box in our Design Technology lessons and some of us have already begun to put them together, with the help of Mr. Donnelly, our caretaker. In English, our new chapters based on 'The Eye of The Wolf' are taking shape and we have worked hard on our sentence structures.

Year 5 have just finished doing a tricky set of lessons on fractions, decimals and percentages, demonstrating great understanding, well done everyone. they're also continuing to build up their knowledge of the Amazon Rainforest and the animals and people who live there.

Year 6 Another busy week in Year 6 with the children continuing to work hard and have a great, determined attitude to their learning! They have been developing their understanding of the Anglo Saxon period of British History and in PE have worked together to create stable and supportive balances. They also prepared balanced viewpoints on the pros and cons of zoos in our society.





Our Award Winners!

Star of the Week Mission State-

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Lenny A Sadie C

Harriet T Sam H

Zach L Marissa R

Fletcher A Samuel S

Myles P Chloe L

Theia D Millie Mc

Geneveive L Reuben M

Samuel C Jayden J

Ruby P Bella S

Gabriella C Jack H

Silvie C Harry MR

Isaac B Louie C

Billy B Eve P





St Anne's Toddler Group

St Anne's Toddler Group meets every Thursday morning during term time. It is open to all families and it is a great opportunity to meet new people whilst your children play. Each week there is a different activity including Creation Station, a local craft activity company, offering lots of different crafts for children to do. We also offer fun with food activities, messy play, stories, singing and lots more.

There is no need to book just come along to St Anne's School on a Thursday morning, 9am - 11am. A small charge of £2.00 for the 1st child and 50p for each other child is required.





PTA NEWS.

The next PTA meeting is planned for Thursday 30th March. It's an evening one so it will include the PTA discussions as well as a social catch up. All welcome! Put it in your diaries...but we'll be sure to send a reminder nearer the time.

At our most recent PTA meeting we welcomed our new Co-chair; and also recruited a few more positions to our core committee. Welcome!!

The minutes from this meeting will be available on the school PTA section of the website soon.

Exciting times here at St Annes PTA - supporting our lovely school and amazing children.

Want to be involved?

Please get in touch; we would love to hear from you!

We still have core committee roles available as well as year group reps and we are always in need of volunteers for events.

Have a lovely weekend

Thanks for your ongoing support

St Annes PTA Volunteers







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