

<u>St. Anne's</u>

Catholic Primary School

<u>Newsletter</u>

<u>16th October 2020</u>

Spotlight on Year 3!

What a great first half term Year 3 have had! From place value to skeletons and everything in between and we're not finished yet!

This week the children have continued their work on poetry including looking at Autumn poems and creating their own brilliant poems! They've used alliteration, similes and onomatopoeias to create effects that stimulate the imagination.

In PE they completed the 400m composite relay challenge set by West Lancs Sports Partnership. This fits perfectly with our Olympic topic where we have also been continuing with our Tokyo 2021 posters (we're awaiting the phone call to help with their preparations!)

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In Maths we've been learning to subtract using different methods so that the children can choose the method which suits them as they grow older.

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Thanks to Mr Knowles and Mr Robinson we have been using the ICT media suite which is fitted with Covid friendly screens between the laptops, we've really enjoyed learning about coding and debugging mistakes.

We have been looking at different muscles the children found it hilarious that our biggest muscle was the gluteus maximus (bottom!)

Here's to a great week next week!



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Message from Headteacher

Dear parents, carers, grandparents and parishioners,

I am very pleased to be able to announce that Mrs Birmingham has successfully been appointed as the Headteacher at St Edmund's Catholic Primary School in Skelmersdale. I know all at St Anne's will send Mrs Birmingham our best wishes. Mrs Birmingham has served St Anne's for many years. All the children, staff and parents who worked with Mrs Birmingham will miss her friendship and professionalism.

Over past years, the PTFA raised funds for defibrillators for the school. The PTFA raised enough funds for two defibrillators. We have placed one in each school hall and a number of staff have received training as part of their 1st Aid professional development. Many thanks all involved who helped raise the funds to purchase life saving equipment.

We all continue to wait for the latest update from Government regarding different models of lockdown. Please understand that as Headteacher, I am informed of any decisions at the same time that the general public are informed. Schools do not receive any early indication. We must continue to remain calm, ensure our systems work well and respond accordingly to any guidance that is issued.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Mr P Bates Headteacher



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Curriculum News

- Reception This week we have been learning about Harvest. We have been printing with fruits and vegetables, we have built tractors with large construction in outdoor play and we have explored bread dough like the Little Red Hen.
- Year 1 This week, even from our homes, the Year One children have been busy practising their phonics and solving tricky subtraction questions! We have also thought about what it means to belong in a special group as part of our new RE topic as well as writing facts about Autumn.
- Year 2 This week we have been writing a recount in our 'showing off' books about the Jewish special day, Shabbat. We are becoming super writers! We have also developed our understanding of subtraction and how it links to addition, using the bar model and 'part/ part/ whole' model. We are little subtraction super stars! In Science we have been learning about medicines and how we can stay safe around them. We have written some brilliant information leaflets. Dr Banks & Dr Preston were very impressed!
- Year 3 Please see this week's spotlight.
- Year 4 It has been a very active week for Year 4. First, we joined the virtual relay race. We were extremely impressed with the children's energy and stamina. Then we attended our second swimming lessons, we have all already improved so much!
- Year 5 In Geography this week we have explored the main rivers of the United Kingdom and which oceans they flow into.
- Year 6 In Yr 6 we have continued to focus on being healthy. We have looked at food that is healthy and how exercise is really important for us.

Our Award	Winners!
Star of the Week	Mission Statement
Corie	Olivia
Bella	Arthur
Isabelle	Scarlett
Zak	Xaia
Tommy	Jessica
Scarlet	Luna
Zach	Daisy
Harrison	Sam
Theia	Amelia
Tyler	Emilie
Sadie	Luke
Zac	Henry
Summer	Max
Joel	Bethany



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Key Messages

Covid19

The key messages to try to reduce the spread of Covid-19 are:

Ensuring good hand washing routines using soap and hot water. Adults and children to maintain a 2 metre distance wherever possible. Parents and children not to gather at the start or end of the day on the school grounds.

Primary School Admission - September 2021

Please share Primary School Admissions information with friends and family members who have young children starting school next year. Many toddler groups are not operating as normal during the current restrictions and this could lead to parents not knowing about the timeframes for applications. All information is on St Anne's School website.

Secondary School Admission - September 2021

Parents of children in Year 6 are reminded that the deadline for application to High Schools is October 31st 2020. If you wish your child to attend St Bede's you must also complete a supplementary faith form. St Bede's website contains all the information. There is a link to St Bede's website at the bottom of every page on St Anne's School website.

<u>St Anne's Church bulletin</u> is available on the Church website. A link is available at the bottom of every page on our school website: