

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

Guided by Jesus Christ, our teacher, we journey together learning to dream, believe and achieve.

Friday 22nd October 2021



Dear Parents / Carers,

This week we have been celebrating Black History Week in school. All the children have taken part in a graffiti art workshop. Please see our website for some of the art they produced. Nursery have also had some messy play involving spaghetti in order to explore their senses. Reception have engaged in African dancing and listened to popular African music. Year 1 have painted St Josephine, our new school saint and made a salad! Year 2 have written a wanted poster for Professor Spade linked to their Traction Man book. They are going to record book reviews too. Year 3 have been very excited about Black History month and have been researching people in their own time. They have brought lots of work in from home which is displayed in their classroom. An Anglo Saxon treasure hunt caused great excitement in Year 4 this week. The children had to find artefacts, decide what they were and who used them. Rosa Parks comic strips were made by Year 5. Year 6 spent a day at Our Lady's on Wednesday taking part in various activities linked to mental health, well-being and poetry. They had a great day.

Assembly

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29)

Assembly this week focused very much on the message that we are all unique: we are all different. God made us different for a reason. We all have our own special skills and qualities. We do not want or need a world full of clones. God loves each and everyone of us: it does not matter what our skin colour is; what colour our eyes are; which religion we follow; or how much money we have. We are all equal and should love our neighbours as we love ourselves. This is what Jesus taught us to do through his example. This is the key message we are delivering to our children during our Black History week work.

Rosary

Thank you to our Mini-Clares for leading our decade of the Rosary in school. They have prayed a decade of the Rosary with each class. Thank you to the friends and family who came and shared the prayer with us.

Church

The children all took part in a harvest service this week led by a poorly Father Jeremiah. We were reminded how important the earth is for us to grow food and how there is enough food for the whole world if it is distributed fairly. The children read poems, scripture readings and prayers and performed beautifully. Year 1 touched the hearts of many with their singing of a song praising God for the wonders of the world to the tune of Twinkle, twinkle little star.

The children enrolled in this year's Sacramental Programme were invited to the family Mass last Sunday. It was so lovely to see them celebrating the Mass, supported by their families and catechists. Thank you!

Pupil certificates

	Pupil of the week	Achievement
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RH	Jennifer for having a really good vocabulary of feelings to describe characters in our story this week.	Murtarda for becoming a more confident member of the class and working really hard to learn his sounds in phonics.
RC	Grace for becoming more confident within the classroom and following our school routines	Akongwi for amazing reading and trying really hard during group time.
Y1S	Kian for brightening up our classroom every day with his beautiful smile - always so happy to be in school!	Lamaik for doing an amazing piece of independent writing about our story Bog Baby.
Y1D	Avayah for working hard in the challenge areas and being an independent learner.	Amber for trying hard to improve your handwriting.
Y2M	Jovi-Roo for participating in and showing great enthusiasm for dance even though he was reluctant at the start of term - Super Growth Mindset!	Annie for super independent maths skills
Y2L	Phaedra for always trying so hard in all her <u>work</u> and for helping others when she can.	Archie for being extremely independent in his learning and for putting 100% effort into everything he does.
Y3M	Panashe for always being a fantastic friend and a great team player! She always does her best and tries hard in everything she does.	Alexa for applying all of the Alan Peat sentence types in her independent writing. Well done.
Y3G	Daniella for great contributions during our lessons and research around black history month - she is a role model of how to treat everyone equally!	Ryan E for showing us his amazing work adding 2 digits. Well done Ryan! Keep it up.
Y4RW	Jack B for being a role model in terms of behaviour and his attitude towards school. Also volunteering to help with anything around the class.	Ollie K for fantastic leadership of his team during P.E, showing a great understanding of the activity.
Y4S	Deitrick for a brilliant week, he has been trying really hard and you can see it in all of his work. Well done Deitrick!	Jeremiah for trying really hard on his non-chronological report in English and working on his presentation. His books look lovely. Well done Jeremiah!
Y5OH	Brooke for having such a positive attitude to her work this week and has thoroughly enjoyed her learning.	Maisie who has blown me away at our violin lessons. She is showing great potential!
Y5OK	Lydia for always having a positive attitude towards her learning. She always works really hard and does her best in every lesson.	Alex for writing a fantastic adventure narrative, which included different Alan Peat sentences, some higher level punctuation and was written with beautiful handwriting.
Y5H	Jayden for such a great performance during a basketball game in our PE and being a role model to everyone in class.	Ethan for really trying extra hard this week to improve his presentation and trying really hard in maths.
Y6F	Vinny J for being a brilliant pupil this week and trying his hardest in everything	Ayla Rose for her wonderful story writing, I can't wait to read the finished story!
Y6H	Lewis Guerin for always being helpful to staff and other pupils, and having lovely manners.	Daniel Edwards for trying really hard in his maths, and improving lesson by lesson.
Y6S		

Headteacher's Awards:

Murtuda in RM for trying so hard to write his name.

Ella in 1D for working so hard on matching numbers.

Laura in 3M for great research on significant people connected to Black History.

Zach in 4RW for coming into school every day with a big smile on his face.

Attendance

Covid 19

Although many Covid restrictions have been lifted in school, we are still following the Covid guidelines set by the government. **We have had several positive Covid cases across school this week**, so we need to be extra vigilant. If your child develops a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or their sense of smell or taste changes, they need to take a PCR test. Your child only has to be displaying one of the three symptoms. They should not be sent into school until they have a negative PCR test or they have completed their isolation period. Children will still be sent home from school if they are displaying any of these symptoms.

We will send you a 'Warn and Inform' letter should someone in your child's class test positive for Covid. If somebody in your family tests positive for Covid, we encourage all family members to take a PCR test. Track and trace will notify any close contacts who may need to isolate. We want to continue to keep our school community as safe as possible. Thank you for your cooperation during these times.

Support

As a school we are here to support your child academically, spiritually and emotionally. If you are in need of any support, any support at all - this could be food or clothing – you must contact us at school. We may be able to help you and will not make judgements. If we cannot help you, we know of many agencies that can offer support including our own church. Please contact Mrs Sylvester for a discrete conversation if you require support.

Safety

Please ensure that when you are bringing your child to school in the morning or collecting them in the evening, that you **access the school premises via the front playground**. Do NOT walk down the drive. Cars enter and leave school throughout these times and we want to keep all our children safe. We do not want children to think that it is safe to walk down roads when there is a safer alternative.

Our Lady's High School

Please ensure that you apply for Our Lady's High School if you require a place for your Year 6 child next year. The deadline date is the 31st October. Our Lady's currently have over one hundred children on the waiting list for their current Year 7.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 25th – Monday 2nd November half term

Tuesday 2nd November – Mass for All Saints and All Souls 9.15am

Science ambassadors' trip to Chester Zoo.

Monday 15th November – Odd Socks Day (Anti-Bullying Week)

Tuesday 30th November – Year 1 Eureka Trip

We are closed for half term next week and the following Monday. School re-opens on **Tuesday 2nd November.**

Thank you for all your support this half-term. I hope that you enjoy the break and that you get the opportunity to spend some time with your family and friends.

Take care,

Mrs Howe.