



Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God

Your Tuesday News 5th February 2019

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship and Children's Mental Health Week 2019

On Saturday 2nd February, the church celebrated the Feast Day of the Presentation of Our Lord, otherwise known as Candlemas Day. This significant day is the last day of Christmastide and to signify this, we have now changed the cloth on our main worship table in the small hall from white and gold to green, for Ordinary Time.

As this week is Children's Mental Health Week, our worship centred around this. We discussed the different ways in which we keep our bodies healthy. Suggestions from the children included the food we eat, exercise, water and sleep. We discussed how all of these things keep our bodies healthy but they also keep our minds healthy too. The theme of this year's awareness week is 'Healthy: Inside and Out', so we talked about how our bodies feel when we experience different emotions such as anger or happiness. In an effort to promote healthy minds as well as healthy bodies, every day this week, the children will come together either as a whole school or as a class, to practice just 5 minutes of meditation, sometimes known as 'mindfulness'. We will be using some child-friendly meditations from Go Noodle, which can be found at the following website address: <https://app.gonoodle.com/categories> under 'mindfulness', if you would like to use any of these at home. In addition to this, every class in school is creating their own feelings board. The idea is that at any time in the day, children can put their name or their photo onto an emotion that they are feeling at the time as a way of communicating this to the adults that work in their classroom. The adults can then find an appropriate and discreet time to speak to the child and hopefully help them to find a way to feel better. We hope the children will benefit from these activities we are running this week and find some ideas to help them keep a healthy mind in the future. Thank you to Rachel Parker from Catholic Care for supporting us in planning this week.



We ended our worship by reading a passage from the Book of Isaiah which reminds us of how God sent his son Jesus as a gift to bring us peace. We set our mission for the week which is to find peace through meditating every day.



Thank you to Year 4, who last week led us in a beautiful worship all about Forest School. The children shared their own poems on Forest School and it was lovely to hear how much they are getting out of their sessions each week. The words 'freedom' and 'happiness' were popular throughout the worship and the rest of the school shared their very positive feedback too.

Last week, Year 3 enjoyed leading the readings and hymns at their class mass along with the rest of the parishioners at church. Tomorrow Y4 will be celebrating their Class Mass in Church at 9.30 am. As always parents/carers are welcome to join them.

This Thursday 7th Feb, Year 3 will be leading the school in their class worship at 9.00 am. All Y3 parents/carers are invited to join us. God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Our attendance champions for last week are Year 5. Last week was a bad week for attendance, overall we failed to reach our target, let's see if we can pick this up.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 22.1.19.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	96.00	95.89
Year 1	96.45	96.17
Year 2	96.67	97.28
Year 3	96.43	97.33
Year 4	98.39	97.25
Year 5	98.71	97.72
Year 6	96.30	97.55
Average	96.99%	97.02%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our Merit Winners last week: Eliza Miah, Annabel Daly, Eve Taylor, Isabelle Saunders, Jaden Whittingham, Caleb Hemmans, Ryley Shaw and George Cunningham.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was present to Noel Mullarkey for amazing scores on spelling shed and for being an all round great pupil. Thank you and well done.

The Big Cat Merit went to Emma Thomas for her guided reading work – especially answering questions about the text.

Our TT Rockstars superstar last week was Samuel Hawker.

Thank you and well done to our Year 6 children who performed a brilliant rendition of their chosen poem, 'The Bone Yard Rap'. The children are really growing in confidence and it was joy to watch!

On Friday, 15th February, Year 1 will be performing their chosen poem at the beginning of Merit Worship as part of our performance poetry programme. As always, Year 1 parents/Carers are warmly invited to come and watch this performance at 8:55am in the large hall.

Last Friday 8 Year 3 & 4 children, Cora, Pippa, Lucas, Joshua, Elizabeth, Pheobe, Noel and Joshua participated in a 'healthy eating, healthy lifestyle' workshop at Holybrook Primary School run by Sports UK to promote healthy eating and exercise. Well done to Pippa and Joshua for earning the Sportsmanship Award for their year group.

Grace competed in the National Dance Class Championships on Sunday. She was a ballet finalist and came 4th out of 50 dancers! Also Grace attended her dance company's annual awards on Saturday and was presented with one of only four scholarships awarded for excellence that evening. Well done Grace.



Year 6 parents, please note: Next week, Maths Club will take place on Monday 11th February instead of Tuesday 12th February.

Last week, as part of our Other Faith curriculum, Year 6 visited the Madni Jamia Masjid mosque in Bradford. We were shown the Wudu washing ritual which Muslims carry out to prepare them for prayer and we were given a tour of a Madrassa classroom and the prayer hall. We learned about the 5 daily prayers and the 5 Pillars of Islam. We were allowed to try on some traditional Muslim prayer garments and to hold some prayer beads. Our guide helped us to understand the many similarities between Islam and Christianity.





Last week, Year 1 and Year 2 were treated to a visit from Mr Bullock's pet rats! The children had all planned questions to ask Mr Bullock and wrote notes on his responses, all in preparation for writing their non-chronological reports all about rats. We can't wait to read them!

Calling all Y2, Y3, Y4 parents/carers!

There are a large number of books that have not been returned to Eccleshill Library from one of the many library visits the children have gone on. Eccleshill Library have given us a long list of book titles which have been taken out on our school library card and not been returned. We ask you to please take a good look at home for any books you may have with the Eccleshill Library stamp inside them and return them to school as soon as possible. There will be no fine or consequence for this - the library just want them back! Thank you for your support.



Thank you to all families who joined EYFS for their **'Stay, Play and Learn'** sessions. The children had lots of fun playing with dinosaurs, building and making cups of tea. Thank you and see you soon next half term.



Our Minnie Vinnies group are collecting for the SVP. They are filling shoe boxes for the elderly. They ask if you could kindly donate things they can use. Items such as hats, scarves, gloves, tea, coffee, tinned food, biscuits, chocolate and adult colouring books and anything you think could be useful for the many people they are helping. Thank you.

Sacrament dates (for further information contact Fr. Jackson at Church)

First Reconciliation (Year 3 or above)

- Session 1 – 12th February
- Session 2 – 26th February
- Session 3 – 5th March
- Session 4 – 19th March
- First Reconciliation Tuesday 2nd April

First Holy Communion (Year 4 or above)

- Session 1 – 12th March
- Session 2 – 26th March
- Session 3 – 9th April
- Session 4 – 30th April
- Session 5 and rehearsal – 7th May
- First Holy Communion – Sunday 12th May

All sessions must be attended and are on a Tuesday at 6.00 pm in Church.

Today is **Safer Internet Day**. This morning, we came together at worship where we looked at how important it is to make good choices when using the internet and to not share our personal information with anyone online. KS2 children also discussed how consent and permission work in an online context and how important it is to have permission from others when posting photos and videos online.



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Over the past few months, we have tried to address concerns around children using the internet safely. In particular, we have tried to raise parental awareness around apps such as TikTok. On this Safer Internet Day, please find below some important parental guidance on the ever popular game 'Fortnite'. To see a clearer image please follow this link: <https://www.besa.org.uk/news/what-schools-need-to-know-about-fortnite-battle-royale/>



FORTNITE BATTLE ROYALE

'Fortnite - Battle Royale' is a free to play section of the game 'Fortnite'. The game sees 100 players dropped on to an island from a 'battle bus' where they have to compete until one survivor remains. The last remaining player on the island wins the game. Players have to find items hidden around the island, such as weapons, to help them survive longer in the game. To make the game harder, there is an added twist called 'the storm', which reduces the size of the island from the start of gameplay, making the players closer together in proximity. The game is available on PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Mac and iOS.



AGE RESTRICTION 12+









What parents need to know about FORTNITE: BATTLE ROYALE

MICROTRANSACTIONS

New featured items are released daily and are only available to purchase within 24 hours of their release. These are cosmetic items, called 'skins', 'gliders' and 'emotes', which change the look of the characters but do not improve the game play. Once purchased, the player has full use of these in the future. The designs are made admirable for players to purchase and even celebrities are endorsing them. Also available to purchase in the game is a 'Battle Pass'. When a new 'Battle Pass' is released, users can play a series of challenges to receive more rewards (cosmetics) by progressing through different tiers. Whatever rewards they achieve can then be used in the game.

HACKER ATTACKS

News site Forbes said it had seen "dozens" of reports online by people who said their accounts had been compromised by hackers. Hackers gained access to users accounts in the game and spent hundreds of pounds in fraudulent charges.

NO PROOF OF AGE REQUIRED

Signing up to the game is relatively simple. Users have the option to log in with their Facebook or Google accounts or their email address. When signing up with an email address, there is no proof of age required. If your child is under the age of 12, it is important to check if your child has the game downloaded.

IT CAN BE ADDICTIVE

Games can last around 20 minutes but this varies with each game. Children may feel angry if they lose the game and continue to play until they achieve the result they want. The competitive nature of the game may make it difficult for children to stop playing halfway through as it could affect their position in the game.

TALKING TO STRANGERS DURING SQUAD MODE

Interacting with other players in the game is part of the fun as players can communicate with their friends and other players in the game. Players will benefit from wearing headphones in the game to hear footsteps from other players trying to compromise their game. Wearing headphones makes it difficult for parents to hear what exactly is being said and children may be exposed to inappropriate language. Fortnite includes really good reporting features for players either cheating or misbehaving, and work towards having one of the best online gaming communities.

SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS

There are many accounts on Facebook and Twitter which claim to give away free money (known as 'V bucks') for games which will be transferred to their Xbox Live or PSN cards. Any giveaway promotion from Fortnite will be in game. It is important to check the authenticity of these accounts before giving away personal information in order to claim 'v bucks'. The websites or accounts may ask you to share your account name and password in order to claim the money; if these offers seem too good to be true, they usually are.

IT CAN BE PLAYED ON THE GO

The game was released on mobile in April 2018 meaning it can be played without a games console at home. Some schools have reported that the game is distracting their students whilst in the classroom. As the game is available outside of the home, parents may not be aware of how long their child is on the game.

'FREE' TO PLAY

The game is free to play. However, if playing on Xbox, you will need an Xbox gold subscription to play the game which is chargeable.

WEAPONS AND VIOLENCE

PEGI has given the game a rating of 12+. Even though the game includes violence and weapons such as crossbows, grenade launchers, rifles, pistols, shotguns and more, PEGI say "more graphic and realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters is allowed. Any violence towards human characters must look unrealistic unless it consists of only minor or trivial injury such as a slap"; making the game 'suitable' for children aged 12 and over.