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

Your Tuesday News 12th March 2019

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

This Sunday's Gospel reading was about the time Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness and was tempted three times. We began by exploring the idea of temptation - having to resist something in the short term for a longer-term goal - through watching children undertaking the Marshmallow Test for Stanford University. We discussed how difficult this must have been for Jesus after 40 days of fasting and then many children shared their experience so far of fasting from certain foods and drink during Lent. We reflected on the fact that even though resisting temptation is difficult. During Lent we become strengthened as we grow closer to God by focusing on the three phrases that Jesus used to deny the tempter, in particular "No-one can live on bread alone", "You must worship the Lord your God and Serve Him only" and "You must not put the Lord your God to the test". We ended by setting our mission, which this week is to keep our class Lenten promises, which we hung on the willow tree in the small hall.



We are holding Lenten prayers in the small hall at 8:30am each Thursday throughout Lent. In these short 10 minute sessions, we will follow two or three of the Stations of the Cross. Please do join us if you can.

This Lent, we are supporting the Good Shepherd Appeal, which is run by Catholic Care who help so many of our children and families. Each week there will be a different fundraising activity organised by our School Council. This Friday, 15th March, the School Council invites everyone to come to school either with wacky hair or wearing a wig. For this privilege, we ask children to bring in a donation - however small or big to go towards the Good Shepherd Appeal. We can't wait to see all the crazy hair dos!

Last Thursday, children in Reception Class led their parents/carers, families and their Year 6 buddies in a beautiful worship all about friendship and their love of books. It was a joy to see how much they have grown in confidence since they first started with us in September.

Our Mini Vinnies have been working hard on preparing some short worships to share with the different classes each week during Lent. This Friday, they will lead a worship with our Foundation Stage classes.



Music News

Music in March is well underway! We met Liz Carter, an actress currently performing in the fantastic tour of Rain Man. The children had some very interesting questions lined up for her. This week, Mrs Duckworth will lead a whole school active music session on Tuesday.

On Thursday evening, 30 of our choir members will open the Telegraph and Argus Teacher Awards by singing Viva la Vida by Coldplay. It is an honour to be chosen to do this and we are really looking forward to be opening the event and know the children will be an asset to our school. Good luck



Stay play and Learn

Thank you to all the families who could support FS2 with their first class worship. The children had worked very hard and loved the opportunity to share their gifts and talents with you.
Stay, play and learn was a great success and all staff would like to thank everyone for coming along.





Chatterbox Corner was very busy this week with a feathered visitor! Ava-Grace's mummy brought in a baby pigeon and everyone was keen to meet it and ask questions to find out more.

If anyone would like to share a hobby or an interest with EYFS please talk to us. Thank you.



Thank you to all our parents/carers and children for making such an effort on **World Book Day** last week. The costumes were fantastic and it was lovely to see so many children in pyjamas sharing their favourite bedtime stories. The children



thoroughly enjoyed swapping their teacher for a reading session and it appears the teachers did too! Please continue to encourage a love of books with your children; it is wonderful to see so many children getting excited about reading.



As you are aware, we continue to stock our library with as many good quality books for all ages. Recently, we have subscribed to First News which produces newspapers for children. These newspapers are available for children to borrow in school and gives them an opportunity to read about topical issues as well as do crosswords and other activities. Mrs Gallucci and the Year 5 librarians are always at hand to offer help and guidance to the children when choosing a book/newspaper at lunchtimes. Mrs Horne has also set up a section of the library for Maths games to be borrowed. Parents/carers should have received a separate letter with all the details of this. Please continue to encourage your child to borrow books, newspapers, games from the library during their lunchtime allocated slot.



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Here are After School Children with their Eiffel Tower they built during French Week.



If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils, please ask to speak to Mr Copley, Mrs Haines, Miss Burgess or Mrs Laptew