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

Your Tuesday News 28th January 2020

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

Yesterday in worship we discussed the idea of a community. We noticed the word 'unity' within it and we learned that this meant being together. We listened to the Gospel reading when Jesus calls his disciples to stop being fishermen and follow Him to become 'fishers of men'. This showed Jesus building a community where everyone works together to spread the Good News about God. We then talked about the different communities we all belong to, in particular our school community. We agreed that in order for our school community to be a success and be a peaceful place, we all need to work together as a team - just like Jesus' disciples did. We ended by praying together and setting our mission of the week: to make good choices to make our school community happy.



Well done and thank you to Year 2 who led us in their beautiful class worship last Thursday. The worship centred around the story of the ten lepers who Jesus healed but only one said thank you. The children helped us to reflect on the importance of saying thank you and shared some beautiful handwritten notes they had prepared to say thank you to some special people in their lives. Well done all!

Come Dine With Me



Thank you to all the FS2 parents/carers and families who came along to our very first 'Come Dine With Me' event last Wednesday. The adults observed a phonics session before accompanying their children into the dinner hall to sit and have lunch together. It was a great turnout and both adults and children alike seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves and the good food! Thank you very much for coming along and also for your constructive feedback.

Our next 'Come Dine With Me' event will be for our Year 1 children and will take place on Wednesday 5th February. A letter with all the details will be coming home today.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Foundation Stage 2 are our attendance champions last week with 99% attendance. Well done.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 24.01.20.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	99.00	95.89
Year 1	97.17	96.40
Year 2	98.06	96.77
Year 3	98.39	97.23
Year 4	94.63	95.90
Year 5	97.90	97.07
Year 6	93.87	94.15
Average	97.00%	96.20%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our Merit Winners last week: Phoebe Morrell, Oscar Lightfoot, Jack Berry, Lucas Harrison, Ashton Haigh-Greaves, Caleb Hemmans and Ella Horan.

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was presented to Noel Mullarkey for being an outstanding pupil who works hard, takes on advice and applies it to his learning. What a star.

The Big Cat Reading Award was presented to Madeleine Newill.

Our Mathstronaut last week was Lewis Gaffey

Another achievement for Lily-May tonight, she now has her half blue belt in kick boxing. Well done Lily-May!



Finally last Friday, the big countdown came to an end and our new reward theme was launched at Merit Worship. Under the theme of 'Mythical Creatures', the children will be collecting rune stones (5 points), gold coins (10 points) and precious gem stones (20 points) by displaying good behaviour and attitudes around school. Our team names are as follows:

FS1's Flying High Zogs
Robson's Resilient Rainbirds
White's Wicked Werewolves
Jenning's Jubilant Jabberwockys

Whitley's Whopping Great Gruffalos
Martin's Mighty Minotaurs
McDermott's Magical Merpeople
Dearden's Dangerous Dragons

We hope all the classes enjoy working together as a team to collect their mythical items each week. Good luck everyone!

1.		Rhys Leak	Year 3 2019/20
2.		Finley Carroll	Year 5 2019/20
3.		Reuben Armitage	Year 6 2019/20



1.	Year 3 2019/20	78,912,575
2.	Year 6 2019/20	51,495,656
3.	Year 5 2019/20	42,608,988
4.	Year 1 2019/20	11,077,248
5.	Year 4 2019/20	10,285,649
6.	Year 2 2019/20	9,639,592
7.	FS2 2019/20	216,002

Blessed Christopher Wharton Catholic Academy Trust - A Diocesan Family of Schools

A letter has been sent out to everyone regarding our school joining the above Trust. If you have any questions or concerns then please come and join us to find out more about what converting to the academy means on any of the dates and times below:



Meeting Date and Time	Meeting Venue
Tuesday 28 th January 2020 2.30 pm & 5.30 pm	St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs Catholic Primary School Scotchman Road, Bradford, BD9 5AT
Thursday 30 th January 2020 2.30 pm & 5.30 pm	St Francis Catholic Primary School Myers Lane, Bradford, BD2 4ES

If you are unable to attend one of these meetings, we will answer any questions you may have. Please either write to Mr Copley c/o St Francis Catholic Primary School, Myers Lane, Bradford BD2 4ES or email consultation@bcwcat.co.uk – please ensure you indicate you are associated with St Francis.

RSPB #BigGardenBirdwatch

Well done to all those who watched birds last weekend. It is now time to send your completed survey's into school. The RSPB rely on these survey's to detail the population of our garden birds nationally. Every survey counts.



Year 4 Birdwatching



Foundation Stage making fat balls with pine cones for the birds



Year 2 SATs

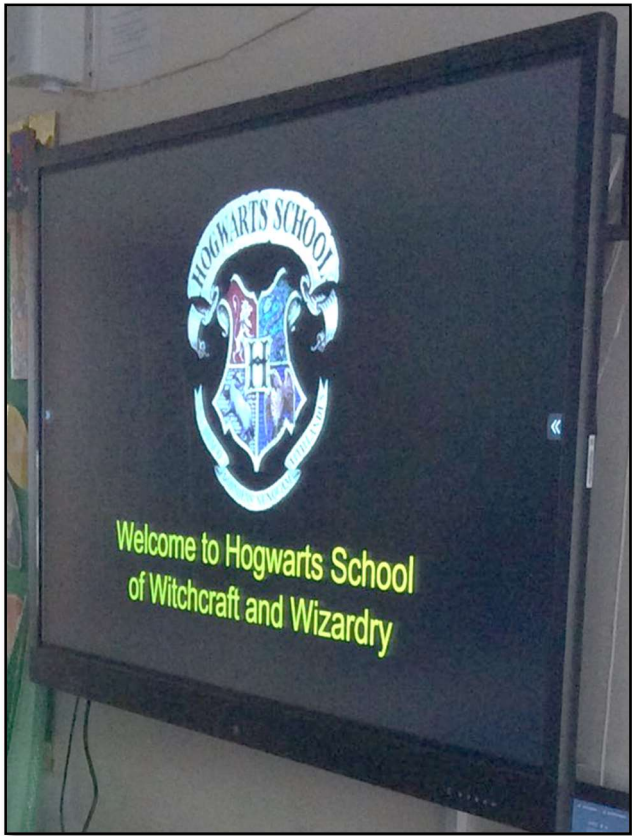
Thank you to everyone who attended the Y2 SATS information meetings last Tuesday. We had about 50% of our parents/carers attend. We hope you found it useful and informative.

Y6 Writing Club

Please note there will be no Y6 Writing Club tonight or on Tuesday 11th February.

Bolton Road Crossing

If you park on or use Bolton Road to drop off and pick up your children, please could you be extra careful when driving. There have been two incidents recently where the crossing lady has been exposed to dangerous driving, on one occasion she was actually clipped by a car. Please be aware of our children's safety and also of the people who help our children.



Your child may have been telling you about the new interactive boards we have had installed in all classrooms. These are the latest classroom technology and can be used interactively by children. We could not have had these boards installed if it wasn't for the contribution parents make to the School Development Fund. We have had to pay 10% of the costs of the boards and installation which is

what the School Development Fund is for. All children in school will benefit from this new technology. It will make lessons much more fun and interactive.

If you would like to make a donation to the Development Fund or set up a standing order you can do so. You can pay cash/cheque at the office or via Parent Pay. If you need any further information please ask at the office. We would like to thank all our parents who regularly contribute to the Fund through Standing Orders and Parent Pay, without these donations we would not be able to improve the learning environment in school for our children.

Y1/2 Parent and Child Writing Workshops

Unfortunately, we have had to delay the Y1/2 Writing Workshops. Please note that these will NOT take place on Thursday 30th January as previously advertised. They will now take place on **Thursday 6th February at either 3:30pm or 5:30pm**. Online booking will be available for these and details of how to book on will be given very soon.

Y5/6 Parent and Child Math Workshops

After the successful Foundation Stage Maths Workshops, we are now rolling out the Workshops to Years 5 and 6. Like at the Writing Workshops, there is opportunity to find out more about the curriculum and there will be chance to work alongside your child on some fluency activities. As a result of feedback from the parent consultation survey, the workshops are at the most popular times of 3.30 and 5.30 pm on Monday 3rd February. Please book online and we look forward to seeing you there.

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, Miss Martin or Mrs Laptew