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

Your Tuesday News 19th May 2020

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

Our worship yesterday began with thinking about what our favourite thing in the world is. We shared some items which the staff couldn't live without and then thought about how we would feel if we ever lost these items from our lives. We linked this to how the disciples felt when Jesus died on the cross, then how these feelings changed once he rose again and then the deep sadness and loss they must have felt all over again when he ascended into heaven to be with God. We shared John's Gospel together when Jesus said the important words 'I will never leave you'. These words are particularly significant in the Covid 19 crisis, particularly in light of the song that is being

played regularly at the moment - 'You'll Never Walk Alone'. Jesus is always with us, even when we can't see him. We ended by praying together and setting our mission of the week: to share what our favourite things are with Mrs Haines through the home learning account or google classroom. Please encourage your child to do this.



God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

Update on Schools During the Covid 19 Pandemic

Thank you all very much for your patience on waiting for more details on schools possibly opening to more children. In the background, many meetings and discussions have been taking place within our own staff and leadership team as well as across the Blessed Christopher Wharton Trust and the Catholic Schools Partnership. As you can imagine, this is an extremely important and complex process to plan, which must have the children's and staff's health and safety at the centre. We will share more information with you in a letter before the end of this week. In the meantime, please bear with us. We know that you are all dealing with various different personal circumstances and we know that arrangements around school impact these. Thank you for your continued support in these unprecedented times.

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

End of Term VIRTUAL Disco!

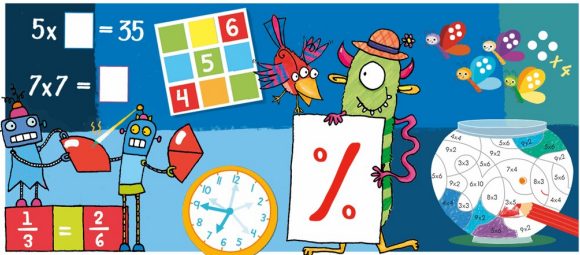


This Friday, 22nd May, we will break up for our Spring Bank holiday. As an end of term celebration, we would like to invite you all to our end of term VIRTUAL disco which will be posted on our youtube channel at 4:30pm on Friday afternoon. We would love you all to get dressed up in your best disco clothes and get ready to party with us! We all know that the St Francis staff have brilliant taste in music (!!)

but we would love you - the amazing children off St Francis - to be in charge of the music, so we are inviting you to send in all your song requests to the home learning email account (homelearning@stfrancisbrad.co.uk) by 4pm tomorrow (20th May) at the very latest. We will try our very best to make sure your song is played at some point in the disco. So get your gladrags on and see you at the St Francis End of Term Disco, this Friday, 4:30pm - 5:30pm!!

Maths Update

Despite school being closed for most children at the moment, there are still lots of great Maths things happening. Here is a quick update:



Last Wednesday was National Numeracy Day which this year under the current circumstance was entirely digital. There were lots of videos and activities for children and parents. You can still access the videos from the event on the National Numeracy Website: <https://numeracyday.com/> . There is a great guide on our Twitter page (@stfrancisbrad) about boosting confidence in Maths, and Lauren Child reading some of Charlie and Lola. Also on Wednesday we ran a quick 4 riddle quiz via Twitter – well done to Rose, Cullen & Ryley, Imogen for their super answers. Anybody else wanting to have a go here are the riddles:

- 1. When Lisa was 6, her sister Lucy was half her age. How old will Lucy be if Lisa is 40?
- 2. What’s the easiest way to double your money? (This involves a piece of Maths equipment)
- 3. Tom was asked to paint the number of plates on 100 apartments which means he will have to paint numbers 1 through 100. Can you figure out the number of times he will have to paint the number 8?
- 4. There is a three digit number. The second digit is four times as big as the third digit, while the first digit is three less than the second digit. What is the number?

Now on the school website, under learning, knowledge rich curriculum subject and Maths are the knowledge organisers for each year group for all year, alongside an end of year quiz. Normally these are sent home prior to the new term, and once we return to school this will recommence.

<https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/learning/knowledge-rich/maths-1>

Finally, last Friday saw the launch of a new Number bonds competition open to all children. All you need to do is play 10 games that have been set by Miss Burgess on Maths Shed for a shout out next week. Quick number bond recall are key for so much of our daily lives and most of the Maths curriculum. Any FS children who don’t have a log in – simply email home learning for details.

Staff update

This week we officially welcome back Mrs Duckworth to the St Francis team after her maternity leave. We are very much looking forward to working with her again!

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our virtual Merit Winners last week:

FS1: Esther Newill for her super-duper effort in phonics! Esther has been trying incredibly hard to complete all of her phonics challenges and games; I know from her photographs that the hard work is really paying off! Keep this up Esther!

FS2: Ethan Bolland for being Froggy fabulous and Tadpole-tastic ! Ethan has explored lots of activities to learn about these creatures. We have been super impressed.

Year 1: Layla Waugh for a fantastic lighthouse and retelling of the story 'A Lighthouse Keepers Lunch!'
Mahrahaza Khan a fantastic lighthouse and retelling of the story 'A Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. It even has a real light at the top!

Year 2: Natasha Feszler for her wonderful conscientious attitude towards her learning. Natasha is very hard working and completes her tasks with the utmost diligence.

Year 3: Theo Lancaster for continuously producing outstanding work and making his positive attitude infectious to all.

Year 4: Olivia Wilson for giving 100% with everything she is asked to do. I have loved seeing all of the work you have been doing Olivia.

Year 5: Gracie-Mae Barron for her excellent work effort! Gracie- Mae has been working extremely hard. Her writing has been Wow! I'm very impressed.
Tobias Donohue for his excellent home learning skills at home. Tobias has shown excellent spirit during this unusual time and never gives up! Super work!

Year 6: Ryley Shaw for being so consistent in his home learning work and completing so many additional, creative tasks at home. Keep up the good work Ryley!

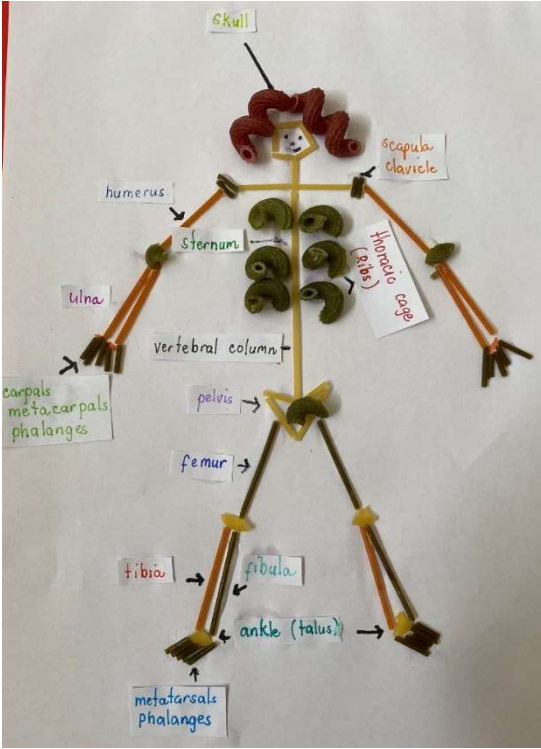
Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was presented to Pippa and Orla Hudson for working just as diligently at home as when they are in school. The amount of work and quality of it is AMAZING!

Big Cat Merit Award for reading: Well done to Nylah Doherty and Ava Rebelo in Year 1 for superb reading at home this week. Keep it up!

Imogen Bakes for her brilliant reading of The Witches by Roald Dahl, she read it so fluently and with amazing accuracy.

Miss Burgess' Maths Award: Matteo Honey for some fantastic practical maths. He has been up to all sorts this week.

Finally to finish off with, some more of your fantastic home learning posted on our Twitter feed.



Some excellent work on the human body by Year 3



Some superb WWII artwork from Year 6



This week Year 4 have started to look at a brand new book in their English lessons -The Tin Forest by Helen Ward. On Monday they were challenged to make predictions about the book and make their own tin forests. Here are some excellent examples



Answer:
I think it is about a crow and a rose. The crow lives in a metal forest and the only thing that grows is this one red rose, the crows job is to protect it from other mechanical animals.