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

Your Tuesday News 9th March 2021

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

WELCOME BACK!

What an absolute pleasure it was to see all of our children, but particularly our home learners, come flooding through the doors yesterday with such big smiles on their faces. It really is fantastic to have the whole school community back under one roof again. Despite the fact that all the restrictions and protective measures are still very much in place, we still managed to come together 'virtually' in worship yesterday, where the children really engaged in some deep thinking.

Worship

Continuing on our Lenten journey of 'A New Way Forward', yesterday we reflected on the time when Jesus drove the people out of the temple. We discussed how it is very rare that we see Jesus angry in any of the accounts in the Bible, so what was happening must have been extremely serious. We agreed that making money, cheating people and bringing animals into the temple were not what should have been happening in God's house. Jesus knew the temple needed to be respected and cared for, therefore he 'cleaned it' of the mess and destruction. Jesus' message to the people was that this was not the right way to worship His father. We prayed together and set our mission for the week: to help people to worship by carefully making the sign of the cross as a good example to others.



Tomorrow, in our virtues to live by worship, we will focus on the virtue of being COURTEOUS.

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Lenten Fundraising

The Student Council in association with the PFA are continuing to work hard organising covid compliant fundraising ideas for each Friday during Lent. Thank you to all the children for their contributions so far of guessing how many sweets are in the jar, which was launched last Friday. This competition will be open right up until we break up for Easter, so please keep the £££s coming and keeeeeeeep guessing!!!

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in our World Book Day last Thursday. It really was wonderful to see the effort the children (and parents!!) had gone to and how well they all engaged whether they were at home or at school. A particularly big well done goes out to all the children who sent in videos of themselves as 'masked readers'. We were bowled over by the response and the efforts that the children had gone to. All of them have earned themselves a special certificate and some sweets. It was a very popular event - one which I think many of you enjoyed. Well done to the children who scored 40 points in guessing the characters and the authors. Keeeeeeeep reading!



This coming Friday, the Student Council is leading a sponsored walk/run around the school grounds. Children are invited to come to school already in PE kits (or Forest School clothing for Year 4). Again, we are asking donations to be made through Parent Pay as a fundraising donation or by bringing the cash into school. The proceeds each week will be split between the PFA (which will then go directly back into school)

Wednesday 31st March (last day of term) - Decorate an egg competition to be completed at home and brought into school.

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It's a very different set of circumstances that we find ourselves in but despite these challenges we hope to celebrate science and its role this week.



This year's theme is 'Innovating for the Future', and with the latest space mission to Mars there is no end to the excitement and inspiration.

As well as class work there is a national poster competition to enter with prizes awarded to winning schools. Go to: <https://www.britishschoolscience.org/> for further details on how to enter.

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

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Our Merit Winners last week: Grace Murphy, Alyssa Brown, Mila Hunter, Anabell Daly, Kaitlen-Rose Horan, Jake Boyle, Francis Adakpa, Kayl Walker and Noel Mullarkey. Well done to all.

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: The Newill family for being total Home Learning Heroes! The whole family's positivity and diligence throughout lockdown has been super impressive. Well done all of you and thank you.




Big Cat Reading Award: Esme Taylor for superb reading in school and at home. A great effort with her phonics and this is helping progress in reading.

George Kane: for superb reading in school this week. He is like a Ninja!! He has developed such a love of reading and an interest in books.

Maths Award: Ayava Cyprien for excellent work on decimals. She is starting to be more confident and trusting in her own abilities, which is a delight to see.

Well done to everybody. You are all Super Stars!!

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#	Avatar	Pupil	Groups
1.		Rhys Leak	Year 4 2020-21
2.		Connie Shackler	Year 4 2020-21
3.		Lily-May Cousins	Year 4 2020-21



#	Group	Score
1.	Year 4 2020-21	149,884,998
2.	Year 5 2020-21	28,877,244
3.	Year 6 2020-21	23,854,953
4.	Year 1 2020-21	15,944,304
5.	Year 3 2020-21	15,462,482
6.	Year 2 2020-21	11,446,072
7.	ES2 2020-21	70,634

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Foundation Stage

A reminder that PE for FS2 is on Friday. Can children come to school in their PE kits on Fridays.
Thank you.

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School Milk



Once a child reaches their 5th birthday they are no longer eligible for free school milk. If parents wish their child(ren) to have school milk then you can order and pay for it online directly through our milk suppliers. Please go to www.schoolmilkuk.co.uk

Here you can register and pay for the school milk. Please note that it can take a few days for the process to complete so milk is not delivered to your child the next day.

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