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

Your Tuesday News 20th April 2021 'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

When I see my friends, I see Jesus inside each one of them.

Worship

Yesterday, we reflected on Sunday's Gospel reading which was another occasion after Jesus had risen from the dead when the disciples did not recognise him straight away. We discussed together whether or not we would recognise Jesus if we

saw Him walking down the street. The children shared some lovely thoughts

together. Most thought they would recognise Jesus as they thought he may be surrounded in light or he may be dressed in a robe. We explored the fact that we, as disciples of Jesus, are asked to recognise Him in our everyday lives. When the children were asked how they recognise Jesus, they shared some very thoughtful and encouraging answers that can be seen in the speech bubbles.

When I learn about inspirational people, like Martin Luther King

When I watch the sunrise

As you can see, there was some real deep thinking going on in Worship

yesterday! We are really proud of our children. We ended by praying together and setting our mission of

the week:

To look for Jesus in our everyday lives.

When someone is kind to me, I see
Jesus

When I pray



In our virtues worship this week, we will continue to explore the virtue of being TRUSTWORTHY by looking at the life of Harriet Tubman and how she is a good example of being trustworthy.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well Done Year 5 on 100% attendance last week. A special mention to Years 3 and 4 who are not far behind with over 99%.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b: 12.04.21.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	95.33	95.79
Year 1	95.86.	<mark>97.87</mark>
Year 2	94.67	96.28
Year 3	99.33	95.05
Year 4	<mark>99.68</mark>	<mark>97.68</mark>
Year 5	100.00	95.66
Year 6	97.24	95.75
Average	97.44%	96.29%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Last week's merit winners: Eva Upton, Jacob Artist, Kaleb Parker, Lincoln Stanley, Joseph Symons, Pippa Hudson and Tobias Donohue.

Collins Big Cat Merit: Amelia McCullen for being an 'always' child. Amelia 'always' reads at home with a grown up, 'always' has her reading record signed and 'always' has her book in school ready to be changed. Because of this Amelia has made fantastic progress with her reading this year.

Maths Award: Bobby Jones for working very hard to practise his number bonds on Math Shed this week.

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award goes to Head Librarian Cora Mullarkey and all the Librarians: Spencer Devine, Olivia Wilson, Evie Pickard, Charlie Thomas and Pippa Hudson. You are all outstanding librarians and show real enthusiasm and diligence in your role. You make a great Contribution to the reading culture of our school.

Thank you and well done to everyone who has achieved a merit last week.

Top Spellers				
#	Avatar	Pupil	Groups	
1.		Rhys Leak	Year 4 2020-21	
2.		Scarlett Zaborowski	Year 6 2020-21	
3.		Lily-May Cousins	Year 4 2020-21	



Top Spelling Groups				
#	Group	Score		
1.	Year 6 2020-21	69,736,269		
2.	Year 4 2020-21	66,651,618		
3.	Year 3 2020-21	19,368,367		
4.	Year 1 2020-21	14,077,771		
5.	Year 5 2020-21	13,466,846		
6.	Year 2 2020-21	8,760,961		
7.	FS2 2020-21	221,512		

Book Sale Update

A huge thank you to our Year 5 librarians and Mrs Gallucci for their hard work and enthusiasm in 'selling off' some of our books which we no longer needed last week. We made a fantastic £88 which will go towards replenishing our stock of quality texts. Thank you to all of our parents/carers for your sheer generosity in making donations. It is greatly appreciated. Yesterday, the librarians selected approximately 60 new books from Lindley's Children's Bookshop in Huddersfield where we spent our £300 grant from the Siobhan Dowd



Trust plus the money made in donations last week. We can't wait to receive them, register them on our library and get them on the shelves of our revamped library ready for children to read!

Here is a reminder of our new monitoring system for loaned library books:



- All children take out a library book for up to 3 WEEKS
- •FS and KS1 children take out a library book in addition to their phonics/Big Cat book
- KS2 take out a library book (of any level) in addition to their Accelerated Reader book (must be the colour they are currently on)



- After 3 weeks, if the book has not been returned, children will receive a reminder letter.
- Children will then have 1 more week to return the book.



- •£1 fine if book is still not returned.
- £5 fine for a lost book.
- All fine money will go towards new quality texts to support our Guided Reading lessons and towards new up to date library books.

Year 1 Seaside Day



Year 1 had a brilliant day on Friday during our Seaside Hook Day. It was linked to our new geography topic. We had a great time taking photos in the funny photo booth, playing hook a duck and playing hoopla! We also had popcorn treats and a candy floss ice cream! We took home our rainbow rock sugar dummies! All treats we enjoy at the seaside. We all had a great time.

Even Mrs Haines came to take a photo in the funny photo booth!



PFA News

Are you ready for our Rainbow Day? We would like children to be as whacky as they possibly can. We don't want anyone to hold back with their colours.

Let's fill the school with all the colours of the rainbow.

Friday 30th April



Foundation Stage – red

Year 1 – orange

Year 2 – yellow/gold

Year 3 – green

Year 4 - blue

Year 5 – purple

Year 6 - pink

Swimming

Swimming for Year 5 will resume on Monday 26th April. Pupils will need to bring their swimming kit every Monday. Swimming is part of the curriculum for all children in Year 5.



Nursery at After School Club

From this week onwards, children in our Nursery (FS1) are welcome to attend our After school Club as well as Breakfast Club. Children must be booked in via the form available on our website here: https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/ourschool/breakfast-club



Covid Update

Please could we remind parents about wearing face masks when in the school grounds. It is also very important that parents don't congregate in groups at drop off and pick up times particularly around the school gates. We ask that parents arrive at your allocated time and leave immediately. We are all working very hard to ensure the safety of children, parents and visitors to our school. Thank you.

School Council

In our School Council meeting last week we discussed how we can make our school better this half term. Here are some of the ideas that we have thought of:

Outdoor activities Distance buddy games – Year 6 and Foundation

Class challenges More games equipment: grass games

Buddy Stop Movie Night

Outdoor picnics for younger years

Keep an eye out for these new exciting changes throughout the summer term!!

The School Council

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Nursery Provision

We have places available in our fantastic nursery in September for 15 hour and 30 hour provision.

