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

Your Tuesday News 4th May 2021 'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'



Worship

Our virtues worship this week continues to focus on the virtue of GRATITUDE. Miss Burgess explored the famous footballer, Marcus Rashford, as an example of someone who has very recently shown true gratitude.

May Devotion

May is the month dedicated to Our Lady. As is tradition in the Catholic church's year, we will be holding a virtual May Devotion celebration on Thursday 13th May. We would like all children to be able to participate in this from Nursery all the way through to Year 6. We invite the children on



this day to bring in one <u>single</u> flower that can be displayed to honor Mary. We politely ask that no one brings any bunches of flowers in as these will just go to waste which obviously we don't want.

PFA Update



The kitchen made an amazing display of colourful rainbow food for lunch on Friday

What a triumph the PFA Rainbow Day was last Friday! The children looked fantastic in all of their class colours and the amount of gift donations that flooded in was amazing. Thank you to everyone for all of your huge generosity. The PFA are beavering away in the background to organise all of these gifts into hampers to be raffled off. Raffle tickets are available from school at a cost of £1 a strip. The preferred payment method is via parent pay under fundraising donations. However, if you can only pay cash, money can be brought into school via your child.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done Year 1. We have another 100% attendance. A big well done to Year 4 as well who were over 99%.

| CLASS | % ATTENDANCE | %ATTENDANCE |
|---------|--------------------|---------------------|
| | w/b: 26.04.21. | this year to date |
| FS2 | 95.33 | 95.81 |
| Year 1 | 100.00 | <mark>98.02</mark> |
| Year 2 | 95.30 | 96.24 |
| Year 3 | 98.00 | 95.29 |
| Year 4 | <mark>99.35</mark> | <mark>97.71</mark> |
| Year 5 | <mark>98.52</mark> | 95.98 |
| Year 6 | 97.33 | 95.79 |
| Average | 97.69% | <mark>96.40%</mark> |
| TARGET | 97.00% | 97.00% |

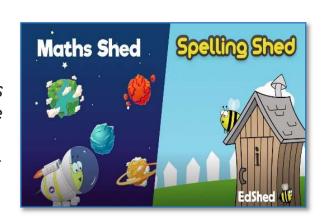
Last week's merit winners: Phoebe Whitaker, Alfie Leak, Emily Fleming, Sadie Kane, Isabelle Quinn, Eden Hancock, Maisie Hardaker and Gracie-Mae Barron.

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: Elizabeth Bingley for being all that St Francis represents. Elizabeth quietly and calmly carries out all her responsibilities with such care, respect and manners. We are really proud of you!

Big Cat Reading Merit: James Pickard for really trying hard with his reading at home and in school. We are starting to see big improvements and that you are slowly growing in confidence. You can do this!

Maths Award: Mattee Honey for all his hard work to learn and practise his number bonds on Maths Shed. You've shown an excellent attitude Matteo, keep it up!

Well done St Francis for all your hard work with your Maths Shed challenges this week! There were raffle ticket winners in every class, but Year 3 were on top with 11 winners overall! Special mention goes to the following children who earned multiple raffle tickets by playing more than 20 games: Matteo Honey, Aoife Blyth, Esme Taylor, Grace Artist, Lily-May Cousins, Pippa Hudson and Lucas Heppleston. Only 3 more weeks until the big prize draw - get practising to be in with a chance of winning!



School Council Update

On Friday the School Council ran the activities that they had organised for lunchtime within their year group. These included a reading area, running races, an obstacle course and bat and ball games. They got off to a flying start and did really well organising the equipment and their classes. Well done so far! This will continue for the next 2 weeks. Remember to join in and have fun with your school councillors.





Year 6 at Winmarleigh Hall

Last Thursday, Miss Dearden ran a virtual meeting for Y6 parents with all the information needed ahead of the class going on their much awaited residential trip to Winmarleigh Hall. Thank you to all those who attended. For those who missed it, the powerpoint used in the meeting is now available on our website:

https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/learning/our-classes/year-6-2

Library Update

The new and improved library is continuing to be running well and proving to be very popular. We politely remind children and parents that books are on loan for up to 3 weeks. Currently, there are 31 children with books on loan outside of the 3 week period. As everyone knows, we want all of our children to read frequently and enjoy books, but if they are not returned within the time frame, it is not fair on other children who are eagerly waiting to read these books. 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.

Weather

As the weather keeps changing at the moment, please ensure your child comes to school prepared for whatever the weather is that day. Children need warm outdoor clothing on cold wet days and need to have a sun hat and sun cream applied on hot sunny days. Foundation stage children should have a labelled bottle of suncream in school at all times.



Nursery Provision

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

In September we are offering more choice of options for parents to take their nursery provision. We are offering two and a half day blocks and 3 day blocks. We are still offering morning only provision but not afternoon only provision. We think this will be of more benefit to parents. If you have any queries about our new nursery options please do not hesitate to call the office.

