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

Your Tuesday News 17th May 2022

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

In worship yesterday we explored Jesus' 'New Commandment' - Love one another as I have loved you. We talked about how this is not as easy as it seems. It can be difficult to show love to others when they might have hurt us or been unkind to us in some way. We discussed how God's strength and Jesus' example will help us. We set our mission of the week: To play with someone we have never played with before.

Y4 will be walking up to church on Wednesday 25th May to celebrate their Class Mass with the rest of the parish at 9:30am. Parents/carers and families are welcome to join them.



Well done and thank you to three of our Mini Vinnies - Connie, Lucas and Isaac who attended Mass with the Bishop at Leeds Cathedral last

Friday. They took part in a procession with all the other Leeds and Bradford

Catholic Schools carrying our school banner proudly and presented the Bishop with a cheque of over £400 for Catholic Care. We are very proud of our children representing our school so wonderfully.





Well Done Year 6!

Well done to our Y6 children who sat their statutory tests last week. We are proud of every single one of them for the hard work and effort they have put in over this last year in particular. The last time these children were in school for a full academic year was when they were in Year 3! We are delighted with their progress and all they have achieved so far this year.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

Please remember that on Friday 27th May (our last day of term) all children are invited to wear the colours of the Union Jack - red, white and blue. Children will take part in Jubilee-themed activities throughout the day and parents/carers and families are invited to come along and join us from 11:30am at our 'Big Picnic' out on the school field (weather permitting). Forms have been sent out via text message for children's sandwiches orders if they are having a school dinner. Please note, we will send out a short form at the end of this week for you to let us know whether you intend to come along so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

Yesterday, we launched our 'Great St Francis Bake Off' competition. Children can get an entry form from their class teachers. The competition is open to ALL children with a winner being chosen from Foundation Stage, KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2. Entry <u>forms</u> must be in by Monday 23rd May and <u>puddings</u> must be brought in no sooner than Friday 27th May. Please see details below:



Following the Big Picnic, parents/carers and families are invited to stay in school to come and watch the winners be selected for The Great St Francis Bake Off. After that, you may come along to classrooms to join in with jubilee activities with your children. At 2:45pm, everyone will gather in the large hall for special performances by the children's choir and the staff choir.

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Merit Worship

Our Merit winners last week: FS1 - Ayden, Kersha & Connie; FS2 - Alfie; Year 1 - Maisie & Freddie; Year 2 - Bobby; Year 3 - Amelia; Year 4 - Kaitlen; Year 5 - Isabelle; Year 6 - All Year 6.

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: Leya – For showing such confidence and enthusiasm and leading her friends in their learning! A budding teacher! Well Done!!

Well done everyone!!

Big Cat Reading Award: Benjamin – in recognition of superb reading at home! Keep it up! He has wowed us with all his extra reading and the lists of books!

Coffee and Chat!

On Monday 23rd May at 8:45am, we will be hosting a very informal coffee morning in the small hall. It will be an opportunity to have a chat with other parents/carers and enjoy a cuppa in peace. Babies and toddlers are very welcome too - there will be toys and books available to keep them busy! Myself and Mrs Wright (our Parental Involvement Worker) will be popping in too. It would be lovely to see you there.



Singing Showcase

A huge thank you to Mr Lee, our singing teacher for the Leeds Diocese Singing Programme. Mr Lee prepared our Y4, 5 and 6 children to perform some wonderful songs at a 'Singing Showcase' yesterday. The children sang with such precision and gusto and nearly took the roof off! Letters from Leeds Diocese are coming home with KS2 children today with details of how your child can sign up to one of the Bradford Choirs if they are interested. It is



a wonderful opportunity! A video of this can be seen on our Twitter page @stfrancisbrad

Online Safety for Parents

This afternoon, our local PCSO will be in school to run two parent/carer information meetings about

online safety. The first meeting is taking place at 3:30pm and the second at 5:30pm. I urge every parent to attend if possible as, no matter how knowledgeable about the internet you may feel, it is always very surprising to hear of recent developments that have been made which can lead to you or your child being left vulnerable online. If you have forgotten to fill out the attendance form that has



been sent out via text, please come along anyway. You will be most welcome.

Performance Poetry

Children in Reception class, Y2, Y4 and Y6 will perform their chosen poems as part of our Performance Poetry programme on Thursday 26th May at 9am. Parents/carers and families are warmly invited to come along and watch.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Year group	Event
4.6.105.10000			launch of 'The Great St Francis Bake
16/05/2022			Off' competition
17/05/2022	3:30pm & 5:30pm	All Years	Parent Online Safety Workshop (PSCO)
			Football match at Grove House Primary
17/05/2022	3:30pm to 4:30pm	Year 3 & 4	School
23/05/2022 to 27/05/2022		All Years	RE Other Faith Week - Islam
			Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration –
27/05/2022		All Years	Children wear red, white & blue

PFA

Our next event is the Summer Disco on Thursday 23^{rd:}

- FS2, Year 1 & Year 2 4:30pm to 5:30pm
- Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 5:45pm to 6:45pm

This will be set up on Parent Pay - £5.00 per child – this includes entry, drink, crisps, sweets & a glowstick.



