



NEWSLETTER

GOSPEL VALUE
OF THE TERM:
HOPE

"Love justice, you rulers of the world. Set your minds sincerely on the Lord, and look for him with all honesty." Wisdom 1:1

The God who speaks- Lent 1

Celebrate God's Word~ Live God's Word~ Share God's Word

Value of the
Month: January
SELF-DISCIPLINE



Year 6 Class Worship

On Wednesday this week Year 6 planned, prepared and delivered their Class Worship based on Unity. They read and gathered scriptures which highlighted the importance of being together and at one with God. The children from the Year 6 Chaplaincy team organised the class into groups for readings, prayers, drama, choir and dance before rehearsing their respective parts. Children throughout the class came together to share their voices, their skills in crafting prayers and providing meaningful messages for us all to live out in our faith. The children's choices of song, dance and music brought the worship together and provided a clear understanding that working together in Unity can achieve great things in God's love.

Thought of the Week: Be Tender and Love our Common Home

"When we can see God reflected in all that exists, our hearts are moved to praise the Lord for all his creatures and to worship in union with them." #87

"Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life, and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us." #1

This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her." #2

"The Son of God, by becoming flesh, has summoned us to a revolution of tenderness."

Pope Francis,
Evangelii Gaudium

Right of the month for February 2020



**Article 31: You have
the right to play and
rest.**





School News



Lent 1: Encounter with us through being a Disciple...

It is Bishop Patrick's vision that every church, chaplaincy, school and home in our Diocese will be a place where people can encounter Jesus. We are being called to encounter and re-encounter Jesus and his love for us. We are called to discover and rediscover Jesus and the call to follow him. Our school exists so we can present the Good News to you our families in engaging and transforming ways. How will you Encounter Christ this term? How will you be a Disciple? Perhaps share as a family the Wednesday Word, join us for Wednesday Worship or Mass in our Parish Church.

"Were not our hearts burning within us"

Weekly Mission: *The Beauty of God's World was the theme of the Year 6 Wednesday Worship. Go for a walk as a family this weekend and share appreciation of the world around us.*

Reading

- Carrying on from our Reading spotlight remember to go to the class website pages for each teachers reading recommendations for the term.
- Look inside your child's Reading Record for Mrs. Withers 20 for 2020 Reading Challenge, I have made a start and the children can look at my door in school to see which challenges I have completed.
- Why not explore the Scholastic Lollies Award winners <http://shop.scholastic.co.uk/lollies>
- BBC2 500 Words Competition is back <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4nIHcl26FCWDrC1a9Sx5kKB/500-words-2020>

Messages from the Pupil English Leadership Team

Pangram sentences- A Pangram sentence is a sentence using 26 or more letters all in the alphabet. There will be a prize for the person that uses the most letters. He or she will get 10 dojos. The others who tried will get 5 dojos. You can use a letter more than once. Bring your sentence in on a piece of paper and it is due in on Thursday. If two or more people that get the same amount of letters, the English leaders will vote for the one with the most excellent vocabulary.

Unscramble these letters

NBSTEORTRSE

The person that hands it in first, with the correct answer, will get an extra 5 dojos.

Your word for this week is...MESMERISING

Find at least 3 synonyms

Find 1 antonym

Finally make a sentence that contains this word. If you want to be challenged even further, then draw a picture of this word!

Messages from the Pupil Math's Leadership Team

This week math's challenge is to:

Create a classic game which uses addition or subtraction



School Visitor

On Thursday 5th March we will be having a special visitor in school to talk to the children about her inspirational sporting journey. Eden Francis, a field athlete, will be coming to put the children through their paces with an age appropriate circuit training session. She will be talking to the whole school about her amazing sporting achievements in both discus and shot put. The children will be coming home with a sponsorship form tonight - please could you sponsor the children to take part in the circuit training session. Any money raised will be split between our school to spend on new PE equipment and the Sports for Champions charity which enables athletes, like Eden, to pursue their dreams. This is a fantastic opportunity for us as a school to raise money and inspire the children! Please could you return all sponsorship money and forms by Friday 27th March. Thank you for your support!

Wacky science fact of the week

Astronomers working at Berkeley and Geneva have found nine new planets circling nearby stars. With this discovery, we now know of 50 extra-solar planets, also called exoplanets. That is a big increase from 41 planets last known five years ago.

All these individual planets move in an orbit around a star, which is called their parent star. The astronomers estimate that the Beta Pictoris star has a planet ten times the mass of Earth. It orbits at a distance of about 10.5 billion kilometers, more than ten times the distance of the earth from the sun. And Vega, one of the brightest stars in the sky appears to have a planet twice the mass of Jupiter, the largest planet in our solar system. This planet is 8 billion kilometers from its parent star. In comparison, our solar system seems almost tiny. The distance between Pluto, the farthest planet in our solar system and the sun is "just" 5.9 billion kilometers!

Dates For Your Diary:

February takes its name from Februum, meaning 'purification'.



Monday 10th February

Year 1 and 5 Dance lessons

3.30pm Girls Football Match at home

Tuesday 11th February

Safer Internet Day

Private Guitar Lessons

3.30pm Netball Match at Spalding Primary School

Wednesday 12th February

9.30am Year 2 Prayer Service with Deacon Dennis

Thursday 13th February

Last day of Term

Friday 14th: St. Valentines Day and International Book Giving Day-Why not share a book?



Priorities for School Improvement for 2019-2020:

Key Improvement 1: Catholic Life of the School -SMSC To improve the quality of the R.E. teaching so that it is consistently good / outstanding in all classes. *Article 14: You have the right to choose your own religion and beliefs. Your parents should help you decide what is right and wrong, and what is best for you.*

Key Improvement 2: Quality of Education Improve the quality of teaching in order to increase rates of progress and raise standards for all groups of pupils. *Article 3: All adults should do what is best for you. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children.*

Key Improvement 3: Personal Development To improve the personal development of all pupils *Article 29: Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.*

Key Improvement 4: Leadership and Management Develop the effectiveness of all middle and senior leaders *Article 6: All children have the right to life and develop healthily. Article 28: All children and young people have a right to a primary education, which should be free. Discipline in schools should respect children's human dignity. Young people should be encouraged to reach the highest level of education they are capable of.*

Key Improvement 5: Outcomes for children and learners. To improve the teaching of English in order to raise standards of attainment and rates of progress for all pupils across the school. *Article 13: You have the right to find out things and share what you think with others, by talking, drawing, and writing or in any other way unless it harms or offends other people.*

Pupil of the Week

EYFS- Alysia for her excellent touch counting using the three rules of counting. Great job!

Year 1- Leja for hard working in maths with numbers up to 50.

Year 2- Anna for her super effort at recognizing her phonemes and developing her vocabulary.

Year 3- Nicola for her fabulous work on 'homes around the world'.

Year 4 - David for making such wonderful progress in swimming. Well done for trying so hard!

Year 5- Rosie for being so focused in all of her learning this week.

Year 6- All of Year 6 for an outstanding Class Worship. You are all amazing!



The Heart that See's Award

Each week the pupils can all nominate their peers for this award, for those acts of mercy and kindness. Nominations are placed in the heart that sees box in the hall and a weekly winner selected.



Reaitlin for unconditional love and she being so very generous! Well done

Attendance

Remember as we start the school year our school target is 97% and anything below **90% is Persistent Absence and can result in a fixed penalty notice.** We are also required to report any families to the local authority whose children have had 10 consecutive days absent from school or any that take unauthorised/absence or holiday. Attendance figures for 27th - 31st January 2020. Well done Year 1!

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
94.4%	98.2%	98%	96.2%	91.3%	92.6%	95%

Safeguarding Messages: Working together to stay safe!

Word of the Day



EYFS Message

Norbert Bear is off to Levon's house this weekend. Have fun! If you wish to follow Norbert Bear on his adventures, follow him @NorbertBear1



JRSO Message

<http://link.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/parents/T-to-Ts/Be-bright-be-seen/>



Visit our E-Safety page on the school website. <http://www.st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk/e-safety.asp>
<https://www.nswa.gov.au/uk> or download the Net Aware app for android and iOS.



Make sure your child knows what to do if they come across cyberbullying. Encourage them to be an upstander not a bystander with the **Stop, Speak, Support** code. Developed by the Royal Foundation, we've been working in partnership with a coalition of organisations, including O2, and young people themselves. The code gives advice on how to respond to online bullying. Use the link below:

https://www.npsa.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/3/3m_source:4destmedium_medium:email:4utm_content:Video:4utm_campaign:18017_cam-netaware_LFS
Top Tips for safer digital living!

1. **Prioritise Safety-** Teach children not to give out personal information, like their name, address, telephone number, or which school they go to. Think about what YOU share about your child on social media too!
2. **Set Parental Controls-** Agree a list of websites and apps your child is allowed to visit, and remember to check the minimum age limit on services like Facebook or YouTube.
3. **Discuss their activities-** Take an interest in their online world. Talk to them about their favourite websites, videos, and online friends.
4. **Set Boundaries-** Establish time limits for activities such as using the internet and game consoles. Make sure to set side time for "unplugged" family activity.
5. **Be open-** Let your child know that they can tell you about anything that happens on the internet, and that you'll listen without judgment



House point Dojo Points

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place
St Bernadette 439	St Dominic 362	St Francis 304	St Lucy 199

Prayers Please!

The season of Lent will begin shortly. Bishop Patrick is asking all of us in the Diocese of Nottingham to pray specifically for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.



PRAYER FOR PRIESTS By St. Therese of Lisieux

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests labouring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priest; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.

But above all I recommend to You the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity.
 Amen.

Mrs. J. Withers (Head of School)