



NEWSLETTER

"Great things are done when men and mountains meet." William Blake
Advent Term 1

The Briars Spiritual Retreat Year 6: 2019-20



Year 6 arrived safely at the Briars Catholic Retreat in Crich following an amazing journey underground with the GoCave! The children have experienced what real darkness feels like and reflected on how this can be viewed similarly to life without Jesus.

The children have thought about how the torch lights are like Jesus guiding us and showing us the way, helping us to see.

Arriving at the Briars has enabled the children to share their journey, both to the Briars and their life journey with the leaders through acts of worship and teamwork - amazing opportunities to understand how God's love is unconditionally given to each of us. Yr6 have shared their reading skills in the prayer meeting at 8:15am this morning and have since planned and delivered a

Worship to all - confidently the children have shone in their skills.

St Norbert's children have made so many new friends from both the Briars and Grace Dei, collecting memories and friendships to recall in the future.

Thought of the Week

This week has seen another anniversary of the tragic event on 11th September 2001, often referred to as 9/11. Although a tragic and world changing event let us use this to see the future for our children as a time of hope.

Biblical and Christian hope does not mean living in the clouds, dreaming of a better life. It is not merely a projection of what we would like to be or do. It leads us to discover seeds of a new world already present today, because of the identity of our God, because of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This hope is, in addition, a source of energy to live differently, not according to the values of a society based on the thirst for possession and competition. In the Bible, the divine promise does not ask us to sit down and wait passively for it to come about, as if by magic. Before speaking to Abraham about the fullness of life offered to him, God says,

"Leave your country and your home for the land I will show you" (Genesis 12:1).

To enter into God's promise, Abraham is called to make of his life a pilgrimage, to undergo a new beginning. So, let us actively work towards our hopes for the future of the children in our care, together with God by our sides.

Right of the month for September 2019



Article 4:
Governments must provide extra money for children of families in need.



School News



Worship Together

We have come together as a school family this week to celebrate our New School Year with a Mass led by Fr. Jim on Monday 9th 9.30am. Our Parents and Parishioners came to join us, enduring the rainy weather to reach us. We were all able to reflect on the promise of a New School Year, New Beginnings and fresh hope continuing on our journey to Encounter Christ.

School Council

The School Council is made up of two representatives from each class. The Council meet regularly to discuss any issues that may be of concern, or that have been brought to their attention by other pupils. These issues are then forwarded to the Headteacher for consideration. The School Council is very popular with all the pupils, as it gives them a voice in school, and enables the whole school community to work together, and we shall be electing a new School Council for this school year.

Word of the Week



Make time to...

The following link provides ideas to set your children free with our 50 things to do before you're 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ activities. Let them feel the wind in their hair, smell food cooking on an open fire, track wild animals and eat a juicy apple straight from the tree. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/50-things-to-do>



This September, Aldi is giving primary schools a chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school, through their Kit for Schools promotion. For us here at St Norbert's to be in with a chance of being entered to win this amazing amount of money we need your help, please! For every £30 you spend in Aldi you will be given a Team GB sticker...we need 300 stickers to complete the poster which will be displayed in school. Once we have received 300 stickers our school will receive a free sports kit for the children and be in with a chance to win £20,000. So why not head over to Aldi and "GET SET to eat fresh" whilst helping St Norbert's too.

Thank you for the amazing response to the Aldi sticker promotion - I'm thrilled to say we have made a good start on our poster - which you will be able to see on the window near the gate! Please could you keep bringing the stickers in so we can add them and hopefully reach our target - thank you!

Liz McMurray -TA/Sports Apprentice

Dates For Your Diary:

14th September-11+ Verbal Reasoning Test
18th September –Friends PTA AGM 7pm
21st September-11+ Non-Verbal Reasoning Test
23rd September- NSPCC Workshops in School Y5/6
30th September- Start of Little Way Week
1st October-Feast Day of St. Therese of Lisieux
9th October-Year 6 Class Mass 9.30am
10th October-Year 4 Class Mass
15th/16th October-Parent Consultation Evenings and Book Fair
16th October Y2 Class Worship 2.50pm
18th October – End of Term 1/Harvest Service 1.30pm

28th October – INSET Day

29th October – Start of Term 2

October is the month of the Rosary

Finally, thank you for your support, and we look forward to another successful year, for your child, for you and for our whole school community.



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-Sydney for settling well into our class routine, remember our rules and being a great model to other.

Year 1- Oscar for working very hard in reading and writing beautiful sentences.

Year 2-Ollie for working so hard at his writing across the curriculum

Year 3- Harry for his fantastic mental math's skills.

Year 4- Gytis for showing such enthusiasm towards his learning.

Year 5-Jude for his subject knowledge and enthusiasm in our Science topic.

Year 6-Maya for her diligence in seeking out additional character traits for our P4C topic 'Wonder'.



Family Faith Journey

This term's Saint of the Term is one of our house saints- St Francis. St Francis's Feast Day is on the 4th October. He was canonized as a saint just two years after his death, on July 16, 1228, by his former protector, Pope Gregory IX. Today, Saint Francis of Assisi is the patron saint for ecologists — a title honouring his boundless love for animals and nature. St. Francis loved all God's creatures and followed God's example of kindness, mercy, compassion, and love for all creation. To decorate our prayer web this term let's fill it with images, models and collages of different animals and birds to share our love of nature and remember St Francis's love of God's Creation that we are all stewards of.

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.

NSPCC Parent workshop

On Friday 20th September, parents are invited in to find out about how they support their child online more effectively. NSPCC have teamed up with o2 to help bring adults up to speed with all things e-safety. Parents are invited in to work with NSPCC representatives in an informative and supportive session. Advice can be offered and questions answered so please feel free to come along at 2pm until 3:15 in the school hall.

EYFS Message

We would like to thank parents who attended the EYFS workshops and say hope you enjoy using tapestry and Twitter.

If you wish to follow Norbert Bear on his adventures, follow him @NorbertBear1



Safeguarding Messages: Working together to stay safe!



JRSO Message

<http://thinkdirect.gov.uk/education/earlyyears-and-primary/parents/7-to-11/Be-bright-be-seen/>



E-Safety

Visit our E-Safety page on the school website. <http://www.st-norberts.hoos.sch.uk/e-safety.asp> O2 and the NSPCC have teamed up to launch a brand new website and app called netaware. The site offers insights and easy to follow guidelines on how the most current and popular apps and games can be made safer. It also offers key information and 'need to knows' as well as thoughts, likes and dislikes from both parent and child views. The O2 gurus also give their tech savvy advice and there are risk ratings that are thought provoking. A very worthwhile tool for parents for understanding modern day apps and games and a great way to start a dialogue with children about their understanding of how to stay safe.

To find out more follow the link <https://net-aware.org.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.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/?utm_source=Ades&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Video&utm_campaign=12.10.17-cam-netaware_LFS

House Points

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place
St Lucy	St Bernadette	St Dominic	St Francis

Prayers Please!

As we get settled into the new school year, Let's Pray:

