



ST. NORBERT'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

GOSPEL VALUE
OF THE TERM:
TRUTH

"A loyal friend is like a safe shelter, find one and you have found a treasure."
Sirach 6: 14
Advent Term 2

Value of the
Month: November
DIVERSITY

Takeover Day 2019



Year 6 have been enjoying Takeover Day. They have been helping all children from across the school in their learning and I think they feel more confident in themselves. Year 6 have been feeling really positive and they have been doing lots of different jobs such as cutting, photocopying, laminating, teaching, being on break duty and much more. This is a day of learning lots of new skills for all of us. The children around school really love the Year 6 children helping and teaching them and learning together in a fun way.

By Antonina (Mini-Mr Morton)

I think everyone has really been enjoying this as a first step towards Year 7. We have really learnt to appreciate how the adults around school do their jobs. It is much harder than I imagined. I would like to say thank you to all the staff members for letting us help them with their jobs letting us be their shadows.

By Isabel (Mini-Mrs Withers)

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK...

This week we celebrated the UNICEF Rights of a Child with a special liturgy. Children are at the centre of all that we do here at St Norbert's. Throughout the Bible we are reminded of God's love for the little ones in our lives. Because a child's life is so precious and fragile, it is important that we remember that we should protect and defend their rights in every way we can. What's more, we're truly blessed to not only be a part of the lives of the children called into our care but to be called children of God ourselves. Psalm 127:3-5 'Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.'

Right of the month
for November
2019



Article 7: You have the right to a legal name and nationality and to be cared for by your parents.



School News



Advent 1: Encounter with us

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? 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: Encounter through watching a video about Don Bosco <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=siBLtjxF-No>

Worship Together

We have come together as a school family this week to celebrate Universal Children's Day with a special Liturgy with Fr. Jim focused on the rights of the child. Join us next Wednesday at 9:30am alongside Fr. Paul to celebrate Year 5 Class Mass. All are Welcome!

Global Goals Focus

Year 5 have been thinking about the letter from Pope Francis 'Laudito Si', which asks us all to think about how we share a common home- Earth, and should look after it. This links to the Sustainable Global Goals and how we can make a difference to our planet. We started our learning journey by thinking about what inequalities there are in the world. Linking to our Maths learning we started looking at world statistics and matching them to statements. Some of the results shocked us. Did you know that the number of people that have had to leave their homes due to war is more than the number of people living in the United Kingdom! That is like England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales being empty of people! Although we realized that we cannot instantly solve these problems, we can do little things to help. Eventually little ways add up to a big change- St Therese taught us that! Over the coming year we are going to learn more about some of the sustainable goals and more ways that we can help make a change to create a fairer, healthy planet- keeping it the way God intended.

Library Update

Exciting times in St Norbert's Library. Not only have we now got our lovely forest reading area, we have lots of exciting new books for the children to read. Look out for our book displays that will highlight new exciting reads that we have in school. This term we have displayed books about winter in our Narnia area and a selection of new Fiction stories. This week the featured books are: Diary of an Awesomely Friendly Kid, Hoot Owl, The Smeds and Smoos and Spectacular School Trip. Check them out and let us know what you think!

Did you know it is Non-Fiction month? Maybe you have read a brilliant non-fiction book and think it would be awesome to have in school. If so let Miss Bools or Mrs Amess know and we will try to get it for our Library.



Genre of the Term

A new feature to our Library is Genre of the Term. We will be highlighting a specific genre of books to encourage you to try something new and highlight that genre in school. This term's genre is Animal Stories!

Do you like stories about animals? Have you read any interesting animal stories or novels? If you have maybe you could write a Book Review about it to display in the Library and on our school website.

Dates For Your Diary:



National Non-Fiction Month NOVEMBER

<http://cbq.org.uk/national-non-fiction-november/>

Saturday 23rd November: 8.30-10.30am – Bulb planting with Mrs Withers and Mrs Amess

Tuesday 26th November:

Guitar Lessons

Wednesday 27th November:

Piano Lessons

9.30am Yr 5 Class Mass with Fr. Jim

Friday 29th November:

Spalding High & Grammar to visit Yr 5 in School

Yr 6 Christmas Unwrapped at Spalding Baptist Church

3.30pm – 5pm EYFS & KS1 Winter Ball

5pm – 6.30pm KS2 Winter Ball



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- Ethan for being focused and ready for learning.

Year 1- Adam for trying hard with his sentences and helping his friends with ideas.

Year 2- Kacper for understanding the importance of prayer

Year 3- Virgilio for his lovely work on the Jesse tree in RE.

Year 4- Jack for working really hard in reading and challenging himself. He has made me very proud!

Year 5- Dominic for excellent work in both Math and English this week. Great application of skills in both areas, showing he is Year 5 ready.

Year 6- Ethan for his mathematical understanding and expertise when completing a chart referencing decimal, percentages and fractions: excellent work.



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.



Kristiana Y2 was nominated because according to the person that nominated her, "She is a great friend."

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.

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
96.3%	96%	99%	96.6%	100%	97%	96.6%

Safeguarding Messages: Working together to stay safe!

EYFS Message

Norbert Bear is off on his adventures to Sara and her family's house for a fun weekend with her the family. If you wish to follow Norbert Bear on his adventures, follow him @NorbertBear1



Science Workshops

Children at St Norbert's enjoyed a fabulous day with Professor Bubbles on Wednesday. First they were treated to a whole school assembly where the children investigated the power of air and its ability to counteract gravity. Children tried to blow down a pyramid of plastic cups, kept table tennis suspended in the air with hair driers and most exciting of all they projected toilet roll up to the ceiling with leaf blowers. Each class was then able to take part in a 35-minute workshop exploring forces. The young scientists investigated how placing fizzy tablets in pots, adding water and sealing with lids can cause a mini explosion. They then moved outside to investigate rocket power by jumping on air bags to proper rockets into the air. Finally, the children learnt how cloud is formed when water is pushed up into the atmosphere. Charlie in year 3 said it was the most amazing day ever.



JRSO Message

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



E-Safety

Visit our E-Safety page on the school website. <http://www.st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk/e-safety.asp>
<https://www.norberts.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.npsa.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/3/3m_sources/4/dest/adultm_mediums/small/adultm_content/Video/4utm_campaigns/12/017_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.Dominic	St. Francis	St.Bernadette	St. Lucy

Prayers Please!

Let's take time to pray...

For a better world

Eternal God, our world seems full of struggles and unrest, the gap between rich and poor is becoming wider, and countries close their borders to those seeking a better life. And so, we pray for greater compassion. May all be comforted, helped and strengthened by our prayers and actions. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



Mrs.J.Withers (Head of School)