



ST. NORBERT'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

GOSPEL VALUE
OF THE TERM:
TRUTH

"If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly father will also forgive you."

Matthew 6: 14

The God who speaks-Advent Term 2

Value of the
Month: November
DIVERSITY



Can you help Year 3?

As part of Year 3's topic learning about ancient Egypt the children have designed Shadufs. Shaduf's were used to irrigate water from the Nile into water channels to water crops. Next week children will be developing their design and technology skills by turning their designs into actual models. If anyone has any cardboard and old yogurt pots, they would be gratefully received in year 3. Thank you.



It was lovely to be presented with our School Games Gold Award this week in school. Rupert Gibson, the School Games Organiser for our local area, awarded the plaque to the children. This is the second year that the school has achieved gold through pupils taking part in inter- and intra-school competitions. Our Sports and Play Leaders also contribute to this award encouraging the children to be active at playtimes.



A huge well done to our footballers who won their final match in the Elite Sports Academy Large Schools Boys League. They played exceptionally well to score 2 goals against Pinchbeck East Primary School resulting in them finishing 5th in the league. Well done to all players; Marco, Ethan, Armandas, Eric, Charles, Archie, Marcel, Liam, Nojus and Beon. A huge thank you for the parents who have transported and supported the children throughout the matches - THANK YOU!

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK...

St. Andrew's Feast Day—Nov. 30

The feast of Saint Andrew invites us to ponder his response to Christ's call: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men. At once they left their nets..." (Mt. 4:19-20). With his brother Peter, Andrew immediately left his fishing nets to catch souls for the Kingdom.

Are we hesitating to respond to Christ this Advent because we are waiting for just the right moment, those perfect circumstances that will allow us to be just as quick as Andrew? Sadly, we may discover that while we were waiting for that moment, we failed to pay attention to the here and now invitations of everyday life, missing opportunities to respond with the generosity of a true follower of Christ."

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.



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 creating a reverse Advent Calendar-donate an item each day to a charitable cause, such as foodbank items.

The Friends Christmas Fundraising Events

The Friends have some exciting fundraising events happening over the next month to fill the end of term with festive fun. Look out for details coming home via email and book bags. Here is a taster of what's to come. We hope there is something for everyone to enjoy!

Movie Night 16th December 3:15pm - 5:15pm open to all year groups - Showing Arthur Christmas. Tickets priced at £3 includes cinema refreshments.

Santa Visit 17th & 18th December - Children can meet Santa and have a Santa Selfie in his Winter Wonderland during the school day. Tickets on sale next week.

Christmas Post Box - Why not post your Christmas wish list in Santa's post box. Last post is Friday 13th and remember to include your name and class in the letter for a reply!

Christmas Raffle - Please support our Christmas raffle for the chance to win great prizes. Tickets will be on sale during the Nativity plays and Carol Concert, where prizes will be drawn. Please ask friends and family to support too. The Friends of St Norbert's continue to use the money you've raised to support and develop the school. In addition to the fantastic Woodland Reading Area, we have recently been able to purchase a trolley for the ICT suite enabling equipment to be easily moved around school.

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Thank you for your continued support as we look towards our December events.



Save the Children Christmas jumper Day is on **Friday 13th December** we invite you to wear your uniform with a Christmas jumper. Don't worry if you do not have one, you can decorate a plain jumper with tinsel or baubles, be as creative as you like. Bring in £1 donation and BOOM - that money will help children all around the world. How cool is that?

Dates For Your Diary:



National Non-Fiction Month NOVEMBER

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

Friday 29th November

3.30 - 5pm EYFS & KS1 Winter Ball

5.15 - 6.45pm KS2 Winter Ball

Tuesday 3rd December

Cross Country (Invited children)

Guitar Lessons

Wednesday 4th December

1.30pm Advent Reconciliation Service

Tuesday 10th December

2.15pm KS1 Nativity Play

Wednesday 11th December

9.30am KS1 Nativity Play

Thursday 12th December

School Closed – Polling Station

Friday 13th December

Christmas Jumper Day



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- Bentley for his excellent effort when learning the words and actions to our Nativity songs.

Year 1- Julia for her beautiful artwork and using key words to describe her picture.

Year 2- Eva for really developing her confidence with singing solo

Year 3- Olivia for her fabulous newspaper report.

Year 4 – Fabian for working extremely hard in all areas of learning and for really working on challenging himself!

Year 5- Egle for showing great listening and aptitude when working new concepts in Math's.

Year 6- Maya for her inspired extended learning in metal sculpture work this week, creating her own versions of Giacometti's 'Walking Man'. Excellent learning - well done!



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.



Eliza Morris was nominated because she puts other children before herself and has a caring nature.

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 18-22nd November 2019. Well done Year 6.

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
87%	91.6%	95.6%	94%	92.6%	94%	100%

Safeguarding Messages: Working together to stay safe!

EYFS Message

Norbert Bear is off on his adventures to Sydney 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



A new APP we are using in school:

On all 30 blue iPads

Mindful Gnats is an app designed to teach young people simple mindfulness and relaxation skills.



JRSO Message

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

E-Safety

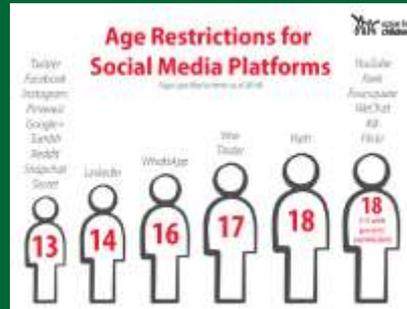
Visit our E-Safety page on the school website. <http://www.st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk/e-safety.asp>
<https://www.net-aware.org.uk> or download the Net Aware app for android and IOS.



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.ncsc.gov.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/3/3m_sources/4/dest/adult_m_mediums/small/3/3m_content/Video/4/4m_campaigns/12/12/17_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 Lucy	St Bernadette	St Dominic	St Francis

Prayers Please!

Let's take time to pray and give thanks to our Diocesan Education Service for their generous gift of Bibles for every EYFS child during this, Year of the Word.



Loving Father,

You want to fill us with your love.

You sent your Son, Jesus, to teach us how to love like you.

We ask you to bless all of us gathered here as we accept the gift of your Word and your love in these and all Bibles.

Help us to read and hear what you are saying to us, so that we will want to be your friends and disciples.

Help us to be brave so that we can share your love with everyone.

Amen

Mrs.J.Withers (Head of School)