



St. Norbert's

Catholic Voluntary Academy

*We strive to nurture and develop the whole child through:
a love of God, a love of one another and a love of life itself.*



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Friday 21st April 2023

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term

Love

Value of the Month

Patience

LET US PRAY

Dear Lord,
we want to draw close to you
because you are our
strength. Help us to
understand and believe.

Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

Here we are at the start of another new term, I hope you have all had a restful Easter break and looking forward to the lighter evenings and signs of spring, our school grounds are starting to bloom beautifully.

We have had a busy start to the term, despite it being only a 4 day week, so have lots to share with you and celebrate. Class newsletters outlining your child's topics and key vocabulary for the term will be sent home today, we hope you find these useful for discussing and supporting learning at home.

We are very pleased to welcome back Miss Bools to Year 6, following her injury and thank Mrs Szczygiel, for her hard work in teaching and supporting the class in her absence. Miss Bools, is also well deserving of the reader of the week award, having read a whopping 40 books while convalescing. Come on Year 6, are you up for the challenge?

This week in Art, Year 6 have been learning about different vases throughout history. They have learnt the key vocabulary for the structure of a vase: lip, neck, body and foot.

Year 5 have been busy investigating soluble and insoluble materials in Science, taking part in a practical investigation exploring which material dissolve and which materials do not. We also started our recorder lessons in music and were able to learn about different instruments from the woodwind family. Everyone was very excited to open our new, class set of recorders and explore our very own woodwind instrument, exploring tone holes and finger placement.

Year 4 have been learning about the Plague and the village of Eyam in Derbyshire. This was the only place where the plague spread to outside of London. Children have had great fun researching so called cures for the disease which included drinking herbs and applying leeches to boils.

Year 3 have been looking at the book "The Garden" by Dyan Sheldon and have learnt about arrowheads, Indians and flint. We have been using dictionaries.

In Year 2 this week we have been learning about the Spanish Artist Joan Miro. We have created our very own 'Joan Miro' styled artwork using big bold lines and imaginative shapes.

Year 1 have enjoyed delving into maths. From quick-fire mental maths to fun in the sun while counting. The children loved using their knowledge of multiples of ten to find their scores when aiming beanbags at a target. In art, Year 1 are excited to begin learning about printing and print designers. They were particularly taken with Orla Kiely and Duro Olowu's designs- using mixed media to explore the patterns and shapes they spotted in some of their work.

In English, EYFS have been rehearsing the story Rosie's Walk focusing on positional language. We have been looking at numbers beyond 10 using 10 frames for example 1 whole ten and 1 ones is 11. We have learnt about life cycles and listened to the story of Pentecost too!

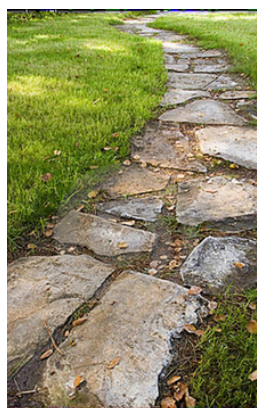
Prayers and blessings for the week ahead.

Mrs Withers x

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

Reflect on your own journey of faith, have you ever feared that being a follower of Jesus will demand more from you than you are able to bear? Have you ever been tempted to turn you back and walk away?

Just as the two disciples, in their dejection, found Jesus walking alongside them, have you ever had a sense of Jesus walking alongside you in your low moments? The disciples recognised that their hearts were burning within them as Jesus broke open the Scriptures to them. Consider a time when you have had an experience of this personal response to Scripture. What might make Jesus' presence more real for you and help keep you committed to your Christian journey. During this week look for opportunities to share your own Good News experience with someone.



This term we focus on Missionary Discipleship

The 22nd April is 'World Earth Day', a day for us to focus on our world and how we are treating it - perhaps in this week we could have a particular focus in school on how we can make a positive impact on our environment and what we can actively do, as disciples of Christ, to be good stewards of the earth?

Faith

Having faith can be tough. It means believing in something that you can not know for certain and in a world where there is almost an answer for everything this can be difficult. Have a think about your faith and what you believe in. What do you find hard to believe in? What gives you hope?

SAFEGUARDING

If you are concerned about a child or need help and support do not hesitate to contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Withers and Deputies Mrs. Hibbert and Mr. Morton

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**Parent Guides**

The NSPCC offer a range of parent guides that offer information, support and advice in a variety of topics. These include deciding whether they are ready to walk home alone and help with talking about difficult topics. Click [here](#) to have a look at what is available.

E-Safety

Visit our [Online Safety page](#) on the school website which has links to different sources of information.

UK Safer Internet Centre online has lots of interesting information in his latest weekly update. Click [here](#) to read the latest advice on how to stay safe online and with different devices.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

EYFS - Oliver – for really gaining confidence in phonics, Oliver is reading and writing phase 3 words using the skills learnt in class. It's a pleasure to watch these skills develop!

Year 1 - Layla for fantastic progress in writing and being so much more independent in her learning.

Year 2 - Damian for his colourful semantic sentences - very imaginative!

Year 3 - Rayyan for his effort and determination in all areas of learning.

Year 4 - Hugo for being an amazing friend.

Year 5 - Dancho for his excellent reading.

Year 6 - All of Year 6 for being so helpful to Miss Bools this week

**THE HEART THAT SEES AWARD**

Each week the pupils can all nominate their peers for this award, for those acts of mercy and kindness.

Well done to Year 6 for welcoming back Miss Bools

ATTENDANCE**Well done Year 6 for last term's highest scoring attendance!**

Remember our school target is 97% and anything below 90% is Persistent Absence and can result in a fixed penalty notice.. You must inform us when your child is not attending school if we are unable to make contact we will conduct a home visit. Pupils should be at school by 8:45 to avoid being marked as Late.

EYFS - 95.73%
Year 1 - 94.61%
Year 2 - 96.19%
Year 3 - 95.24%
Year 4 - 98.48%
Year 5 - 93.41%
Year 6 - 99.05%

WELLBEING**10 days of Happiness -free online program to boost your wellbeing**

Small daily actions for big positive changes. We all want to look after our mental wellbeing, but this can be hard to do - especially in challenging times. This program helps you learn simple daily actions which are proven to give you a boost and help you feel happier.

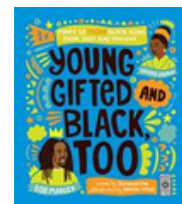
Active April**Useful Websites**

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

[Mentally Healthy Schools hub by Heads Together](#)

[Our Time](#)



Recommended Reads

Who Ate All the Bugs? The TRUE and GORY story of the food chain! - Matt Long

This delightful and very funny cartoon-style guide to food chains is a brilliant introduction to the concept, and gives young readers/listeners some simple facts about a range of animals and their eating habits, and the natural cycle of life.

Young, Gifted and Black, Too - Jamia Wilson

This richly-illustrated collection of inspiring true stories is a celebration of Black history from the 16th century to the present day, showcasing the achievements of more than 50 remarkable icons from across the globe.

Where the River Takes Us - Lesley Parr

Can Jason and his friends find the big cat roaming the Valleys and win the reward for a photo of it? A fantastic story of friendship, adventure and sibling bonds, in 1974 Wales.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We hope you'll join us in wishing Mrs Hutchinson a huge congratulations for receiving the Mana Education Supply Teacher of the Term award. Mrs Hutchinson has had a wonderful first term with us and is hugely deserving of the recognition for her hard work.



DIARY DATES

Every Tuesday Year 3 swimming

Monday 1st May -BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 8th May - BANK HOLIDAY

Year 6 SATs Week 9th-12th May

Wednesday 15th May Year 5 Class Worship

Thursday 16th May Ascension Mass at Church- 9:45am

Wednesday 24th May EYFS Class Worship

CURRICULUM FACTS, ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES

Science

Have a look at this fantastic website with free activities, games and experiments you can try at home. Wow Science activities include: Fossil making, a bits and bobs helter skelter and live stargazing. Click [here](#) for more information.

Writing - Poetry Competition

Find out more at on the [Young Writers](#) website



It's time for your child to have some creative fun, from the jungle or the Arctic to the local area or zoo... with Poetry Safari the possibilities are endless.

They could write about an animal from their favorite book, be inspired by their pet, or even create their own crazy creature. Whatever they decide your child will LOVE writing for a purpose and a new audience.

7-12 Year olds

Engage your child with writing a poem inspired by a monster they have created & watch them blossom into a confident writer!

It's a fab way to learn about poetic techniques as well as narrative poems & acrostics, which work so well for this poetry theme.

Music - Spalding Music Centre

Following our work with Lincs Music Service and the wonderful ukulele concert, many parents have been interested in getting their child signed up to access the other opportunities at Spalding Music Centre. Spalding Music Centre meet on Tuesday evenings 4.15-5.15 starting on 25th April this term. There is no cost, just turn up at Broad St Methodist Church on Tuesday the information on how to enrol will be given to you. Any player can attend, not just the pupils who took part in the ukulele project! The Spalding Music Centre looks forward to meeting you! Follow the [link](#) to find out more.

ELITE BASKETBALL ATHLETE VISIT

On Friday we welcomed Josh Clarke, an elite athlete, into our classroom! Josh joined the Charnwood Riders Basketball team when he was just 16, where he has trained ever since. He shared a wealth of sporting experience with us alongside his experience of leaving home at 16 to pursue a sporting career, healthy eating, sportsmanship, dedication, mindset and the importance of exercise. A great start to the term leaving us all feeling very inspired!

