



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 12th May 2023

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term

Love

Value of the Month

Self-Belief

LET US PRAY

Dear Lord,
you sent your Holy Spirit to
breathe your life into us.
Help us to touch the lives of
others with the love and
strength that you give to us.

Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

Next week marks the start of Mental Health Awareness Week. As part of our curriculum for PHSCE, and everyday safeguarding, we are always looking for ways to promote mental health and well-being with our pupils and staff.

To raise awareness and funds for the Mental Health Foundation, we will be collecting donations on the gate on Monday morning and we invite the children and staff to wear green themed hair accessories or hats; or they could apply green makeup or facepaint in the shape of green heart/s for the day to raise much needed awareness of what can be hidden conditions.

It has been a short week with The Coronation but a very busy week! The children in EYFS loved telling Mrs Bradley on Tuesday about their experiences of The Coronation. They also had a special arrival on Tuesday and they were so egg-cited! They watched four chicks hatch throughout the day on Thursday and can't wait to meet the rest Friday. They have made welcome cards and named them as they have hatched. In maths they have been looking at adding and they are busy retelling the story of Pig's Might Fly.

Year 1 have been busy becoming typing experts. They have successfully learned how to use many different keys on the keyboard, navigate the tool bar, click-hold and drag to select text and had lots of fun changing font style and colour. Well done Year 1, you have made amazing progress in computing!

Year 2 have been researching and learning about Joan Miro Sculptures in Art this week, creating their very own sculptures using DT skills they learnt in October! A great array of 'Magical Realism' sculptures on display in Year 2 today and finding new homes for the weekend.

Year 3 have been looking at body percussion and the children have created a repeat 8 beat rhythm in their groups and have performed this to each other. Year 3 have looked at the effects of flooding. The children have created some fantastic art work using the pointillism effect. It has been an enjoyable busy week.

Year 4 had an amazing morning yesterday in their sculpture workshop creating bees from chicken wire and decorating them with tissue paper. They showed superb resilience and perseverance in order to master some difficult new skills.

Year 5 have been busy creating wire sculptures this week, they created doves whilst reflecting on the power of the Holy Spirit. They needed to draw upon our resilience as the wire sculptures were quite tricky to join together. Team work, dedication and perseverance enabled them to complete their task, they are looking forward to putting their doves on the next RE display!

This week Year 6 have had a busy week sitting their SATs tests every day. They have worked hard and tried their best throughout and we immensely proud of your mature attitudes and resilience. Miss Bools and Mrs Szczygiel commend each of you for working so hard to achieve your best. Well done Year 6!

Prayers and blessings for the week ahead.

Mrs Withers x



GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

Jesus knew that he was soon to be leaving his disciples and going back to the Father. He promises to send a special helper – the Holy Spirit. Jesus tells his disciples about this precious gift. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus was able to remain with the apostles then and with us in the same way today. When do we receive the Holy Spirit in a special way? At our baptism and confirmation. If you were asked to describe the Spirit what would you say?

The Holy Spirit is not only with us, but within us, as a source of inner strength and empowerment – the same Spirit at work in the life of Jesus, freely given to us at our baptism and confirmation. Through this presence Jesus remains forever present to the church, and through it we share in the life of God and mission of Jesus. During the week watch for moments which you consider to be experiences of the Holy Spirit, in your own personal prayer, in your relationships and in the church and its liturgy.



This term we focus on Missionary Discipleship

This week think about how you spend your time and your money - do you respect those in need in the same way that you respect Jesus? Choose someone or a situation where you know there is someone in need and be the Good Samaritan - show him or her the reverence that you would show Jesus by helping that person and making a sacrifice for him or her.

Example

As a Christian we are all called to be an example and to be inspirational to other people. If only it was that easy! When Jesus ascended into heaven he gave us the job of spreading the Good News to the world and one of the best ways to do that is by being a good example. Think this week about who looks up to you and of course, who you look up to. How can you be a good role model and set a good example to those around you.

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 - Nirupama for working so hard to learn grapheme/phoneme correspondence and is doing an amazing job of reading too!

Year 1 - All of Year 1 for a beautiful prayer service with Sr Helene.

Year 2 - Sofie for her amazing writing about Plants this week and using subheadings, diagrams and a glossary.

Year 3 - Elliott - commitment and effort in maths

Year 4 - The whole of year 4 for their amazing work in the chicken wired workshop

Year 5 - Paul for his resilience during our wire sculpture lesson this week.

Year 6 - Aidan for being really focused throughout the 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 Adam in Year 4 for taking time to help others with their sculptures in Art, sharing his talent and flare!

ATTENDANCE**Well done Year 1 for this week'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 - 91.51%
Year 1 - 100%
Year 2 - 98.1%
Year 3 - 98.1%
Year 4 - 97.96%
Year 5 - 97.07%
Year 6 - 98.1%

**Mental Health Awareness Week
15th-21st May****WELLBEING****Connect with people and talk about how you feel**

Anxiety can feel very lonely. Connecting with other people can help a lot. Spend time with friends or meet other people through activities such as volunteering, sport or social clubs, or peer support groups. If you're able to talk to people about how you feel it can help to reduce your anxiety. Sometimes saying what's worrying you out loud can take away its power over you.

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

Meaningful May



Recommended Reads

The King's Runaway Crown - Rosalind Spark

Colin the dog has run off with the King's crown on the day of the coronation! Can anyone catch Colin? A fun picture book to share, with the message that everyone is nervous sometimes.

The Thames and Tide Club: The Secret City - Katya Balen

Clem and her friends love mudlarking – but when they find a strange object by the shores of the River Thames, they discover a whole new secret world... Dive in to this fun, friendly new fiction series!

Ajay and the Jaipur Moon - Varsha Shah

Ajay and his fellow Mumbai street kids are in a race to Jaipur, to find a crashed meteorite. This big story could save the newspaper they run! Only, there may be a bigger story – about a threat to the whole world... A thrilling adventure with a lot of heart

ART CLUB

This week art club have been exploring primary colours and using them to create their own Mondrian inspired pieces. They learned about vertical and horizontal lines and had the challenge of drawing them straight with a ruler to make Mondrian's classic grid style. The effects were very striking!



DIARY DATES

Every Tuesday Year 3 swimming

Monday 15th May -Green for Mental Health - accessories or green heart face paint

Wednesday 17th May Year 5 Class Worship

Thursday 18th May Ascension Mass at Church- 9:45am

Wednesday 24th May EYFS Class Worship

CURRICULUM FACTS, ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES

Science

Three-in-one Trinity T-rex skeleton sold at auction



ANIMALS

A Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton dubbed Trinity because it is made up of bones from three different T-rexes has sold at auction for \$9 million Find out more at Kids News Science Click [here](#)

Writing - Poetry Competition - CLOSING 26TH MAY

Find more at [Young Writers](#) website



5-7 Year olds

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 you following the [link](#) to find out more.

HOCKEY!

On Friday 5th May our Hockey Team represented St. Norbert's in the final games of the Season. We played four matches in total, winning three matches and drawing in the fourth. Our Year 6 players were given the honour of remaining on the pitch throughout the matches as it would be their last Hockey Tournament for St. Norbert's. The Year 5 pupils shared their time on pitch, taking substitutions throughout to ensure every player got the same opportunities. Our team defended well throughout the tournament, saving many attempts at goal and responding well in three matches to win. It was indicated that we needed to win our final match in order to lift the trophy for our league, however, the rival team, Surfleet Primary, managed to score in the penultimate minute leaving St. Norbert's with limited time to respond. Well done to all our Hockey players for their continued team spirit throughout the year, playing in the cold and the rain to represent the school - we are proud of you.

