



St. Norbert's



*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 7th July 2023

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term

Knowledge/Love of learning

Value of the Month

Aspirations

LET US PRAY

Heavenly Father,
you care for us and want us
to know you. Help us to
share what we know about
you with others just as Jesus
did.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK



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**EVERYONE MUST
KNOW CHILDREN'S
RIGHTS**

A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

This week in maths EYFS have been solving mathematical problems. They have started a new class book called 'Twist and Hop the Minibeast Bop'. They have mapped and stepped out the story, labelled the setting and write speech and thought bubbles for the main characters. They have also enjoyed watching our butterflies and were very excited to release them into our school garden. The children enjoyed making butterfly puppets to use with our song and dance.

Year 1 have really impressed Miss Whyles with their country dancing skills. They had to move in time to the beat and repeat moves over counts of 4, 8 and 16- using gallops, turns and toe taps. It was very fun but took a lot of concentration!

Year 2 this week have been enhancing and developing their understanding of Sinking and Floating. They have carried out their own investigations to test what sinks and what floats. We have been learning how to follow the Scientific method and draw conclusions from what we have found out. We have also been learning about Statistics in mathematics and using and applying our knowledge of pictograms, block graphs and tally marks.

Year 3 have learnt how to apply and use whip stitch to complete our hand puppets this week, their efforts were fantastic. We have learnt what a pilgrim is and compared a variety of churches from around the world and have looked at why Queen Victoria was such a great Queen.

Year 4 have been investigating solids, liquids and gases. This week they conducted a melting activity, looking at how long it took chocolate to turn from a solid into a liquid at different temperatures.

Year 5 have been researching, designing and cooking seasonal soup using ingredients that are locally sourced and currently available in supermarkets. They used their bridge and claw techniques to slice, dice and chop. The children used skills such as sautéing and blending to create their soup. They tried lots of new vegetables and have even taken the recipes home! Look out for your children coming home with their recipes, they are very excited to make more and share their culinary skills!

This week Year 6 have been busy rehearsing for their Leavers Play. What are the Rules and Regulations? Who are littl'uns? Why is it all happening in the dunny? And why are the I'm a Celebrity team at St Norbert's. All will be revealed...

I am delighted to inform you that over the Summer our EYFS and Year 1 classrooms are having a full internal refurbishment so the school will be very busy with builders over the break. I will share photographs once all the work has been finished. If there are any families out there that are able to or know a business that could support us we are looking for two sponsorships to buy an artificial reading tree for EYFS and Year 1 like the one we have in our library. Please speak to me if you think you can help.

Just a reminder as we go into the last two very busy weeks of term, Mrs Wide's last day will be Friday 21st July, if you have anything you would like presenting to her such as cards in our final Leavers Worship please pass on myself or any staff on gate duties. Now is also a good time to start checking the Lost Property Box before we have our big summer clear out.

I hope you all have a restful weekend and fingers crossed for fine weather for us to enjoy!

Mrs Withers x

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK



Is it important to be clever at school? Are grown-ups cleverer than children? What do you do if you are worried about something and aren't sure what to do? How do you feel about people who have all the answers all the time? Jesus tells us that it wasn't the clever people who first understood him and his message. Jesus liked children and today he tells us that we need to come to him with the same trust as children have.

In today's society we can probably all identify with the call to come to Jesus when we are weary and overburdened. It is a call that is difficult to make in the hurry and bustle of our modern lifestyle. What are the things in your experience that cause you to feel 'burdened' and weighed down? Who do you know of for whom following the Gospel has been both a joy and a burden? Can you identify someone in your vicinity who is struggling under the weight of cares and concerns? Perhaps you could look for opportunities to help ease their burden. Spending time in praise and thanksgiving can help lift us out of our mire, so be attentive to personal prayers of praise this week.

This term we focus on Missionary Discipleship

Do something brave this week.

This might be trying something new, to stand up for something you believe in, or to be brave enough to make a difficult decision.

Pray to the Holy Spirit and ask for courage this week.

Fortitude

Fortitude (courage) is something we will all need to find in our lives. You may need the courage to face an exam or test, or maybe you'll need the courage to say sorry and seek forgiveness. The Holy Spirit can give us courage when we need it the most, so think about the times and places where you need courage at the moment and ask God to help you find courage and move forward.

SAFEGUARDING

PUPIL OF THE WEEK



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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Working together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children

**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.

EYFS - Ivania for her creative butterfly puppet she made independently!

Year 1 - Sinead for amazing progress in her maths this term

Year 2 - Fabian for his kindness and thoughtfulness when helping others.

Year 3 - Elsa for her great improvement in Maths.

Year 4 - The whole of Year 4 for being absolutely amazing in their DT lessons this term. Showing patience and working together as a true team.

Year 5 - Daniel for his super handwriting and presentation! Well done.

Year 6 - Oscar and Kristella for great teamwork in the kitchen cooking their pineapple dessert.

THE HEART THAT SEES AWARD



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

Aiden in Year 6 for always being so supportive of younger pupils in clubs.

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 - 91.98%
Year 1 - 100%
Year 2 - 97.42%
Year 3 - 95.20%
Year 4 - 94.64%
Year 5 - 92.72%
Year 6 - 96.77%



WELLBEING

"The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you'd rather not"— Mark Twain

Mark Twain's humorous quote brings a light-hearted approach to the reality of keeping our bodies healthy. It's not always easy or enjoyable, but making healthy choices is essential for our long-term wellness.

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

Recommended Reads

Book Awards Winners 2023

READING CORNER



Gretel the Wonder Mammoth - Kim Hillyard

The delightful, warm and funny story about the last mammoth on earth, released from the ice and not quite sure how to cope with all the attention. Gretel is a very endearing and relatable character in a story with a subtle but positive message about overcoming anxiety and how the best way of coping is to tell someone and ask for help.

The Boy with Flowers in His Hair - Jarvis

David is the boy with flowers in his hair. He's sweet and gentle, just like his petals and is part of a happy diverse accepting classroom. But then "something happens" – a trauma we assume and David's flowers begin to fall and he wears a hat to disguise his difference. But his best friend never leaves his side. And through kindness and creativity, by making paper flowers and getting everyone to join in, he finds a way to give David his colour back. A beautiful tale about friendship and being there for someone when they are at their most vulnerable.

Narwhal: The Arctic Unicorn - Justin Anderson (non-fiction)

"The mysteries of this most fantastic of beasts are brought to life in a gentle yet epic tale following the springtime journey of an old narwhal of 'fifty winters' and his pod. Every year, as the ice melts, they travel north to their arctic summer home where the daylight lasts around the clock and the fishing is easy. It is a journey which covers hundreds of miles and takes several months with many dangers to face along the way.

COMMUNITY CLUB

This week, Community Club worked in the school library to get it looking ship-shape. Dusters at the ready, they dusted, polished and tidied the shelves, units and computer benches. The books were organised and returned to the correct spots and any that needed some TLC were put to one side. Great work again!

SPORTING SHOUT-OUT

Congratulations to Isabella in Year 4, who last weekend took part in her very first swimming competition and came home with a 2nd and 3rd place award. Well done Isabella, we look forward to hearing more about your future swimming success.

DIARY DATES

Every Tuesday Year 5
Swimming

Friday 14th July Year 6 Leavers
Play

Friday 21st July Leavers
Assembly 1:30pm

Mrs Wide's last day-Happy
Retirement!

End of term Friday 21st July

CURRICULUM FACTS, ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES

Writing Challenge - The Most Disgusting Sandwich in the World

The Purpose: Up until now, we have looked at activities encouraging our pupils to have fun with genres such as fiction and poetry. These genres being imaginative in nature, more easily lend themselves to being enjoyable than some of the non-fiction genres.

The Process: When creating instructions you will usually follow a criteria, these will include things like the use of a title, numbered or bulleted points, time connectives, imperatives, diagrams with captions etc.

But, why not try a fun topic such as How to Make the Most Disgusting Sandwich in the World rather than more obvious (and drier!) topics such as How to Tie Your Shoelaces or How to Make a Paper Airplane.

The Result: Our pupils can just as quickly, if not more easily, absorb and internalise the necessary writing conventions while engaged in writing about whimsical and even nonsensical topics.

French



14th July is Bastille Day

The Bastille was a prison in Paris that, to many of the common people, represented all that was wrong with the monarchy and the king's rule. On July 14, 1789 soldiers stormed the Bastille and took it over. This signalled the start of the French Revolution. Three years later in 1792 the French Republic was formed.

Fun Facts About Bastille Day

- Milwaukee, Wisconsin has a large Bastille Day celebration downtown that lasts four days. They even have a 43 foot tall replica of the Eiffel Tower! Other US cities famous for their celebrations of this day include New Orleans, New York, and Chicago.
- In 1979 there was an outdoor concert in Paris that over 1 million people attended.
- There were only seven prisoners in the Bastille on the day it was stormed. It was only big enough to hold around 50 prisoners.
- The famous bicycle race the Tour de France takes place during Bastille Day. Watching the race is another thing people like to do during the holiday.

ROUNDERS

This week our Rounders Team won their final league match 27-16 against Pinchbeck. The team worked together to secure a tight fielding front against long shots and deep field hits. They marked their bases with great accuracy through each throw. Well done team.

