



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 6th October 2023

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term
Friendship

Value of the Month
Friendliness

LET US PRAY

Father, we are your children.
Open our ears to hear and
share your message so
that others can be your
children too.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

EYFS have been learning about fewer and more and have looked at the phonemes g, o, c, and k. They have also collecting leaves in order to create leaf men pictures.

Year 1 have been wonderful gymnasts this week. The children have learned about different types of jumps including straight, star and tuck jumps. The children explored different ways to travel along apparatus at different levels and heights and demonstrated excellent control when incorporating different jumps into their sequences.

This week Year 2 have been learning about Place Value in Maths and beginning to understand the value of each digit in a two digit number. They have also been climbing the Little Red Reading Hood story mountain planner, creating their own retelling of the story verbally ready to write a similar story. Finally, the Year 2's have been learning to plan and plot routes around their locality using compass bearings of North, East, South and West.

Year 3 were looking at topographical features on a map and in atlas in Geography this week and did well comparing our county of Lincolnshire and Derbyshire they were very interested in the difference to the counties that are so close to one another, well done! I also would like to say well done to our year 3 girl footballers who played in the tournament and made us all very proud!

Year 4 have been listening to a piece of Brazilian popular music entitled Toca Bonito. They have been learning to play a composition on glockenspiels using the notes 'c to g' to accompany their singing of the chorus.

In an exciting week of music exploration, Year 5 have been honing their note-reading skills on a musical staff. They've learnt new musical notation essential for their performances on recorders and glockenspiels. With precision timing, they've harmoniously played in unison, following the conductor's downbeat. Furthermore, some of our talented pupils have even begun to experiment with melodies against the backing track. Super harmonies Year 5.

This week Year 6 worked on creating their own Class Worship. They planned the content and songs themselves and were keen to share some of the beautiful work that they have been doing as part of their topic- Loving. They even shared some things that they learnt from The Briars residential last week.

Message from Mrs Bowser (Chair of Governors)

Currently, we are looking to recruit new governors to our team. We have one Parent Governor position available, you are not required to be a Catholic to fulfil this role. We also have Foundation Governor positions available, for which you are required to be a practicing Catholic.

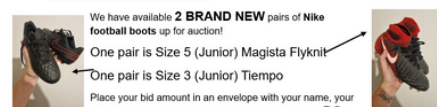
Are you curious to find out more about how you can support St Norbert's school and your child's learning journey? Then please contact me on the following email address:
janet.havemann@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk
I'm happy to answer any questions or meet with you to discuss governance in more detail.

Our Harvest collection is underway please give what you can, it is such a good cause helping those less fortunate than ourselves. Items can be handed in on the gate or main reception. Many thanks in anticipation of your support. Have a lovely weeked!

Mrs Withers x

Please also remember our silent auction set up by our Friends of the school.

Silent Auction!



NOT SEND IN MONEY YET!

The auction will run until **Friday 20th October 2023**. We will then contact the winner of each pair of boots. You will then need to bring your winning bid amount to school and can then collect your boots.

Don't forget...Christmas is coming so bag yourself a bargain!

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

Jesus came to share the Good News and to bring God's message to all people. He wanted them to learn how to live in the love of God and one's neighbour, and to know what mattered most in life. Many people did not listen, so Jesus told them that he would give his message to others.

Prophets are often unpopular because they bring messages that are uncomfortable and challenging. Who are the prophets of the present age, and what are they telling us? How have we received their messages and what have we done about them? What is the message the world most needs today? The message of today's Gospel too is blunt and we should reflect on how we have received it, Jesus calls himself the 'keystone' or most important stone that supports the rest of the building. What have been the 'keystones' in your life in the past and the present? What are the things which you have rejected, and why? Think about being fruitful in your life, and think about three specific ways you can be fruitful during the week.



This term we focus on Encounter

Mary, Mother of God - she encountered God in a very personal way, through the Holy Spirit coming down upon her to enable the Incarnation to take place. She, through her courage to say yes to God, enabled all of us to encounter Jesus, by bringing him into the world, but also by caring for him, loving him and guiding him as his mother.

What mission do you think God might have given you? What is he calling you to do? How can you use your skills and talents to be a link in a chain, to bring people together?

Rosary

The Rosary is a prayer that we can all use to meditate on the life of Jesus Christ. It is a powerful tool for prayer and spiritual growth through the intercession of Mary our mother. The Rosary can help us to grow in our faith, to deepen our relationship with God, and to find peace and comfort in difficult times.

Find time to pray the Hail Mary or the Rosary this week.

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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E-safety**Whatsapp Guidance**

Most Social media apps are for pupils 13 years and over, however, Whatsapp is for pupils 16+. If you or a family member have already set this up on your child's phone or opened an account for your child then you have already breached the Terms and Conditions for using this app – it might be time to read the Terms and Conditions for Whatsapp again. If you do allow your child to access social media, we ask for your vigilance; we ask for your support and most importantly we ask that you take responsibility for how and what your child is messaging to others.

Just like their interactions in person, online interactions require supervision and support. We understand that they are growing up and require a level of privacy and personal space, however, they are using an app aimed at pupils of 16 years +, therefore we still need to guide and support their use in this online area.

What is right will vary from family to family but some strategies that are known to be successful include:

- Monitoring their phones for the apps that are downloaded
- Enacting parental controls on phones and consoles
- Reviewing the messages they send on platforms and apps – making monitoring part of a daily or weekly routine
- Setting expectations about what space (preferably communal) and times they have access to devices
- Encouraging them to share or discuss with you what they are doing.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

EYFS - Aaron O for joining in and engaging well with learning.

Year 1 - Emina for working so hard on writing independently

Year 2 - Olaf for his amazing Geography skills and independent sentence writing.

Year 3 - Evie for moving up a group in swimming and taking it all her stride and being amazing! You made us all very proud.

Year 4 - Isabella for her amazing effort in PE

Year 5 - Alice for her outstanding organisational skills and creativity in our worship journal - thank you Alice.

Year 6 - Nicole for her hard work and consistent effort in her learning.

**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.

ATTENDANCE**Well done Year 3 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 - 96.17%
Year 1 - 98.15%
Year 2 - 97.04%
Year 3 - 99.26%
Year 4 - 98.52%
Year 5 - 95.4%
Year 6 - 95.93%

WELLBEING**World Mental Health Day
10th October**

Every year we celebrate World Mental Health Day on 10 October. The theme for 2023, set by the World Foundation of Mental Health, is 'Mental health is a universal human right'. World Mental Health Day is about raising awareness of mental health and driving positive change for everyone's mental health. It's also a chance to talk about mental health, how we need to look after it, and how important it is to get help if you are struggling. Come together with friends, families or colleagues this World Mental Health Day, by holding a Tea & Talk!

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)



The Oak Tree - Julia Donaldson

This is the story of an oak tree, told in Julia Donaldson’s trademark rich rhyme, with beautiful illustrations showcasing the diversity of life in and around the tree.

A Year of Black Joy: 52 Black Voices Share Their Life Passions - Jamia Wilson

52 Black visionaries, creators and changemakers share what brings them joy. Inspiring and fascinating, this beautiful book also includes an activity or fact file linked to the profiled person. Gorgeous.

Ellie Engle Saves Herself - Leah Johnson

An engaging mystery with real heart, set in contemporary Ghana, with themes of grief, superstitions and distinguishing truth from lies.

CURRICULUM FACTS, ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL FROM THE BRIARS

The Year 6 children enjoyed their residential trip to the Briars, a Catholic Retreat Centre in Derbyshire. They took part in Mass, prayer meetings and being Agents of Gods Love. Whilst there, they were able to immerse themselves in the beauty of the Derbyshire countryside and reflect on the wonder that is God’s Creation.



DIARY DATES

Swimming this term every **Tuesday Y3**

Harvest service in school **1:30pm-Friday 20th October**

Class Wednesday Worship 2:50pm

Year 3 - 11th October

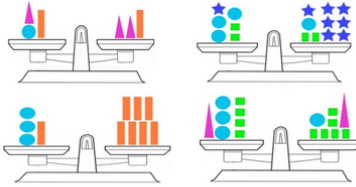
Year 2 - 18th October

End of term 1 - **Friday 20th October**

Maths Challenge

Balance Puzzles

Each of the scales below is balanced - with equal weight on the two sides. Remove as many blocks as possible so that each remains balanced.



If the blue ball weighs 12 ounces, how much does each of the other blocks weigh?

Start at the bottom left square and move up, down, left or right until you reach the finish.

4	9	7	7	4	◊ Finish
8	9	4	5	7	
6	6	4	9	9	
7	8	8	8	6	
Start ◊	5	5	6	5	5

Add the numbers as you go. Can you make exactly 53 ?

Black History Month

Black History Month- Saluting Our Sisters

Black History Month is a time to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of black people to British society. Black people have always been at the forefront of social justice movements, fighting against oppression and paving the way for change. However, despite their countless contributions to society, the achievements of black women, in particular, have too often been overlooked or forgotten. That is why in 2023 the theme will be celebrating the exceptional achievements of black women.

The theme of ‘Saluting our Sisters’ highlights the crucial role that black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities. Many black women have contributed to many aspects of society in the UK; Sport, Politics and Activists, Medicine and Science, Music, the Arts and TV Presenters. Maybe at home you could look into one of these categories and see which black women you could find out about and the contribution that they have made to society.

Black History Month Poetry Competition 2023 - link

National Black History Month Poetry Competition celebrating black women is an important addition to the Black History Month 2023 celebrations, providing an opportunity to learn about the contributions and achievements of black women while inspiring and empowering future generations.



FOOTBALL

On Tuesday 3rd October the Year 3 and Year 4 Girls football team took part in a Football Tournament at West Pinchbeck Park. The girls were all a little apprehensive having never played a competitive match before. They all shared their excitement and energy in the warm-up and began to feel more confident as the tournament went on. The team showed great skill in passing the ball, saving goals and to playing as a team! Their team spirit sent them to the semi-final which ended in a penalty shoot out. The three Year 4 girls all took a penalty and we scored one goal. Our goalie had to do her job and save all the goals...and she did! We made it to the Silver Cup Final! This match was really tough and although we had four shots at goal, none of them went in As a team we were both saddened by this but also overjoyed to have achieved soo much all in one day. Well done!

