



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 11th October 2024

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term
Love of Learning

Value of the Month
Friendliness

LET US PRAY

Loving God, you created us to serve you and each other, and to be children of faith and hope; Help us to turn from our cares and worries and to listen to your voice in our hearts.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

The children in Foundation have been focusing on measure and have been using language to compare objects. The children have used words and pictures to retell the story of A Squash and a Squeeze. They have also collected natural objects and created a piece of art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy!

This week, Year 1 have been learning how to plan a route using maps of Spalding. They learned directional language and how to identify roads, rivers and symbols. We will be following a mapped route when we visit Ayscoughfee museum next week.

This week the Year 2 children have been learning about addition and subtraction in Maths. They have looked at digits and their values in one and two digit numbers. In English we have begun to look at Fiction and Non-fiction texts as we learn about writing our very own fact files for animals and creatures we've seen on our Tattershall Farm Trip. We are learning about animals and their life-cycles in Science and finding out how they live and survive in the wild.

The children are excited about the author talk tomorrow. They have been looking at and reading a wide selection of poetry this week. We are composing our own to enter into the wonder verse competition again. They have really enjoyed re enacting the Sacrament of Baptism and enjoyed the variety of roles in this. The children have excelled themselves with their other language challenge and we have some really unusual languages being shared and written.

Year 4 have had a very exciting day this week. It was their first outdoor learning session with Mrs Simons. Children made Frieda Kahlo natural art works, completed maths challenges and took part in a scavenger hunt.

In Year 5 this week we have been writing fact files about Isaac Newton. We have enjoyed learning about the famous scientist in science lessons and are creating some great work to share his discoveries and achievements.

This week was Year 6's turn to share a class worship with the school. In small groups the children worked together to research and write their own parts for the worship with everyone taking on the responsibility of leading a part. The children shared what they had learnt at The Briars last month by explaining what it means to be an Agent of Love and explaining how we can share more love in the world through small acts of kindness and generosity. Miss Bools was very proud how they planned and prepared everything themselves, sharing an important message.

You may have noticed the new road markings and signs outside school along Tollgate. Please follow the parking regulations as set out. If you do not residents and school are able to report parking issues to the council which will result in a fine. Parents that also identify parking infringements can report them [HERE](#) using the link.

Let's ensure we are parking with consideration and abiding by the law.

Good Attendance at school is vital for your child's development. I will be monitoring attendance and issuing letters to pupils where attendance is less than 90% (Persistent Absence). It is important you understand the consequences of poor attendance especially the new procedures around fines for if you take your child out of school for holidays. Please ensure you have read and understood the policy and procedures [HERE](#)

We have two weeks left for our Harvest Collection thank you for all the donations received so far, this is greatly appreciated! From next week I will be selling Autumn £1 squares at gate duties, if you win the prize is a beautiful Autumn Decorative Wreath and all funds support our PTA who are working hard to raise funds to support the children in school.

The sun is shining and I hope this continues into the weekend.

Mrs Withers x

Norbert Bear

Norbert Bear will be going home with a child in reception on a Friday to spend the weekend! Please follow the instructions on Norbert's tag and tweet any photos with Norbert with your child having fun! Norbert must be returned to school on a Monday for a busy week at school!

This Week Norbert will be going home with Alyssia.



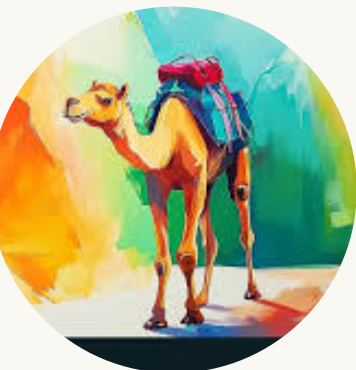
GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

Have you ever been on a treasure hunt? The Bible tells us that we are to seek for wisdom and understanding, to seek out the kingdom of God. This reminds me of a saying: Act as though it all depends on you, pray as though it all depends on God. God promises that if we seek him we will find him.

Jesus demands an inner independence. So that by being independent of what we have we can allow ourselves to be wholly dependent on God.

We are called to be conspicuous, to be recognisable by our relationship with God, each other and our neighbour. How hard it is to be conspicuous followers of Christ. What will others think we are about? Sometimes it is easier to focus on the exterior things- the accepted trappings of being Christian. -The pious private devotions, the weekly routine going to Mass. - These are the comfortable conventions that Wisdom warns us against. They would not be conspicuous enough for Christ, or Paul for that matter. These conventions do not speak of active burning concern for the welfare of others or highlight lives dedicated to the service of good.

How can we encourage ourselves and the children to turn their attention from material possessions to the things of the heart?



Encounter

Mary said 'yes' to becoming the mother of Jesus. This month, maybe you could make a promise to say yes to God more often.

Can you think of some examples of a 'yes' which you could say each day which would help you to Encounter Him?

Poverty

In the Catholic faith, we are called to care for the poor and to work to alleviate poverty. We are also called to be aware of the causes of poverty and to work to change them. Scripture reminds us that we can be financially poor but we can also be poor in spirit and that as followers of Jesus we should show mercy to all people, especially those most in need.

Participation CST

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
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Online Safety

For Parents - Smartphone-Free Childhood?

There's a lot of talk going on right now about a smartphone-free childhood. Personally I think a lot of very sweeping statements are being made without taking into consideration the individual needs of the child/family. Statements such as 'all under 16's should be banned from owning a smartphone' are neither practical nor possible, but all of this makes things very difficult for parents who want clear information to make an informed decision.

Thankfully Internet Matters have lots of clear information which should be useful for parents. In THIS article Internet Matters look at a number of aspects such as balancing concerns with safety and limiting risk.

In THIS article there's a parents guide to smart phones versus dumb phones. Together these articles and the links within the articles have lots of up to date, useful information to help them make a decision.

Information from: Alan McKenzie
<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/>



PUPIL OF THE WEEK



Foundation: Ella – for retelling the story of a squash and a squeeze using words and pictures!

Year 1: Hana for her fabulous Picasso portrait.

Year 2: Shasil for his excellent discussion skills in sharing our Maths learning with Mrs. Franklin.

Year 3: Hanna for her focus and contribution to our RE lessons this week.

Year 4: Oliver for his excellent communication skills in PE.

Year 5: Natan for his great geographical subject knowledge.

Year 6: All of Year 6 for rising to the challenge and writing their own parts to the class worship.



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.

All our families who have made purchases from our Friends of the School wish list. It will be greatly received.

Alex Year 6, who showed kindness and support towards a friend when she was struggling with some reading in worship, offering to swap readings and helping her practice her parts.

ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 6 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 95.46%

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 - 94.82%
- Year 1 - 97.1%
- Year 2 - 95.71%
- Year 3 - 97.54%
- Year 4 - 92.68%
- Year 5 - 98.07%
- Year 6 - 98.31%

WELLBEING

**Optimistic October
Human Dignity CST**

<p>11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward</p>	<p>12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today</p>
<p>13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing</p>	<p>14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation</p>
<p>16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting</p>	<p>17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society</p>
<p>15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted</p>	<p>18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead</p>

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)



The Other Side of the Valley - Ashling Lindsay

This simple and moving picture book tells the story of Pip and his fear of the unknown. After pushing himself beyond his comfort zone, he learns that new experiences can be positive.

Midnight Adventures in Primrose Park- Helen Peters

Can Dapple the fawn help his mother? Will Olive the otter find her mother again? Two charming animal stories in one volume, with dyslexia-friendly font and gorgeous, soft illustrations.

The Boy Who Cried Ghost- Ian Eagleton

This insightful, haunting, coming-of-age story is a celebration of friendship, diversity and inclusion that gives readers a glimpse into the mind of someone living with OCD.

HARVEST DONATIONS

Many thanks to all families who have so far donated to our harvest collection.

If any further non-perishable donations could be brought into school by next Friday, in time for our Harvest Service, we would be most grateful.

Donations will be made to the Hub in Hub out at the church as well as the local foodbank.



DIARY DATES

Wednesday 16th October
Year 3 Class Worship 2:50pm - Parents Welcome

Friday 18th October
Harvest Service 1:30pm - Parents Welcome

Friday 18th October
Last Day of Term 1

Monday 28th October
INSET Day - School Closed to children

Tuesday 29th October
Start of Term 2

FACTS AND CHALLENGES

Geography and Eco-friendly caring for the planet go hand in hand

This summer the capital city of Denmark Copenhagen launched a new scheme for visitors. Some visitors to the city were given gifts in exchange for being eco-friendly in the city. The Danish capital's trial Copen pay scheme was designed to motivate tourists to be considerate, and think about their impact on the environment. Some of the eco-actions and rewards included a free lunch in return for volunteering at an urban farm, and extra time at attractions if you cycled there. Litter picking and beach cleaning could result in complimentary kayak hire or food. The Danish City leaders are evaluating the data collected over the month long trial to see if there was an impact and if they can make it a permanent scheme. This is lovely idea just have a think how can you help your school and wider community.

Source: National Geographic Kids Magazine

Writing Competition BBC 500 Words - Entries by Friday, 8th November 2024

Click [HERE](#) for more information and support. There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds. All children need to do is write a story they would love to read in 500 Words or less. They would love children of all abilities to enter; spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - it's all about creativity! 50 finalists will be invited to go to a glamorous grand final at Buckingham Palace in February next year, where the bronze, silver and gold winners in each category will have their stories read out by celebrities. There are also lots of prizes to be won - each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners also win 500 books for their school library.

Maths Challenges

Multiplication Square

Take a multiplication Square. Pick any 2 by 2 square and add the numbers on each diagonal.

For example, if you take:

32	36
40	45

the numbers along one diagonal add up to 77 and the numbers along the other diagonal add up to 76.

Try a few more examples. What do you notice?

Now pick any 3 by 3 square and add the numbers on each diagonal.

72	84	96
78	91	104
84	98	112

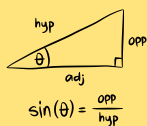
What do you think will happen with a 4 by 4 square? Can you prove your prediction? Thousands more problems can be found on the NRICH Maths website: <http://nrich.maths.org>

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Could you be the highest earner for your class this week!

Children can access maths activities at home that we use in school. Follow these links to find out more.



[Mathematics Shed](#)
[Times Tables Rock Stars](#)
[Top Marks](#)



FOOTBALL AND HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



On Friday 4th October our Year 6 Hockey Team took part in the first Hockey matches to begin the season! They played three really tough matches against, St. John's, Tower Road and St. Thomas's, demonstrating great resilience and team spirit as their skill set improved. They worked hard to defend in each match but were outplayed and subsequently lost each match. The team maintained their spirit and showed great sporting spirit as they congratulated their opponents.

The Year 3 and 4 Girls Football Team played in a tournament on Tuesday. They had a really wet rainy start to their first match, losing against Eye primary. However, they picked themselves up and showed great SchoolGames spirit as they played their second match against Kirby La Thorpe Primary and won 2-0. They went on to play a further three matches, winning one and losing against two teams in the Semi Finals. Well done girls - now the training begins!



OUTDOOR LEARNING

Outdoor Learning Reminder/information

On Wednesday 16th October, we will be holding our showcase evening. Mrs Simon's will have a table at the event, showing all the lovely outdoor learning the children have completed so far. Please feel free to come and have a look and ask any questions you have.

Please may I remind you children need a pair of shoes for outside and some to wear in school because we do get quite muddy. Children are able to bring a change of clothes or they can come in their outdoor gear they will be in it all day, please remember coats. Many thanks for all your support.



FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

Autumn squares will be available to buy from Monday on the gate for £1, for the opportunity to win an autumn wreath.



Your child will have been sent some with their Christmas card order form this week. The deadline for ordering is 17th October. We would greatly appreciate your support in ordering to raise funds for the Friends of the School.