



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

7th May 2021

Dear Parents,


Although this has been a short week, the children have been able to pack in lots of learning and school seems to have been very busy. School really does feel completely back to normal which is fantastic. There is a real buzz around school and the children are making great progress.

This week Year 1 have been super scientists. The children had to work well together as a team to explore different materials, using their senses to describe them. They had to make predictions as to what they thought would happen to the different materials when exposed to water, testing their waterproofness and their absorbency. The children also explored the properties of ice and water – and found that salt makes ice melt!

Hopefully, the weather will warm up over the next few weeks particularly as I know the Year 6 children are really looking forward to their PGL Residential trip.

Have a lovely weekend

God bless,

M. Hold 

Mrs King

Well this year will truly be the end of an era as Mrs King will be retiring in July. This is sad for us but I know she certainly deserves it and she has been travelling from St Alban's all of these years. I am not going to write too much about her now as we will be organising some things to celebrate her fabulous career later on in the year.

KS1 Reading

We have recently bought a new library system to replace reading cloud which wasn't working very well and we decided to put the reading scheme books onto the system. This has allowed us to put a new system in place in Year 1 and Year 2 which allows us to spend more time with the children supporting their learning. So we are now scanning the books in and out so that we have a record of who has them but not writing in the reading record. The reading record is therefore there for parents to write in it to help them keep a record of the reading they are doing with their child at home. This will hopefully be much more efficient and help us to more effectively support your children at home.

Breakfast and After School Club

If any parents are interested in a few hours work in either the breakfast or after school club please would they let the office know. Both clubs have somebody leading them but it is just helpful to have someone to assist. This doesn't have to be every day and obviously you won't need to pay for your own child.

Century Homework

This is just a reminder that the KS2 children need to do 4 nuggets of Century a week. We have been quite lenient so far as we know they are getting used to it but we are checking. In the next few weeks we will start being a bit harder on them.

Safeguarding

Next week is **Mental Health Awareness Week**. Hosted by the Mental Health Foundation, Mental Health Awareness Week will take place from 10-16 May 2021. More information can be found here: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>.



Good News Certificates

Last week's good news certificates went to the following children:

Year 1	Tamsin & Khadija
Year 2	Spike & Joseph
Year 3	Edward & Hannah
Year 4	Alex & Harry H
Year 5	Seb & Kester
Year 6	James & Alex

Well done everyone.

Accelerated Reader

Top readers this term

	Words Read
Year 6	2, 664, 681 words
Year 5	2, 362, 274 words
Year 4	1, 035, 916 words
Year 3	907, 208 words

Children who are reading above their target and have scored above 85% in the quizzes:

Year 3

Pierce
Xavier
Ellie
Lena
Ethan
Emilio
Harry
Alasdair

Year 4

Louis
Lucy
Alex
Tue Nhi
Alina

Year 5

Buddy
Charlie
Abigail
Zara
Florence
Valeria

Year 6

Sarah
Olivia
Maria
Gabriel
Louis
Fintan
Malachi
Kimberly