



St. Philip's Newsletter

25th March 2022



Dear St Philip's Families,

We continue our Lenten journey. As the sun shines and the flowers start to bloom, we are reminded of the new life promised to us at Easter.

Catholic Life

The Diocese are very optimistic that after two years of pandemic, they will be able to run the beloved diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer. The Covid years have been a worrying and troubling time, with so many families facing illness, bereavement and financial struggles, the Diocese would like to offer you the healing and spiritual experience that going on a pilgrimage to Lourdes can bring, along with a lot of fun! There are subsidies available to help families come on pilgrimage, as they are aware it can be a substantial financial commitment. There are many applications from Assisted pilgrims who are so keen to travel after the difficulties of the last years, and they are always in need of Helpers to enable this to happen. If anyone would like to come and help (or bring their families), there are subsidies for them too. Please do look at their website <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>

Thank you to year 5 families for sending in cheese for our frugal lunch. The children did a wonderful job of being hosts and we raised £15 for Cafod.

Sarah Y1, had a very busy weekend last week, loading lorries with items for Ukraine. It is wonderful to see our pupils giving up their time to help those in need.

Children led us beautifully in our Lenten Penitential Service last week. In a very thoughtful Liturgy, children were given the opportunity to reflect on their Lenten promises and pray for the strength to forgive others as Jesus forgives us. , "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (John 20:19-23).

Memorable Experiences

Year 3 had a brilliant time on their trip to Wakehurst Place as part of their 'Rainforest Explorers' topic. All of the children were really involved in the activities that Wakehurst had set up for them, including 'Art in the Garden' and a 'Rainforest Trail', where the children explored what plants they might find in the Rainforest. Thank you to the parent helpers who volunteered their time to assist on the trip, a lovely day was had by all.

Book Week was a great success last week. At the start of the week, all the children were given the opportunity to listen to a story of their choice read by a member of staff of their choice. Each class was then paired up with another class and spent a session sharing stories with each other. It was lovely to see the older children reading to the younger children. On Friday, children participated in a carousel of book related activities. Due to illness, the KS2 author visit will now take place on 31st March. The KS2 classes worked hard to practice their spellings at home ready for a spelling test in class. The children with the highest scores from each House Team went through to a whole school spelling competition in the Hall. After a very tense and exciting competition, the Green house were the overall winners. Well done to all the children who took part.

On Wednesday, Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic sunny day at the Observatory Science Centre also linking with their topic, Earth and Beyond. The class enjoyed the variety of hands-on exhibits, the discovery park and the water exhibits. The children also enjoyed a planetarium experience, where they got to travel around space before attending a robot arm workshop, where they got to experience the types of tools used on the International Space Station to fix things. Everyone had a fantastic day!

The Y5 science fair was a great success. The children displayed and discussed their amazing space projects with the other classes and parents who came along too. We were all so impressed at how hard they had worked and how much they have learnt during their exciting topic, "Earth and Beyond."

Today, the whole school enjoyed Samba Workshops. All the children learnt samba rhythms and the older children even managed a samba band performance! It was great to hear the sound of drumming throughout the school. The children also learnt about the history of samba in class.

Thank you to Shingai, Y1, for raising money for some extra music workshops in school.

Welcome to:

Jake (Y3), we hope you have a wonderful time as part of our St Philip's family.

With very best wishes for a lovely sunny weekend
Joanna Sanchez

Diary Dates

March	
Wed 30 th	9.00am Palm Sunday liturgy led by KS1 in the hall – parents welcome to attend
Thurs 31 st	Bags2School – cut off 9am
April	
Fri 1 st	Stations of the cross – parents welcome to attend Last day of school for children
w/c 4/4/22 & 11/4/22	Easter Holidays including Monday 18th April
Tues 19th	First day back at school for children
Wed 20th	Reception trip to Blackberry Farm
Fri 22 nd	Dressing of the Cross led by Y3/4 (parents welcome to attend: please could all children bring a flower)
Fri 29 th	Y1 Bluebell Railway
May	
w/c 9th	Year 6 SATS week
Mon 16 th	Y5 Anne of Cleves House
Thurs 26 th	Y2 Pizza Express
w/c 30th	Half term week
June	
Wed 8 th	Y1 & Y4 Drusillas
Wed 22 nd	Good shepherd liturgy
July	
Tues 12 th	Y3 Roman Workshop
Mon 18 th	6.30pm Y6 Production
Tues 19 th	9.00 Y6 Leavers' Assembly Last day of school for children
Wed 20th	Inset Day – no children in school
Thurs 21st	Inset Day – no children in school