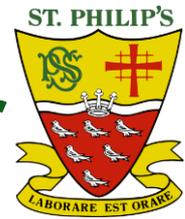




St. Philip's Newsletter

8th October 2021



Catholic Life

Last week was 'Little Way Week'. Children learnt about the life of St Therese de Liseux. Therese wanted to be a missionary, but her health prevented her from doing this. With age she understood that very few of us are called to make big and radical gestures, but that through small, loving actions we too can deliver God's love to the world. In today's challenging world, if we all try to be like St Therese, maybe, we too can make a difference and the world will be a better place.

Last week, Jan from CAFOD visited us to share a 'Go for green for CAFOD' assembly. She spoke about the impact that Cafod's fundraising has on many overseas counties and also how we can shine a light on some of the causes of the climate emergency, while doing our bit to guard God's creation and protect our common home.

It was lovely that our Grandparents' assembly was attended by so many Grandparents – it was a really special occasion. Never before have we needed four rows of chairs!. Thanks to the Friends' for organising tea and biscuits to give us all an opportunity to come together afterwards. Thank you also to all the grandparents who have passed on their appreciation for this event. It's lovely to receive positive feedback.

The month of October is dedicated to the holy Rosary. The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary. The Rosary draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centred on the great events of the Incarnation and Redemption with each decade referring to an event in the life of Jesus and Mary.

The Joyful Mysteries are taken mostly from Saint Luke's Gospel in the New Testament. They involve the joyful events of Jesus' childhood.

The Luminous Mysteries bring a deeper understanding to the public life of Jesus. They fill in the blanks between the childhood of Jesus and His suffering and death on the cross.

The Sorrowful Mysteries remind us of how much Jesus loves us. They recall how He suffered and died just for us.

The Glorious Mysteries tell us what happened after Jesus died-His Resurrection, the descent of the Holy Spirit and the love Jesus had for his Mother.

Sports news

We had some great positive feedback from Tiny Tekkers who run two of our after school clubs. They reported that the children have been so well behaved at football. In particular, the way the older children were really encouraging of the younger players was a joy to behold! Well done to all our football club members!

Our Y5/6 football team played incredibly well, winning their 9 team league! They also showed great sportsmanship and represented the school exceptionally well. Congratulations to Eli, Dominik, David C, Benji, Kendall, Josh, Max, Noah and Thomas.

The two words the children used to describe the cross country event were cold and super hard – rather like my own recollections! Well done to Olivia P, Keira, Kendall, Arthur, Adam, Sabire, Flo, Caelan, Denise and Justin for completing the course and congratulations to Lara, Benji, Beatrice and Eli who have qualified for the next round.

Our Y4 football team played at Manor this week and won the tournament! It was also great to be commended by other local schools, not just for their great football skills but also the positive way in which they interacted with everybody. Well done to Ceon, Zac, Rolf, Sammy, Baxter and Theo.

Curriculum

October is Black History Month. We have decided to engage with Black History Month this year, as we continue our work on diversity. Children engaged positively in our opening assembly and had some great ideas about why it is important to highlight the contribution black and brown people have made to history.

Children from all classes had the opportunity to experience different languages on the European Day of Languages last Monday. There are 9 different languages spoken in the homes of St Philip's Families. Mayalam, Arabic, Polish, Cantonese, Filipino, Portugese, Romani and Spanish. To celebrate the day, children learnt songs, made posters and learnt to say hello in a variety of languages, including Spanish, French, and Polish. There was a great buzz of languages around the school.

Friends'

The Friends AGM was held last week and it was good to see some new faces. I am pleased that Ruth Colley has decided to serve another term as Chair, Selena Lewis as treasurer, Gemma Beckwith as Secretary and Lynne Bull as Hospitality manager. Remember as parents of children at St Philip's you are automatically a member of the Friends' and are welcome at all our events.

Welcome: To Colbo (Y4). We hope you have a wonderful time at St Philip's.

Trips and Visits

Y1 visited Bodiam Castle as part of their topic Princesses and Knights. It was great for Y1 to go on a visit, as their early education has been so impacted by the pandemic. They particularly enjoyed going up and down the spiral staircases and had some great fun with the ducks!

Congratulations to:

Lucas and Ewan (Y5) who have earned their green Blue Peter badge for doing lots of things to help the environment - litter picking, making posters to stop people littering, learning about alternative energy sources and reducing energy use at home. Well done Lucas and Ewan.

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend.
Joanna Sanchez

Reminders

If you are worried or concerned about anything, do speak to your child's class teacher. If your concern persists do speak to the appropriate member of our leadership team.

All our events are listed in diary dates, which are emailed to parents and available on our website.

Do remember that parents can drive up to breakfast club as long as they leave before 8.15. Please park near the hall. Please do not enter the school driveway after school, as many children are leaving clubs at this time.

The office will email you for a minor headbump. We will always phone you for a more significant bump or injury.

Diary Dates

October	
Mon 11 th	2:30 Harvest Liturgy led by KS1-

	parents welcome to attend
Tues 12 th	Yr3/4 Football B League @ Manor 3.45-5.10pm
Thurs 14 th	Y4 Egyptian Trip
Fri 15 th	Frugal Lunch 12.00 parents welcome to attend
Tues 19 th	Yr4/5/6 Girls Football @ Manor 3.45-5.10pm Parents evening 3.30-6.00
Weds 20 th	NHS Flu Nasal spray Vaccine
Weds 20 th	Football Tournament @ Manor 1.15-3.10pm
Thurs 21 st	Y3 Victorian Day Parents evening 5.00-7.30
Friday 22nd	Inset day – no children in school
w/c Mon 25th	Half Term
November	
Mon 1st	INSET day – no children in school
Thurs 4 th	9.30 Prospective Reception Parents Open Morning Y5 trip to Newhaven Fort
Mon 8 th	Diwali Workshop
Tues 9 th	Parent Workshops AM Post pandemic supporting learning Post pandemic supporting social and emotional needs
Tues 9 th	Basketball @ UC sports hall 3.45-5.10pm
Weds 10 th	Y2 Library visit am
Tues 16 th	Indoor Athletics @ UC 3.45- 5.10pm (Sportshall)
Weds 17 th	Individual Photo's
Tues 23 rd	Y6 Survival Day
Mon 29 th	9.00 Advent Liturgy led by Y6 – parents welcome to attend
Tues 30 th	KS1 Multiskills @ UC 3.45-4.55pm
December	
Mon 6 th	KS1 Christmas play 10.00– parents welcome to attend
Tues 7 th	KS1 Christmas play 2.00– parents welcome to attend
Thur 9 th	11.00 Service of reconciliation led by Y4
Tues 14 th	Y6 Christmas Play 6.00– parents welcome to attend (due to Diocesan restrictions this will be in the hall)
Thurs 16 th	Christmas Lunch and Dress up Day
Fri 17 th	Carols followed by mince pies 2.00 – parents welcome to attend

