

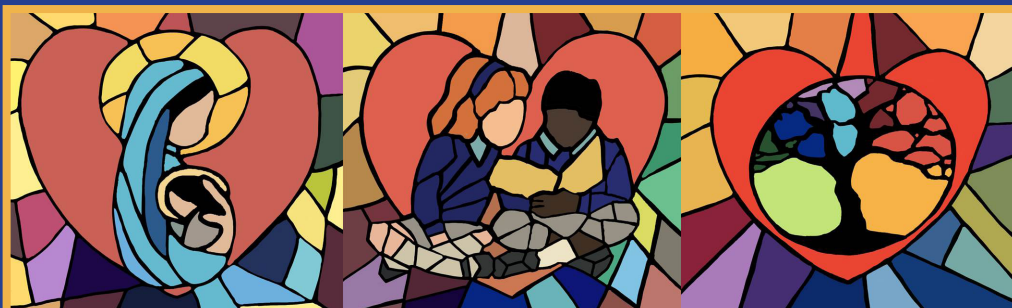
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Autumn Term 1a Newsletter



A Message from Miss Elliott

It's hard to believe we have come to the end of our first half term this academic year.

Looking back, we are thankful for all the lovely things that have taken place in school. I hope this newsletter showcases the many memorable learning experiences offered to our pupils as we strive to ensure we have a rich, ambitious curriculum where all can succeed.

May I take this opportunity to 'officially' extend a very warm welcome to our new Reception children and their families to the family of English Martyrs'. The Reception pupils have had a fantastic start to the school year; they have settled in very well and made lots of new friends. They have been busy trying different activities including singing, counting, writing and painting.

As we move towards Advent and our Christmas season, we look forward to welcoming you back into school to celebrate and enjoy our Christmas nativities and concerts.

We are grateful to all those parents/carers who took the time to complete the recent survey monkey following our Curriculum night. We will be looking at the responses and addressing any issues/concerns or suggestions made next half term.

As always, the pupils and staff have worked very hard and I hope you all have a great half term holiday. (Don't forget to put your clocks back on Sunday 30th October - enjoy the extra hour in bed!)

Miss Elliott



CAFOD - Brighten up for Harvest Week



Monday - Whole School Worship invited children to think about world hunger. Each class also took part in CAFOD's national assembly to highlight the importance of COP26 and rights and responsibilities

Tuesday - During Class Worship, children planned a liturgy to pray for people who need our prayers and support

Wednesday - During Wednesday Word the children 'stepped up to the plate' to write to Liz Truss to ask her to 'Fix our Food System'

Friday - The children brought food donations for the People's Kitchen. They also wore bright clothes as a way of brightening up our school for CAFOD

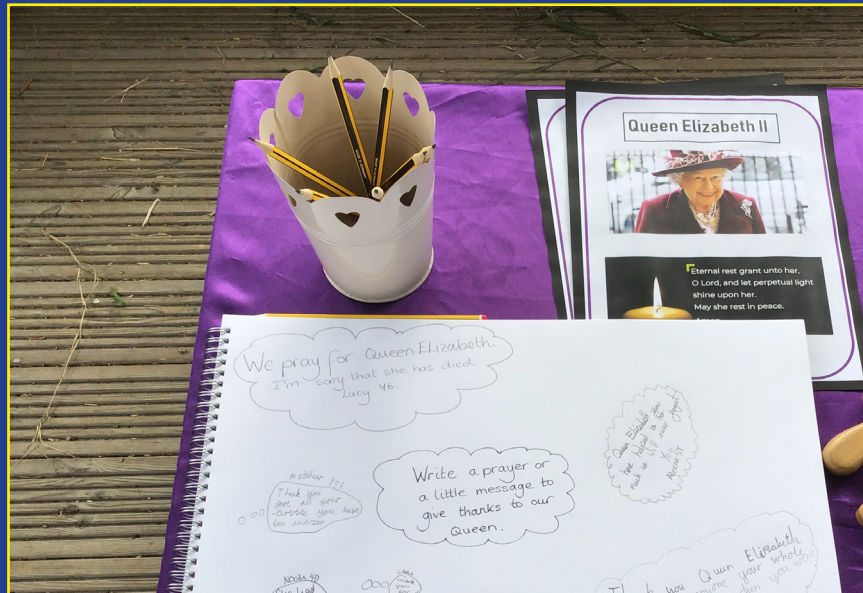
We would like to thank all of our families who donated to the People's kitchen - we filled the stage with your generosity.

October - Month of the Rosary



October is the month of the Holy Rosary and on a Friday during lunchtime worship leaders in Year 6 have been responsible for setting up and leading other children in prayer.

Queen's Remembrance



Children took time to reflect on the life of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. As well as whole school assemblies and worship, Year 6 children led lunchtime prayer and reflection, supporting the younger children in school.

Children shared their thoughts about the Queen's life as well as creating prayers for the Royal Family which will be kept in a special book of remembrance.

World Faith Week

In order to prepare for our 'World Faiths' week which will be the first week back after half term, each class took part in a Zoom call with Rabbi Zvi Solomon. He spoke to the children about the Jewish faith and significant holy days in the Jewish Calendar including Shabbat and the Passover.



Year 6 - Durham University Visit

Year 6 pupils spent a day at Durham University.

They took part in mini-lectures and worked in the archaeology department as well as spending some time in the museums and library.

They even had a taste of university life - with a tour of the campus and student accommodation.



Year 5 - Author Visit



Year 5 visited Sacred Heart High School to see international best selling author, illustrator and former Children's Laureate Cressida Cowell, creator of the How to Train your Dragon books.



Cressida spoke about her new book 'Which Way to Anywhere' and gave tips to the children about becoming an author.

Year 4 - Cricket



The children in year 4 have improved their throwing, catching and batting skills in PE. They took part in some mini cricket games which improved their teamwork skills.

It's fair to say - they have thoroughly enjoyed this PE unit.

Year 3 - Pedestrian Training

Children in Year 3 have been learning all about road safety. They learnt the importance of walking on the pavement and how to behave safely near the road and around traffic.



Stop

Look

Listen

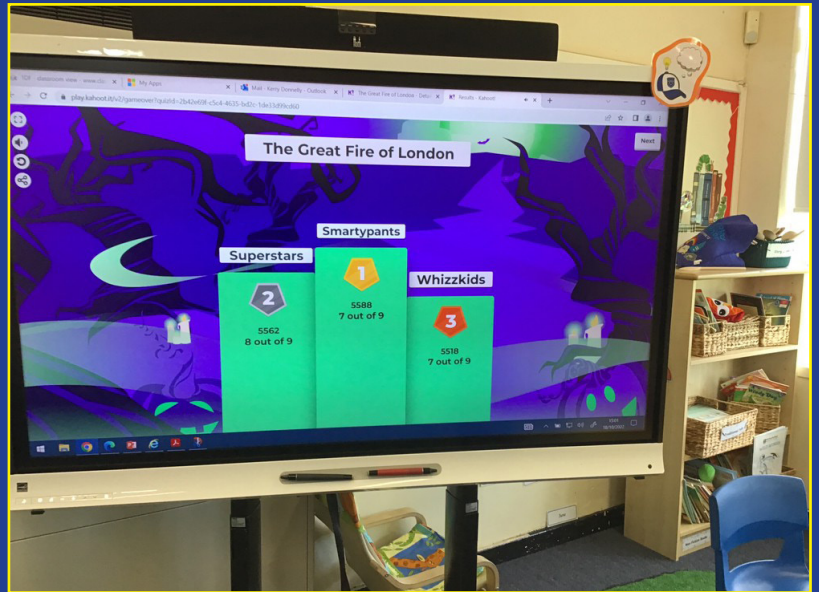
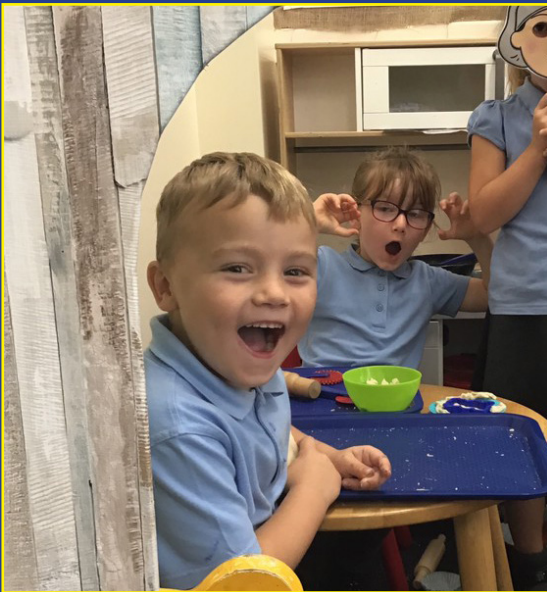
Think!

Year 2 - Visit to the Zoo



Year 2 visited Northumberland Zoo. They had a fantastic time and made one of those special memories of school that they will remember for a lifetime!

Year 1 - Great Fire of London



Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their topic on 'The Great Fire of London'. Particular highlights were transforming their role play area and the end of topic iPad quiz!

Early Years - Nursery and Reception



Welcome to all of the children in Reception and Nursery. They have settled in well and as you can see from the photographs have been mixing hard work with fun and imaginative play!

Newcastle Summer Reading Challenge

Despite some stiff competition, English Martyrs were victorious in the school Summer Reading Challenge competition this year!

The competition, organised by Newcastle City Libraries, encourages children from across the city to visit libraries and read at least 6 books over the summer holidays.

After finishing second in the competition, last year, English Martyrs' pupils stepped up to the challenge and were awarded the special trophy as well as winning £50 to purchase new books for their school library.

The children also won the chance for a special, in-school performance, by coming to the city in October.



Well done to all of the children who took part!

Looking forward...

Detailed information will follow in due course but for now...

Thursday 3rd November 2.45pm - Y6W Macbeth Performance

Friday 4th November 2.45pm - Y6BM Performance

Monday 7th November 2.30pm - Year 1 Parents Phonics Session 1

Monday 14th November 2.30pm - Year 1 Parents Phonics Session 2

Parents/Carers can choose which session to attend

Monday 28th November - Thursday 1st December - SEN Reviews

Parents/Carers will receive an invitation for their child's review on 4th November

Tuesday 6th December - Lower Key Stage 2 Concert (pm)

Thursday 8th December - Upper Key Stage 2 Concert (pm)

Monday 19th December - Reception Nativity

Tuesday 20th December - Key Stage 1 Nativity

Thursday 22nd December - School Closes **(End of Day)**



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