

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School



*Together we live and learn; we
play and pray.*

Friday 26th January 2024

Message from Mr Claxton

This week we welcomed Dr Andy Stone, the Director of Education for the diocese. He was incredibly impressed with the children's behaviour for learning and the dedication that they showed towards their learning.

Well done to Year Six this week who have completed some assessments in preparation for their Sats later in the year. The children approached these with maturity and this has given us a clear indication of what each child's next steps are in different areas of the curriculum.

Mrs Longden spent some time this week looking at the history and geography learning across the school. She was very impressed with the knowledge that the children had and how they were able to use that knowledge in different contexts.

May God, the Holy Spirit from whom alone the gift of faith can come, hear my humble prayer and thus enable me to share with others the riches of my heritage of faith through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 92.7%

Year One: 92.1%

Year Two: 94.8%

Year Three: 97.8%

Year Four: 95.1%

Year Five: 98.1%

Year Six: 98.5%

School: 95.6%

Year to date: 96.2%

Our school attendance target is 96%. We want every child to reach their full potential at school and maintaining good levels of attendance is vital in this. Thank you for your continued support with this!

A reminder that our attendance policy is available on our school website and can be found here:

<https://www.sacredheartprimary.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2659&type=pdf>

Next week's gospel:

Mark 1: 21-28

Car park and parking

Please may I remind all users of the car park that the disabled bays should be used by those who need it. Also, children should be wearing seatbelts at all times, even if driving slowly through the car park. This is for the safety of all.

UPCOMING DATES

2nd February – FOSH AGM – 3.30pm

19th – 23rd February – HALF TERM

27th February – Circus Skills – all classes

28th February – FOSH Clothing collection 8.30am – see email

5th March – Visit from Wood Green Animal community team – all classes

5th March – Parents Evening – booking details to follow

7th March – Parents Evening – booking details to follow

12th March – Year 1 class trip – see email

21st March – Year 2 class trip see email

28th March – Last Day of Term

MASS DATES

1st February - NO MASS

8th February - Years One & Five

14th February – Ash Wednesday- Whole School

29th February - Years Three & Six

7th March - Years Two & Four

14th March - Years Three & Six

21st March - Years One & Five

27th March – Station of The Cross Service at St Oswald's – 5.30pm



EYFS

This week we have finished making our robots, to support our learning about Harry and the Robots. We then wrote about our robot's special powers!

In Phonics we have been learning the ch and qu sounds. Thank you for reading at home.

In RE we have been learning the story of Jesus and the little children. We learnt that Jesus welcomed and blessed the little children because he knew they were important.

Year 2

Year 2 really enjoyed their art this week. They were exploring painting texture, starting with painting different textures using different objects including cardboard and foil. They then painted a given object ensuring they captured the texture of it. Within English the children started the new unit of 'biographies' they started this by finding out what a biography is and then talking to their peers about their life.

Year 3

The children in Year 3 have been working hard on their story writing this week and are writing their own adventure stories. In maths they have been learning to multiply and divide and the relationship between these calculations. The biggest challenge they have faced this week is using the laptops to send emails to each other. The children have learnt to log on to the computers and their own email and how to write an email. In DT they are designing and making castles.

Year 4

Year 4 have been working hard on turning a page from the class novel, *The Thieves of Ostia*, into a playscript. Using excellent adverbs and useful stage directions, the children are making good progress in becoming playwrights. In RE, we focused on the baptism of Jesus and what that means to us today. In maths, the children have been looking at multiplying 2-digit or 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers.

Year 5

Year Five enjoyed working as structural engineers and investigating beam and arch bridges in Design and Technology. They found that a simple arch will reinforce a bridge so that it will hold much more weight. They worked in pairs to develop ways of improving their bridges so that they could hold more weight. They found a concertina and a corrugated design were the strongest. We have also enjoyed investigating just how bad life was for Victorian factory children. The conclusion? It was worse than we first thought!

Year 6

This week, we have focused on developing our writing skills. Our current class text, *The Lion and the Unicorn*, is about an evacuee, Lenny, who feels lost and lonely in the countryside. We made predictions about what could happen next in the story and have been busy planning our version of how the story could unfold. One aim has been to 'show, not tell' the reader about the characters and setting. We have tried to do this by using similes, metaphors and other literary devices.

