

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Friday 1st March 2024



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



Message from Mr Claxton

Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus!

On today, St David's day, we call to mind the strength and steadfast virtuosity that St David showed in the face of oppression. May his love for God be a guiding example as we continue through our Lenten journey.

The Department for Education have released some new attendance figures and I am **so** pleased to be able to share that Sacred Heart is in the top 10% of all primary schools nationally for attendance, for all groups of learners, as well as overall! This is a huge achievement and only possible with your continued support, so I truly thank you for making the difference for your children's education. Let's keep it up!

Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us Your servant, St. David, as an example of holiness. Help us to imitate the virtue he showed in holding fast to his love of You as he faced opposition for the holy practices in his monasteries. Amen

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 94.7%

Year One: 96.3%

Year Two: 98%

Year Three: 92.1%

Year Four: 95%

Year Five: 95.6%

Year Six: 95.8%

School: 95.3%

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:

John 2:13-25

FOSH update:

Keep your eyes peeled for lots of events coming up soon!

UPCOMING DATES

29th February – 14th March – Lent Walks – see email for class dates

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

5th March – Parents Evening – booking email sent on 5th Feb

7th March – FOSH Book Swap – see email

7th March – Parents Evening – booking email sent on 5th Feb

8th March – World Book Day activities during lesson time – see email

12th March – Year 1 class trip – see email

21st March – Year 2 class trip – see email

22nd March – CAFOD Club "Alternative Rules" Day – see email

28th March – Last Day of Term

29th March – 12th April – Easter Holidays

MASS DATES

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

We have started our new topic: New Life. The children have enjoyed exploring different types of seeds and playing in our Garden Centre role play area. We read the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and the children have enjoyed retelling the story using props. In RE we have been learning about the different symbols of Lent. We have been creating collages and paintings using the colour purple. In Maths, we have been learning about doubles to 8.

Year 1

This week, Year 1 enjoyed their Circus skills workshop. They learnt how to spin plates, walk on small stilts and use a tight rope. The children were fantastic and it was great to see them all getting stuck in and having a go at all the different activities.



Year 2

This week we have started two new topics, within Science we started the 'Our environment' topic and we started by looking at what makes us alive, we then sorted items into dead, alive or never alive. Within Theme we started the topic Geography detectives: Our wonderful world. We started with looking at continents, we found out what they were, then located them on the map of the world and finally found out some interesting facts about each of them.

Year 3

This week Year three have been working very hard on their spring term assessments but that hasn't stopped us having fun. We have started a new History topic. We are learning about Ancient Greece and that includes the Ancient Greek Myths. We have finished the last class reader: The adventurers and the cursed castle by Emily Hatt. The children enjoyed the book and there are 5 more in the series, so keep an eye open for those when you are buying books!

Year 4

This week, Year 4 have started their new topic on The Amazon. We explored where rainforests are located in the world and used atlases to create a diagram of South America, with The Amazon and surrounding countries and oceans labelled on it. Year 4 have been hard at work completing their spring term assessments. We have also started our new class novel 'The Explorer'. The children have enjoyed it so far and I can't wait to keep reading it with them.



Year 5

Year Five have tested their spaghetti truss bridges this week to see how much weight their bridges could hold before collapsing. The children then used their understanding of bridges (beam, arch and truss) and materials to then make their own wooden truss bridge in groups. They worked collaboratively and demonstrated super problem-solving skills and were all able to use the tools and materials safely.



Year 6

In Theme, we started our new topic: Asia. We looked at Asia's land mass and compared it to other continents and started to think about how and why Asia is such a diverse part of the world. Our new class novel is 'The Girl Who Stole an Elephant' and we have been generating vocabulary and phrases connected to jungles in preparation for a piece of writing.