St Anne's
Catholic Academy

Newsletter

Friday 21st October, 2022

'If God can work through me, He can work through anyone.'

Francis of Assisi.

Catholic Life

This month in school the children have been praying the Rosary. The Liturgy Team have done a wonderful job of leading all those who want to pray in the Rosary over at Annie's place. This made me reflect on what prayer is and why we pray.

Prayer is a form of communication, a way of talking to God. Prayer may be formal or informal. While formal prayer is an important element of Christian worship, prayer itself is not synonymous with worship or adoration.

The word *pray* is first found in Middle English, meaning to "ask earnestly." It comes from the Old French *preier*, which is derived from the Latin word *precari*, which simply means to entreat or ask. In fact, although *pray* is not often used this way anymore, it can simply mean "please," as in "pray continue your story."

While we often think of prayer primarily as asking God for something, prayer, properly understood, is a conversation with God. Just as we cannot hold a conversation with another person unless he can hear us, the very act of praying is an implicit recognition of the presence of God here with us. And in praying, we strengthen that recognition of the presence of God, which draws us closer to Him. That is why the Church recommends that we pray frequently and make prayer an important part of our daily lives.

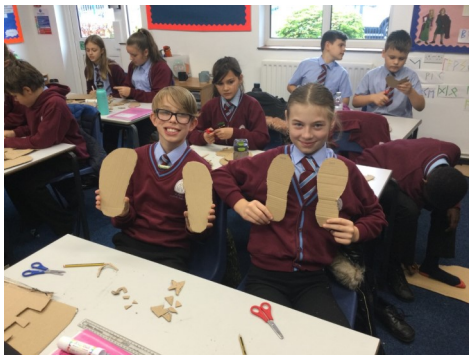
As a school we said the Hail Holy Queen this week in Gospel assembly.
Join us in prayer as we talk to God.

Hail Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy!
Our life, our sweetness, and our hope!
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and
weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of
mercy toward us;
and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Year Six

Year 6 have spent their first half term learning about the Ancient Greeks. This week, in our DT lessons, we designed, made and evaluated our very own prototype Greek sandal. We had so much fun choosing appropriate materials and threading the fabrics. Our sandals were suitable for any Greek soldier as they were comfortable and durable.



Attendance and Punctuality

Her Majesty's Inspectors are monitoring our attendance figures from the beginning of the school year. Our Target is 97% overall and our current figure is 95.2% We all have to work together to keep improving attendance and punctuality in school. Last weeks percentages are listed below.

Nursery: 85.2% Reception: 93.9% Year One: 94.9% Year Two: 94.7% Year Three: 95.4%

Year Four:93.1% Year Five: 94.7% Year Six: 98.5%

Winners: Year Six

N.B: If your child is going to be absent from school or late to arrive you must contact the school office as soon as possible. Tel:- 02476 392877

Weekly Awards

Our Nursery Dojo Winners

Leon & Daryl

Celebration

Reception - Anna

Year 1 - Whole Class

Year 2 - Ben

Year 3 - Adam

Year 4 - Tommy

Year 5 - Amelia

Year 6 - Kaiden

Presentation

Reception - Janice

Year 1 - Nathan

Year 2 - Maya

Year 3 - Lily

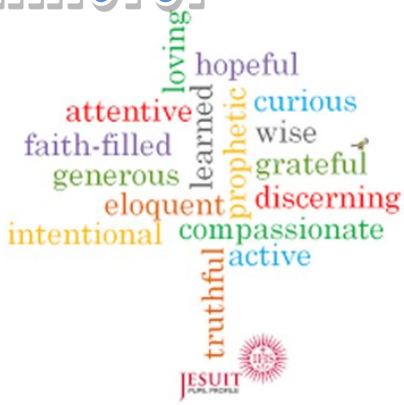
Year 4 - Jake

Year 5 - Alfie

Year 6 - Patryk

Well done to this weeks winners!

Virtues and Values - Compassionte & Loving



Children and teachers each week, will nominate someone in their class that they feel has demonstrated the values of being **'Compassionate & Loving'**

This may be reflected through the child's work or the way they have conducted themselves. They may have asked searching questions or showed a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith. Each half term we will focus on new Values & Virtues.

KS1

Year 1 - Darcey

Year 2 - Jessica

Early Years

Nursery - Nancy

Reception - Kalina

KS2

Year 3 - Liliana

Year 4 - Millie

Year 5 - Ella

Year 6 - Alicja

Diary Dates

St. Anne's School Calendar 2022 - 2023

Dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances but every effort will be made to keep them as stated. Please make a note on your calendars/diaries at home. Thank you.

Date	Activity
31st October	Teacher Training Day
1st November	Back to School
4th November	Non-uniform supporting Doorway, a local homeless charity.
18th November	Book Fair
7th December	Carols at St Anne's 4.30pm
9th December	Christmas Fair 3.30pm-5.30pm
12th December	EYFS and KS1 Dress Rehearsal 2.15 pm
13th December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Concert 4.15pm
14th December	Christmas Dinner Day
16th December	Break up for Christmas
3th January	Teacher Training Day
4th January	Back to School
17th February	Break up for Half Term
27th February	Back to School
27th March	St Cassian's Year Four Residential
31st March	Teacher Training Day
17th April	Back to school
1st May	Bank Holiday
26th May	Half Term
5th June	Back to School
24th June	First Holy Communion 1.00pm
5th July	Induction Day
21st July	Break up for Summer

PE Days

Year One - Monday & Wednesday

Year Two - Monday & Friday

Year Three - Thursday & Friday

Year Four - Monday & Thursday (swimming)

Year Five - Tuesday & Thursday

Year Six - Tuesday & Friday

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