

Friday 24th September 2021

NEWSLETTER

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Stars of the Week

Nursery	Cai
Reception	Gabriel
Year 1	Anne-Marie
Year 2	Amad
Year 3	Alan
Year 4	Rebecca
Year 5	Nicarlo
Year 6	Amelie

Attendance

Nursery	97.3%
Reception	96.1%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 3	95.2%
Year 4	93.5%
Year 5	92.5%
Year 6	98.5%



Photo of the Week

Open to all
Understanding of others
Respect and Love
Learning with kind teachers
Adventure and Growth
Dynamic Friendship
Yes! We are proud of our school
School is great

Sports with top coaches
Clapping and cheering
Happy faces
Outstanding everyone
On a quiet leafy road in Whalley Range
LOOK FOR YOURSELF!

Children were challenged to write an Acrostic Poem to advertise our fantastic school to prospective parents.

Congratulations to our winner Nancy in Year 4 who wrote this fantastic poem!

Some parents are still not booking their child's meals on ParentPay.

If you are having problems please see Mrs Wajs-Johnson in the office and she will talk you through it.

Children who do not have meals booked will need to bring a packed lunch to school.

To see more of what we are doing in school and lots more pictures please visit our [facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages!

In the classroom this week....

This week in the Nursery we have been learning more about God's love and how we are all different but all special to God. We decorated our names with glitter. Our names are very special, and God calls us by our name to share in His love. We made handprints to show that we are different but that we are all called to help share God's love with our families and others. In number, we are becoming more familiar with the order and counting of numbers through nursery rhymes and class activities. We are learning letter sounds using the Jolly Phonics scheme and letter formation. In PE, we have enjoyed playing games and ball activities with Coach Amy from Manchester City.



What a busy week in Reception class! We have been talking about climate change and how we want the leaders of the world to make good decisions to protect our common home; planet earth. We made banners to show we have our eyes on them and we marched around the school today! We have also been enjoying reading The Gingerbread Man and using play-doh to cut out our own.

This week Year 1 had a magical time filled with learning moments and achievements. First, we focused on the book 'Lost and Found' to make predictions, write lists and label images. In Maths, we explored numbers by looking at patterns in a 100 square, representing numbers using cubes, Numicon, counters and dice. We certainly had lots of fun becoming mathematicians! In RE, we have enjoyed exploring what we like and continuing to learn our class prayers! We ended our week by kick-starting our new topic- Magnificent Manchester! I wonder what the history of our home will bring...

Another week gone in Year 2, the time is flying which is apt as that is something the class has been learning this week. We have looked at telling the time and also the order of the months and days of the week. We have also been learning all about the Beginning and how God made the world and made us all unique and special. In Computing this week we made our own Avatar, then uploaded it to their profile page, for Google classroom, some chose to have a beard and some blue hair! ...not sure that follows the uniform policy but the children really enjoyed the lesson. Have a great weekend.



In Year 3 this week we have been reading the book "Seal Surfer" we have been using dictionaries to explore the vocabulary in the book. In Science we have been looking at a balanced diet and human dietary requirements and identifying different food types and their different uses in the body. We have written about different rainforest animals in our Geography topic. In P.E. we have continued to create dances based on our rainforest topic, there are some very creative dances that use a wide range of movements expressing mood and feeling.



Year 4 have been investigating different animal and plant habitats in our school grounds. We found a variety of animals and plants in the wooded prayer garden, on the field, the playground and even on the tyre park. "I found a creature that was yellow and had eyes, I didn't know what it was. I also saw a ladybird" (Yousef) "I saw spiders and ladybugs. I liked the baby snails the best" (Zayaam) "We were searching for living things around the school grounds. It was really fun exploring all around the school" (Laura) "I really enjoyed working as a team with Amelia and drawing all the cool animals we found. We also found plants and flowers" (Kanema)

Year 5 have had another fantastic week. We have been working hard in our lessons whilst also getting to know each other too. We welcomed Antony, a new classmate and he has enjoyed his first few days thanks to our kind, caring and welcoming group. The children are becoming more confident with each other and with their learning this week. In English we have been continuing our work on 'Queen of the Falls'. We held a heated debate about whether Annie Taylor was right to continue with her plan to drop off the Niagara Falls in a barrel. The children have excellent arguments! In Maths we have continued with our place value learning. The children have been perfecting their understanding of 6 digit numbers and rounding skills. The children have focused on CAFOD's 'Eyes of the World' campaign. We have created pieces of artwork on this initiative as well as creating a powerful piece of music. We also studied Paul's letter to the Colossians in our RE lesson and used this as a basis to create a leaflet about how we can be peacemakers in our daily lives.

This week children have had their first maths assessment for the coming year. Children are beginning to understand where their starting point is and what they can be doing themselves more independently this year to build upon the progress they will make.

We have been very impressed with the steady growth in confidence children have shown in expressing themselves over the last two weeks. We have been familiarising ourselves with climate related vocabulary this week, eg 'sustainable', 'renewable' to enhance our language in discussions about the climate. We have enjoyed our first class debate on climate change and the 'Go Green!' campaign which was both passionate and informative as the children shared their views. Children also took turns pretending to be the Prime Minister re-enacting 'Question time' and answering important questions that highlighted children's climate concerns. As work on our Go Green Environmental window in class continues..we have also been learning how to use oil pastels and coloured pencils most effectively with the cross hatching technique in Art to create vibrant eye images to complete our display for Cafod's 'Eyes Of the World' initiative.

Diversity Day was a great success at Loreto and the children enjoyed the opportunity to spend time at a high school.