

St John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Although it has been a short half term, a huge amount of hard work and events have taken place here at St John's. A reminder that it is Parents Evening after the half term, your child's teacher should have already sent your individual appointment times home. The children have been enjoying many wonderful, positive and fun activities as well as quality learning this term. As always, I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued co operation and support. Please remember to check back regularly for news of events in our school website and twitter account which are constantly being updated.

Miss Maudsley

Boys Football



Our boys continued their efforts in the **KMC Primary Schools Football League** this term and look forward to playing in the warmer months!

Mental

For Children's Mental Health Week, we have had the pleasure of working with an artist **Sarah Devine** to complete a whole school collage full of positive affirmations. The theme this year being **Our Voice Matters**.

Early Years made a wishing tree filled with hopes and dreams and some of our older children linked up with the Inclusive Hub making relaxing bath salts and positivity bags to take home.

Children have been taught techniques for when life gets stressful ie: breathwork, yoga and mindfulness.



Year 4 welcomed Emma from LSSP to work with us on our mental wellbeing and how this links to physical activity. We have looked at how to keep our bodies healthy and how this can help keep our minds healthy. We finished our sessions with a 'walk and talk' activity, sharing our worries and giving advice to others.



Early Years

EYFS wishing tree

Children made a wish and wrapped it around the wishing tree.



Year 3 took a moment to pause, and then took a moment to write some positive words for others to take away.

Health



As part of children's mental health week, year 5 completed some sessions that explored different techniques to regulate our breathing when we are feeling worried, thought about our hopes and dreams for life and made some relaxing lavender bath salts to help us to calm down when we may feel stressed and anxious.



Our Well Being Ambassadors Led a Mental Health Week Assembly in School.



Individual Class Workshops

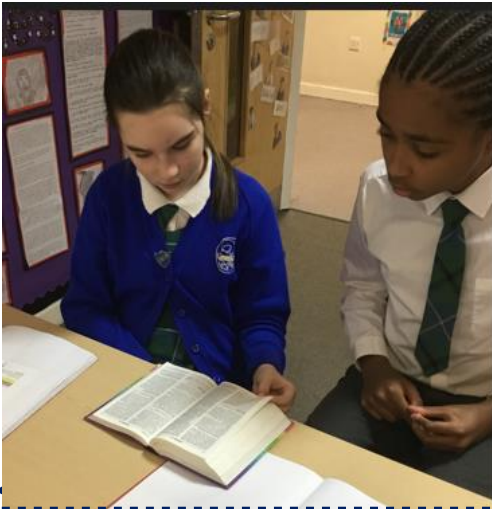
Positive Affirmations Collage



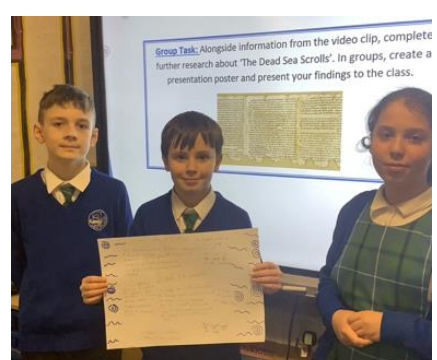
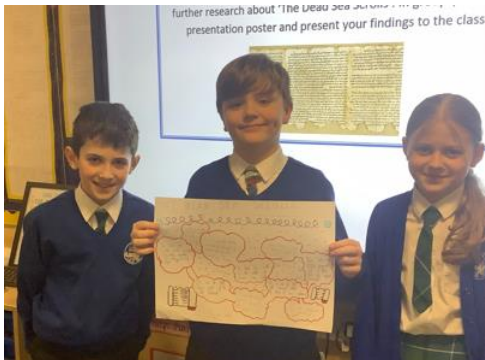
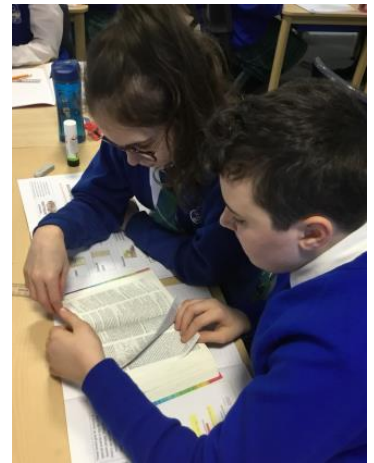
Positive Messages



Yr 6 RE Lessons



Year 6 have been learning to find and reference biblical scripture within the RE topic 'Sources'. They enjoyed sharing a range of Gospel stories from the New Testament.



We enjoyed presenting our group posters on The Dead Sea Scrolls. Our posters were informative and creative!

Our Early Years children have been busy creating beautiful Arts and Craftwork in the run up to the Chinese New Year.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Yr 2

SUPERHERO DAY



Parent/ Carer Online Workshops with the ADHD Foundation

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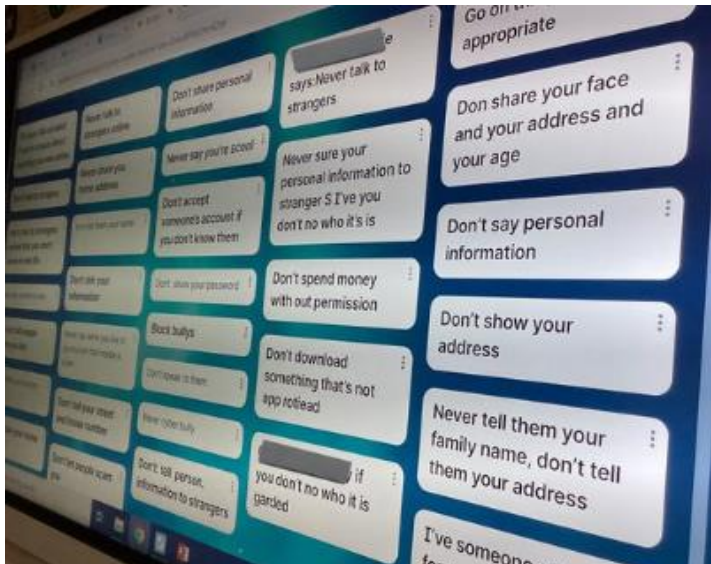
- * Understanding Behaviour
- * Autism
- * ADHD

These are accessible if you have concerns about your child, if your child is currently being assessed or if they have a diagnosis.

Contact our **SENCO, Mrs Melarangi**.



Safer Internet Day gave us a chance to focus on the online safety and wellbeing of our children. This years theme was *Inspiring Change*.



We learned Online Safety Tips

We joined BBC Live Sessions which invited students to become digital detectives, exploring the exciting world of 'A.I' and learning how to stay safe online.



We did Online Safety Word Searches



We became Online Detectives!

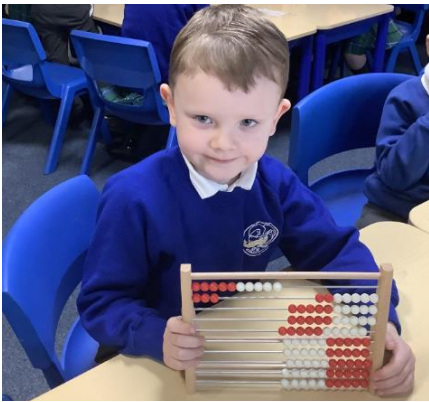




There's no day like a snow day!

We were delighted to remain open during January's snow spell. The children were safe and warm in their classrooms enjoying the beautiful views of their school playground.

Number Day



We all enjoyed practicing our maths skills!

GEOGRAPHY CLUB



The children have been looking at the quality of soil in our playground and recognising how we can recycle better. The project is all in aim of improving our school grounds to be more eco-friendly. Next term we will be going to Knowsley Safari Park



PUPIL PEDAL POWER



Our Reception Children have been having a wonderful time learning how to ride bikes in our school hall. Thank you to our professional coach, Emma, from LSSP for all of her hard work in teaching our children these valuable new skills.

Stay and Play

Our Nursery Children were very excited to welcome their parents and carers into their classroom. Our parents had the opportunity to socialise with one another and were able to watch their children take part in different activities. Thank you all for coming!!



School finishes on
Friday the 9th of February at normal time
Children return to school on
Monday the 19th of February