



Catholic Life

We are delighted to share the outcome of our Diocesan Canonical Inspection, which took place in February. The school was graded Outstanding in Catholic Life, Good in RE and Good in Collective Worship. Please see the school website for the full report. The children were praised for their strong behaviour for learning and the way in which they were dedicating so much time and effort to charitable giving and service to others. All of the staff work incredibly hard to ensure that our Catholic school is the best that it can be and we would like to thank you for the privilege of working with your children and with you as families.

NDCYS- YouTube Channel

This Sunday, some of our Y6 children will feature in a video on the NDCYS (Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service) You Tube channel. This was filmed in school this week and is a channel which explores key aspects of the Catholic faith in a way which is accessible to young people. Subscribe to their channel following this link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP-eQ-INxAhDYRhy8KdP8Q>

Coronavirus update

I would like to reassure you all that we are following the advice and guidance of Public Health England to the letter, and the Multi-Academy Trust we belong to is monitoring this and updating us daily. Mr Stevenson has displayed some handwashing posters in the toilets and we have revised the routines for handwashing with the children in classes. The Department for Education have reinforced that good hygiene is the best way to tackle Covid-19. There is a useful website on BBC News which helps with what to say to children about the virus. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-51734855>

World Book Day

The children really enjoyed World Book Day and their costumes were fantastic; thank you to you all for the incredible support and efforts. The total raised from donations was £188 and this will go towards further enhancing our reading resources, including high quality books for children to read.

Staffing News

I am delighted to share that Miss Curley has been appointed to the role of KS2 Leader for the rest of the academic year and will oversee English across the school. Miss Vissani is now leading in the important area of Mathematics. Mrs Hemsley, a very experienced teacher, is teaching in the Year 5/6 class until Miss Wolfe returns from being unwell. Mrs Radford is still recovering from an operation and we send our best wishes to both teachers who we hope will make a speedy recovery.

Lenten Fundraising

We have a number of Lenten fundraising activities in school which the children can take part in.

- Our 'Move Lent' fundraising is for CAFOD and we have already raised £35 through mission money. If each child can raise a £1 in coppers or silver coins, then as a trust we will have raised £10,000 for CAFOD. What an incredible achievement that will be and will make a real difference to the people in the Amazon. Please see this video for further information.
- Mrs Woch has donated a completed 2019/20 Premier League Trading Card album to raise money for CAFOD. She will be selling raffle tickets for 20p each and we will draw the raffle just before the Easter break.
- The Parish are raising money for Clic Sergeant. Children can sign up for 'guess the square' for £1 entry. The grand prize is a £20 voucher and then there are 3 Easter Egg Prizes.

Governor Vacancies

We are extremely sad to say goodbye to Mrs Anna Duda who has been a parent governor for the last couple of years. We are grateful to Mrs Duda for all of her hard work in supporting the school through being a parent governor and in helping the PTA. The governing body are seeking to appoint two parent governors. This is an interesting and crucial role to support the school to fulfil our mission. If you are interested in applying to be a parent governor, you are very welcome to come to see me for an informal chat. Otherwise, the documentation is on class dojo and attached below.

Term Dates

Term dates for the new academic year can be found on the school website. Please follow this link.

https://st-francis.leics.sch.uk/GalleryEntries/Office_folders/Documents/Updated_Term_Dates_2020-21.pdf

Thought for the Week

Our theme this week in school has been Care. EYFS shared a lovely liturgy all about how to care for one another and this helped the children to think about how we can live this out in school and at home. I really love this quote from Mother Teresa, which one of the Year 6 children shared with me this week. 'If you judge people, you have no time to love them'. I reflected on the beauty of this quote and I hope you can take some time as a family to think about how we can all love each other a little more during this week in Lent.

God Bless

G. Brown

Gosia Brown- Head Teacher

Key Dates- additions are in red

Week Beginning 9 th March	British Science Week-activities in school
Thursday 12 th March	Y4 (BC) Key Stage Liturgy
Friday 13 th March	Y5/6 to Mass in Convent @9.30am

Thursday 19 th March	Y3 KS Liturgy @9am Chaplaincy Team from Ratcliffe visiting for retreat day with our Chaplaincy Team.
Friday 20 th March	Y4 to Mass in Convent @9.30am
Friday 27 th March	Y2 to Mass in Convent @9.30am Parish Community Café in Hall- parents welcome to join @10am after Convent Mass 2.30pm 24 Hours for the Lord
Saturday 28 th March	Lions' Swimarathon
Monday 30 th March	Easter Play @2pm Y3/4 (school hall) Confessions with Fr Tom (KS2)
Tuesday 31 st March	Confessions with Fr Tom (KS2)
Wednesday 1 st April	Easter Play @2pm Y3/4 (school hall)
Thursday 2 nd April	MoveLent Sponsored Activities to raise money for CAFOD
Friday 3 rd April	End of Term

Please complete and return to Mrs Gosia Brown.

Full name of person being nominated	
Address	
Post Code	
Parent of (name(s) of child(ren))	
I have read the notes below and am eligible to be a parent governor	
Signature of person nominated	
Name of proposer	
Address	
Post Code	
Parent of (name(s) of child(ren))	
Signature of proposer	
Name of seconder	
Address	
Post Code	
Parent of (name(s) of child(ren))	
Signature of seconder	