

*In Jesus we will do our best as we love, pray, learn  
and play because this is the St Francis Way*



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*Inside the Issue*

## FOCUS ON THE SAINTS

Our cover picture shows Year 2 children finding out about Saints at lunchtime- find out more about our Patron Saint Below!

## FUNDRAISING IN NOVEMBER

We have plenty of fundraising activities planned this month including Children in Need and National Youth Funday

## HERITAGE UPDATES

Find out about recent developments with our Heritage Project

## NOVEMBER NEWS

*from Mrs Brown*

Next week I will be holding a parent's forum on Thursday 12th November at 5pm in zoom. I will send a link out in Class Dojo. I would like to extend the opportunity for parents to submit questions in advance which I can then answer in the forum. Please note that I will not be able to discuss specific pupils. If you would like to come along and ask questions on the night then that is also welcomed. I hope to see you there.





# NOVEMBER FUNDRAISING



This November we have two incredible fundraising events coming up.

The first is BBC Children in Need on Friday November 13th. We have decided that this should be a way of introducing a bit of wellbeing time for the children and staff. In the afternoon we will have some relaxing time in the classroom, starting with some mindfulness activities run by Mrs Hill who is completing an ELSA qualification (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant). Then the children will end the day with a 'film and chill' in their classrooms. The children are invited to come into school in 'loungewear' (PJs are fine). Although if children want to dress in a Pudsey theme then they can! We are asking for a donation of at least £1 which we will set up in parentpay.

The week after on Friday 20th November we will be taking part in National Youth Funday which is led by the NDCYS. This is a virtual get together with all of the Catholic schools in the UK where we will take part in a day of prayer, fun, games and inspiration. We would like each child to donate at least £1 to go towards the NDCYS Briars retreat in Derbyshire. We will set this up on parentpay. We will also be running some raffles in school where children can win some great items, including books and stationery. Tickets will be available next week in parentpay.

## FOCUS ON THE SAINTS

*Celebrating the lives of our Saints*

The Saints are a fascinating part of our Catholic tradition. A saint is one of those men or women who in their life, and often their death, have set us an example of how to live a life for God. Saints are ordinary people who have inspired others, followed in Jesus' footsteps and stood up for their faith. We all have the potential to be saints!...They were not all perfect. Often they made bad choices and mistakes in their lives before turning back to God. They give hope to us all that we can be better people and that, one day, we may become saints ourselves!

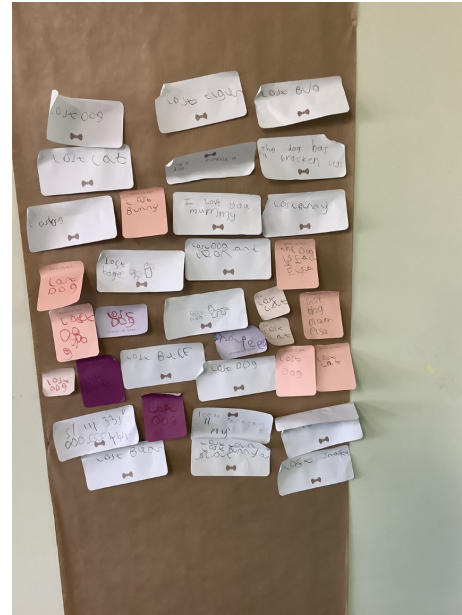
This week the children enjoyed receiving a Saints card and finding out about an inspirational Saint in our All Saints Liturgy. Here is a little more about our wonderful patron Saint, Saint Francis.



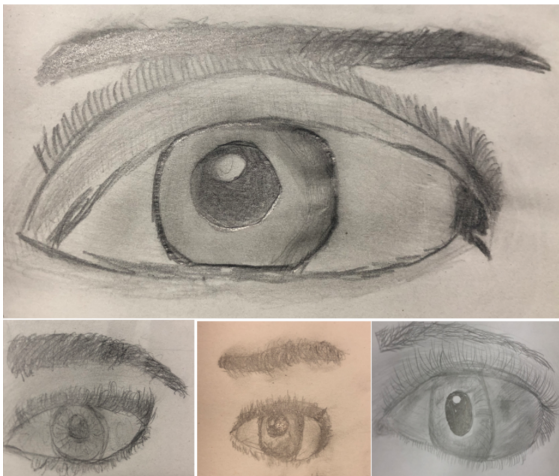
St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) was a rich Italian's son who led a carefree life. As a soldier, he was taken prisoner by enemies for a year. After his release, he heard Jesus calling him to rebuild God's House. St. Francis sold everything and went around preaching about Jesus. He had a group of followers whom became the Franciscans. St. Francis loved all of God's creation. He even preached to the birds! He is the patron saint of animals. His feast day is on 4 October.



Our EYFS class have been learning about Baptism. It's lovely to see them so excited and involved when learning about our faith.



Year 1 have done some super independent writing to find a lost toy in the classroom.



Incredible example of Art in Year 5 and 6!  
The children loved experimenting with the different gradients of pencil and they really refined their newly learnt skills over the lesson.



This week Mr Sim did some live teaching with Year 3/4. They have loved it!



# HERITAGE NEWS



## THE HERITAGE HUB IS TAKING SHAPE

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If you have not yet had the chance to see last year's Y6 perform 'The Yellow Chair, then please take the time to give it a watch in You Tube. It is a nostalgic trip down memory lane which depicts the rich history of our school through incredible immersive drama and the use of oral recordings and visual effects. You can find this on our You Tube channel. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_VGX12nJLfc&t=490s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_VGX12nJLfc&t=490s)

The next stage of our project is a heritage hub which will be located in our library. During this time of restrictions an app with all of the content we have made digital, as well as recordings and interviews from past staff, will be made available in a virtual Heritage Hub online. Watch the video of the making of a desk which will contain the app for children to use in school. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cim9DiU6014&t=20s>



# GENERAL NOTICES



## WINTER COATS

Children need to bring a substantial winter coat now that the weather is getting colder.

## PE KITS

Your child will now have two PE lessons in class each week. Your class teacher will let you know the days PE is taking place. Please ensure that winter PE kits are in school and are in line with our policy.

## HOMEWORK

Please support your child with homework and encourage them to get their homework in on time. This is an important way of ensuring that children are embedding learning which takes place in class.

## ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Children in KS1 need to be in school by 8.45 and children in KS2 may arrive between 8.45 and 9am. This is so we can have a prompt start to the day.

## PUPIL PREMIUM

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals the school may benefit from additional funding to support your child in school. Please follow this link to check eligibility. This is important to check even if your child is in KS1 and receives free school meals as part of the Universal Free School Meals Offer.

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals>

## A PRAYER TO SHARE

### Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, St. Francis had great desire to introduce You to all peoples. May I also have that same desire. Amen.