



WEDNESDAY NEWS...

...FOR ONE WEEK ONLY!

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Catholic Life and Collective Worship

As we entered into Holy Week, the most important week of the church's year, we were beautifully led by our Y4 children in The Stations of the Cross. Y4 took us through the last moments of Jesus' life before he was crucified for us in God's ultimate sacrifice. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, we have our eyes opened to the eternal life with God we are blessed with. Congratulations to Y4 who led this important reflection with maturity and reverence. Well done also to the children's choir for enhancing this reflection with their beautiful singing.



We have experienced a very prayerful and compassionate Lenten season under our theme of:

We Walk With Christ to the Cross



Every Thursday morning before school we have come together as staff and pupils and visited two or three of the stations of the cross. These have been very peaceful and reflective moments together in prayer.



We have had time to prepare our hearts for the death and resurrection of Our Lord through saying sorry to God though our saying sorry/penitential services and confession for those who have made their sacrament. Many of our Y3 children made their Sacrament of First Reconciliation during Lent as well.

Our Chaplains have also been very busy throughout Lent. Each Friday they have led a worship under our Lenten theme for each key stage in school. They have worked together diligently to plan prayerful and meaningful worships in which they have selected the readings and hymns themselves and written their own prayers. We are very proud of them.



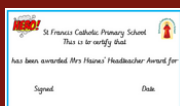
Our Mini Vinnies have been extremely busy throughout the whole of Lent organising events to support the Good Shepherd Appeal in aid of Catholic Care. From a spring cafe to last week's Easter bonnet competition, there have been all kinds of wonderful events going on each Friday. A huge thank you goes out to them all for all their hard work and to you as parents/carers for supporting these events. We will have a final amount raised after the holidays to report to you and this amount will also be presented to Bishop Marcus at Leeds Cathedral in a special Mass in May.



Last Wednesday after school, many members of our Children's Choir walked up to St Francis church to take part in a special Mass for the whole of our Trust schools. Not only did the children sing wonderfully, but they also led a reflection on the Hail Mary through liturgical dance with children from our other schools. It was really beautiful, and a wonderful occasion. Thank you to everyone who allowed their children to take part and came along.



Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God



CONGRATULATIONS to Colby in Y4 for receiving Mrs Haines' Headteacher Award for falling in love with reading! Every time we see him, he has his head in a book and has joined the gold and silver club on frequent occasions!



CONGRATULATIONS to Phoebe in Y2 for receiving the Big Cat Reading Award for really impressing us with her brilliant reading. She always reads her book at home and loves to read in school. She has absolutely smashed her recent reading tests and we couldn't be prouder.

WELL DONE to all our Class Merit Winners last week



FS1: Henryk

Y3: Charlie

FS2: Amelia

Y4: Ellie

Y1: Lexi

Y5: Abigail

Y2: Ivana

Y6: Kaitlen



NOTICES

Healthy Snacks

EYFS and KS1 children receive free fruit as a snack at break time through the fruit in school scheme. KS2 children need a snack provided from home. We respectfully ask that these snacks are healthy and nutritious. We are seeing more and more pepperamis, fridge raiders, chocolate bars and crisps. Please provide your child with a nut-free, healthy snack such as a piece fruit or veg, rice crackers or cereal bar. Many thanks

Easter Bonnet Competition Winners

The creations were just wonderful – from illuminated bonnets to a full football pitch! They were fantastic! Every child who entered received an Easter treat and there was a winner selected by the Mini Vinnies for each year group.

Nursery – Eric and Arthur

Reception – Fia

Y1 – Rosie

Y2 – Ellie

Y3 – Benjamin

Y4 – Abigail

Y5 – Max

Y6 – Esme

Well done to all the winners!



Book Fair

Thank you again to everyone who supported the Book Fair last week. We made a whopping £655.14!!!



Diary Dates

Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Monday	8th April	N/A	All	School reopens
Tuesday	16th	All day	Y4	Trip to Malham
Wednesday	17th April	11:30-12:30	Y3	Come Dine With Me
Wednesday	24th April	11:30-12:30	Y5	Come Dine With Me
Monday	6th May	All day	All	SCHOOL CLOSED (Bank holiday)
Monday	13th May	Mon-Thurs	Y6	SATS exams
Sunday	19th May	11am	FS2/Y6	Buddies Family Mass in church
Thursday	23rd May	9am	FS1-Y6	Performance Poetry
Friday	24th May	N/A	All	Break up for half term
Monday	10th June	N/A	All	Back to school



Goodbye and Good Luck!



Today we say goodbye to Miss Breen as she moves on to a school closer to home after the Easter holidays. Miss Breen has been with us at St Francis for seven years and throughout her time here, she has always been committed to our children and families. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her the very best of luck in her new school.



BCWCAT Art Exhibition



Mr Bullock, our specialist art teacher, invites children from all age groups to create a piece of art work for the BCWCAT Art Exhibition. The piece must be 2D only but can be any size. It must be of the children's highest quality for the exhibition and there are prizes for each key stage for the best work. Please encourage your children to get arty over the Easter holidays!

LAST WEEK AND THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL....

Y6 Come Dine With Me

Thank you to all the parents/carers who came along and watched a lesson in class and then enjoyed a roast dinner with their children. It was great to have so many of you in school.

Spring Music Concerts

Both of these concerts were fabulous occasions with children showcasing their talents and the breadth of our Music curriculum. Well done to everyone for taking part.

