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Summer 1 Newsletter 2022

Dear Parent/Guardians,

It has been a really fantastic and busy half term with curriculum topics being brought alive through real-life experiences. The children have been conducting themselves beautifully around school and during whole school gatherings such as Liturgies, Masses, Gospel Reflections and Class Assemblies. It has been lovely to see so many Parents/Guardians attend the Masses and Class Assemblies, thank you for supporting the children.

Catholic Life and RE

In line with the traditions of the Catholic Church, during the month of May, we as a faith community, take time to think about and venerate Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

On Thursday 26th May, just before our Ascension Day Mass, we held a special service called the 'Crowning of Our Lady', during which we prayed, sang hymns, and had a procession around the school field behind a statue of Mary and presented flowers to Our Lady. It was really a beautiful, reverent event. Thank you to Mrs Evans, Mrs Ayles, Mrs Wilkins, Father Anthony, Deacon Geoffrey, the Mini-Vinnies and everybody who supported such a wonderful event. After the Mass, Mrs Wilkins kindly took the flowers received and donated them to Anning House Care Home. The residents were extremely appreciative.



Ukraine Appeal

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of families toward our Ukraine Appeal. Mrs Evans and the Mini-Vinnies have been busy packing boxes and these will be transported at the beginning of June. Thank you for your support with this.

Curriculum

Reception

It is always a joy to see our youngest children thrive in their learning. This term we have been delighted with the way the children have continued to make excellent progress in the core subjects of English, RE and Maths. They have also been applying themselves fully during their work on the 'Get Set Grow' topic and have been superstars at learning about the seasons and animal life cycles. The class continue to live out our Gospel values and show all of these in their daily lives. We are so proud of their achievements.



Year 1

Year 1 have had a very busy half term and have been enjoying their 'Wonderful World' topic. They have been on minibeast hunts, learnt about minibeast habitats and planted flowers. To support the topic, the children have observed the 'class caterpillars' change into beautiful butterflies and then have set them free into their natural habitat. The children wrote about the life cycle of a butterfly in English. They have also been looking at flower drawings by Georgia



O'Keefe and have practised making their own using a variety of techniques and materials. They completed their final pieces this week by doing observational drawings of real flowers using a range of materials and techniques.

Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about 'how to look after our planet'. They have been reading 'The Flower' by John Light and the 'Tin Forest' by Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson. They have written lovely descriptive sentences based on these books. The children came up with their own stories based on The Flower and presented them to the class. The children have really enjoyed interpreting the text and pictures and were able to make some very clever comparisons between this book and The Tin Forest. In Maths, the children have been



learning about adding and subtracting using the column methods. They have also been measuring, comparing and ordering lengths, working out how to tell the time and learning the language for position and direction! So much in a short space of time! In Art, the children learnt about Henry Rousseau and thought about the Tin Forest and how it became a lovely, colourful jungle at the end. They enjoyed making a collage of different leaves and making our own jungle snake out of clay!



Year 3

This half term, Year 3 started their 'All About Me' topic. In Science, the children have been looking at what makes us healthy. They have learnt all about the five different food groups and what they need to fuel our bodies. In Art, the children have been creating work on self portraits and learning how to draw different facial features. They also explored art by Julian Opie and had a go at creating a portrait in the same style. In PE, the children have been working on Athletics skills, engaging in relay races and developing their running skills. They are in top form ready for sports day! The children have also been learning all about the Geography of our local area, locating different landmarks on maps of Weymouth and Portland and Chesil Beach. The children have worked super hard this half term and have produced some wonderful work across the curriculum. Well done year 3 for another fantastic half term!



Year 4

In Year 4 this half term, the children have been preparing for the 'Multiplication Tables Check' with daily times tables practice and quick-fire tests. The children have made incredible progress and they are feeling confident about the upcoming check! They have also been busying preparing for their class assembly on deadly animals, linked to their current topic of living things. The children have had lots of fun building structures out of spaghetti and marshmallows in Design and Technology and have been focussing on athletics in PE.

Year 5

What a wonderful half term Y5 have had! The children have started a new topic 'Earth and Beyond'. In Science, they are learning about the Solar System and this links in with our Guided Reading text, a very exciting book by Stephen and Lucy Hawking (*George's Secret Key to the Universe*) in which the main character, George, explores Outer Space and, of course, saves the Universe! In Design and Technology, they have designed and built their own space rockets and launched them on the school playground. We got extremely wet - but had a very enjoyable afternoon!



Year 6

In Year 6 the children have had a very busy half term. The first two weeks they prepared for the SATs tests that took place in week 3. Thanks to the children for all their hard work and endeavours.



We are sure they all will be pleasantly surprised when the results are released in July.

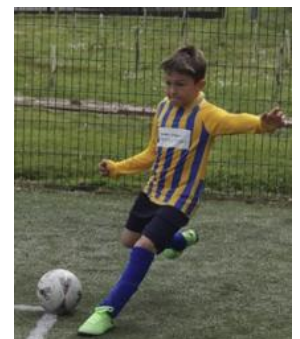
The children have now turned their attention to the Year 6 production. As I am sure you are aware, this year they have chosen 'Madagascar' as our spectacular end to the year. Already the children are practising lines, rehearsing choreography and preparing props. They all look forward to rehearsing it on stage next term.

Sing and Sign - Reception

In Sing and Sign, the children have learnt signs to start a conversation with a partner, have been practicing their signs for lots of different feelings and can sing the alphabet song while signing all the letters! It has been a great start to the club and the children have really enjoyed themselves so far, well-done children!

Sport

This half term, the year 3/4 football team participated in a tournament at Budmouth against 7 other schools. This was their first tournament as a team and they did amazingly well- they were nervous at the start, but soon got into it! There were some wonderful goals from Jax, Levi and Isabelle. At the end of the tournament Jax was awarded with a 'Player of the Tournament' certificate by the referees- well done Jax! Thank you to every player for representing our school so brilliantly, showing respect, integrity and courage throughout, and most of all, enjoying it!



Our Y5/6 football team played extremely well in another friendly football match against St John's. Despite a loss, we were extremely proud of how the children conducted themselves and their excellent sporting attitude. Next half term, they are off to Budmouth for a football tournament, which they are all very excited about - Come on St. Augustine's!



Our excellent netball team carried their smiles to Budmouth, again representing the school beautifully in a tournament. Our team played amazingly, won two of their games and drew one! Well done girls!



Queen's Jubilee Day

It was amazing to witness the sea of red, white and blue throughout the school today. Children have been busy making crowns, flags and taking part in a jubilee draw-along with the author Steve Anthony (The Queen's Hat). The children loved having their lunch on the field in the sunshine and even had a little dance!

Y5 Leeson House Residential



Our Year 5 children have been on a residential trip to Leeson House. The Leeson House staff were so impressed with the children's cooperative skills as they embarked on a range of exciting activities including, orienteering, team challenges, fire making, environmental art, map and compass activities and geology studies to name just a few. The staff who attended the trip were full of praise for the children and the way they represented our school so beautifully. Thank you to Mrs Evans, Mr Boucher, Mrs Me-in and Mrs Harrop for ensuring the children had such a fantastic time!



Staffing

As you are aware this half term, after 18 years of working at St. Augustine's, Ms Rogers moved on to new adventures. It gives me great pleasure to welcome Mrs Samantha Miller, who will be joining us as a Teaching Assistant after half term to support our children.

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 6 th June	INSET day
Tuesday 7 th June	Children return to school after half term (8.40am)
Tuesday 7 th -10 th June	Year 1 Phonics check administered
Wednesday 8 th June	Y3/4 Cross Country festival at Budmouth, leaving at lunchtime
Wednesday 15 th June	Year 5 Class Assembly, in the school hall at 2.40pm
Wednesday 15 th -17 th June	Year 4 Minstead Residential Trip
Sunday 19 th June	First Holy Communion Mass at St. Joseph's at 10am
Monday 20 th - 22 nd June	Year 6 Barton Hall Residential Trip
Thursday 23 rd June	Year 3 First Holy Communion School Mass, in the school hall at 2pm
Friday 24th June*	Y5 All Saints 'Taster Day'. More information to follow
Sunday 26 th June	School Mass at St. Joseph's Church, 10am
Monday 27 th June	Class photographs
Monday 27 th June	Y5/6 Football tournament at Budmouth, leaving at lunchtime
Wednesday 29 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 30 th June	Reserve date for Sports Day
Tuesday 5 th July	Parent drop-in session with Charlotte Kinghorn (Family Worker), 8.30-9.30am
Tuesday 5 th July	Transition Day
Wednesday 6 th July	Y5/6 Sailing
Thursday 7 th & 8 th July	Life Bus visiting
Monday 11 th - 15 th July	Last week of after-school clubs
Tuesday 12 th July	Year 6 Production at 1pm
Wednesday 13 th -15 th July	Year 6 at Primary College
Friday 15 th July	School Disco (FOSA event)
Tuesday 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass, 2pm in the school hall
Wednesday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, 2pm in the school hall
Thursday 21 st July	Break-up for the summer holidays at 3.15pm

***New Date. Please be advised that it is likely there will be additional dates added to these dates.**

Thank you to our staff

Isaac Newton said that everything he achieved was the result of "standing on the shoulders of giants". I could not put it any better. All of our success is down to the compassion and commitment of our wonderful hard working staff. Every day, I am amazed by the effort staff put in and how they always go 'above and beyond' to ensure all of our children are happy, thriving and learning - allowing them to be the best they can be. I feel privileged and honoured to be able to work with such a fantastic team.

Finally, I hope that you all have a lovely break with some fine weather! I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 7th June.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Katie Bladon
(Deputy Headteacher)