



St. Peter's
Catholic Primary School

Term 3, Week 5
Friday 6th February 2015

Newsletter

Residential Preparation

We have had another lovely week at St. Peter's this week. Class 1 had a real treat on Tuesday, when they got to meet their new teacher, Mrs. Richards. Mrs. Richards was very complimentary about how well behaved the children were. She is very excited about joining the St. Peter's team.

This morning I met with Parents' Council and again, we had a really productive meeting. We discussed uniform, staffing, parents' evening, parking and reading. I will type up the minutes and upload them onto the Parents' Council page of our website. Thank you for all who came or sent their apologies.

Thank you to all parents who offered to come to school to help label books for our Accelerated Reading Scheme. I will send out some dates shortly and anyone that can attend would be welcome. We have several members of staff away on the residential next week, so it may have to wait until after half term.

On Tuesday, Year 5 and 6 will be heading off on their residential. They are very excited about their adventure and I can't wait to hear all about it on their return. It is a very valuable part of our curriculum, but also an amazing opportunity for the children to develop their independence. Thank you to the parents for supporting your child and enabling them to go.

We are collecting Sainsburys vouchers at the moment. The box is currently inside the blue gate, but we can accept them through registers and in the office. They make a great difference to our resources so please collect as many as you can.

Last week, Mrs Giacalone was very upset that I had promised a joke, but had failed to put one into the newsletter! Silly me! Here is last week's joke as promised!

Knock knock!

Who's there?

Ash.

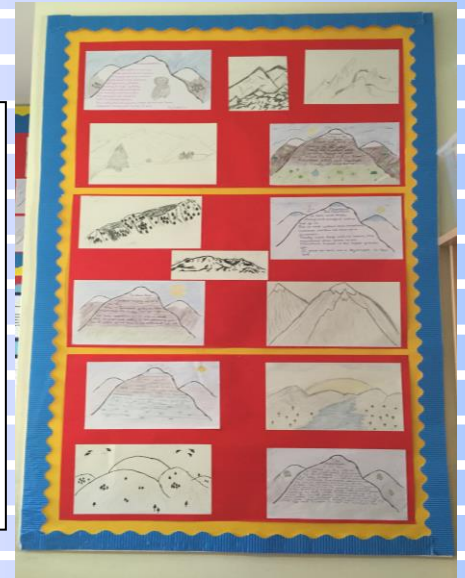
Ash who?

Bless you!

Have a great weekend!

Miss McNamara.

Class 4 prepared some lovely work as part of their mountains topic. Very apt as they prepare for their week in the Welsh wilderness!



Lateness

Thank you to those parents who have made a special effort to get their children to school on time this week. I have noticed a much calmer start to the school day. Sadly, our minutes late have not been reduced (**126 minutes!!!**) and so I would ask that if you have turned up late this week, you make an extra special effort next week so that your child has a great start to the day. We will be contacting families individually after half term about punctuality. Thank you.

Parking

I have noticed many parents have been parking on the yellow lines, or hovering whilst the children are dropped off. This is exceptionally dangerous and will eventually end in a serious accident. Please, please, please do not stop on the yellow lines under any circumstances. We want to keep our children and families safe and in order to do this, we need to work together.

Prayer for the weekend

Lord God, you are my strength. Hold my hand in my weakness and teach my heart to fly. With you, there's nothing to fear, nothing to worry about. Hold me tight in your embrace, so that I can be stronger than the challenges in my life. Amen

Stars of the Week!



Nadia
- for being helpful around the classroom and for working hard.

Jenocha
- for writing a superb descriptive poem about the seaside.



Anna
- who always does her best and has produced some good writing.

Josephine - for getting on with her work quietly and sensibly, being helpful round the school and producing an interesting diary account of a visit, two weeks ago, to a museum in Oxford.



Class 1

This week class 1 have been learning about electricity. We have been on a learning walk around the school to find things that run on mains electricity, battery or none. Then we constructed a circuit. In literacy we have been retelling the story of 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch' from the point of view of a seagull.



Class 2

This week class 2 have been learning new methods of adding large numbers. We also had to help out Mrs Smith who mistakenly gave us the answers to the calculations, but forgot to complete the questions. Thankfully, we were really good at working out the missing numbers! In literacy we have been writing poetry about the seaside and took our poems to class 1 to read to them.

Class 3

This week the children in Year 3 have started their preparation for First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Class 3 have been learning about why people are destroying the Rainforests and the impact of this. They held a debate about whether the Rainforests should be protected, and have written discussion texts with balanced arguments using the issues raised. In Numeracy, we have focused on fractions, and in Science the children have been learning about food chains and linked this to the Amazon Rainforest.



Class 4

Class 4 this week have been learning about how plants adapt to mountain environments and continuing to produce information leaflets about ranges of mountains. We have also produced stories which include beasties found in mountain areas and in Maths have been investigating multiples and factors. In R.E we thought up some interesting analogies for the Parable of the Sower.



Dates for your diary

Monday 9th February – Valentine's day cake sale – 3.30pm

Tuesday 10th February – Class 4 to Marle Hall (return on Friday)
- Valentine's cake sale – 3.30pm

Wednesday 11th February – Performance and Standards (Governors) -7.00pm

Friday 13th February – Wear red to school - £1

Friday 13th – Pancake races in school (3.30pm)

Monday 16th February – Half term

Thursday 5th March – World Book day – dress up in as your favourite book character and donate a book for our new library.

Thursday 26th March – Art Project Party (2.30pm @Gallery)

Date for the grown ups: Saturday 21st March – St. Patrick's Day PTFA Ceilidh

Gold Award Winners!

Class 1 with 57% of children achieving a gold award this week! WELL DONE!

HOUSE POINT WINNERS:

St. Bernadette with 88 points!