

# St. Peter's

## Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter



*The Class 5  
Takeover!*

*This week Class 5 has taken over the running of the school newsletter – choosing and writing all the articles!*

### TERRIFIC TRIPS

Most classes have been informing us about their recent trips they have been on and that are taking place soon.

**Reception Wellie Walk:** Reception class went on a 'wellie walk' and they have told us about what they have done on this trip. Oliver said, "We went to Jephson Gardens and walked about in the leaves and collected some also we saw some squirrels and did some role play pretending that we were squirrels and saw how they lived when we played with them we went on the stone elephants." They really enjoyed their trip.

**Year 3's next trip:** Year 3 are going to the Ashmolean Museum because next half term they are going to learn about 'Egyptians' and how they lived. Amelia said, "I have enjoyed the topic of 'Rugby' and am excited for the next one to."

**Year 4 - Cadbury World:** This class went to Cadbury World because they were learning about chocolate for their topic. Anna said, "We walked in an artificial forest and explored inside." Soon after, they walked up an artificial street. Also, Maisie said, "We got to eat homemade, warm melted chocolate." Mani told us that they went on a Spanish invading ship.

**Year 5/6 - Warwick University:** First we went on a public bus and when we arrived we went straight to a hall. In there we did engineering and craft. We watched videos about space and learnt about planets. We saw some chemistry experiments and learnt about different materials. It was a great day.

We'd like to thank everyone who has helped these terrific trips happen!

*By Anita, Charlotte and Poppy*



### Cool Clubs and Marvellous Music

This half term, St Peter's has been hosting a series of fun clubs and have been educating children in the wonders of music - thanks to the amazing Mrs Green (music teacher), Mrs Giacalone (netball coach), Martin Luckhurst (guitar teacher), Emma Canning (who runs Go Go Makers), and Creative Fair (who run the Glee Club and dance).

**Music:** This year Mrs Green has taken over teaching woodwind instruments during school at St Peters and will tutor you in flute, oboe, saxophone and clarinet while Martin Luckhurst will take you step-by-step through the strings of the guitar.

**After school clubs:** This year we are holding a wide range of after school clubs including the netball club, Go Go Makers and dance which all of our children really enjoy.

**Clubs during school:** At the moment we have one club during school and that is the amazing Glee Club where you can learn songs and their actions. **Can you suggest any others?** We also have a prayer group that runs every Friday lunch time where we can pray for things that are written in the School Intentions book.

When interviewing Mrs Giacalone, she said she had high hopes for this year's netball team as they had great potential and lots of enthusiasm. We love seeing the children enjoying themselves and would love to see more children join in. If you want your child to join the fun, please contact the office.

## TERRIFIC TEACHERS....or not!

*We have spoken to our teachers:*

### Miss McNamara

We first asked her, "Do you have any regrets choosing this school to lead?"

She replied, "Absolutely not! This school is like a polished diamond, precious."

Then we asked her, "Do you think this school is becoming better?"

She answered, "I think the school will become outstanding, like I said in my first assembly that we would become the best school ever!"

Lastly we asked her to rate the school we scored 10 out of 10!

### Mrs Traynar

We first asked her, "Because you taught here a few years ago, do you think the school has improved?"

She replied, "Yes definitely a HUGE Improvement!"

Next we said, "Did St. Peters welcome you when you first came?"

She replied, "They did, I felt very welcome and loved!"

**Altogether she rated the school 10 out of 10!**

### Mrs Halden

Firstly we asked her "Do you enjoy teaching here?"

She answered, "Absolutely I do!"

After that we asked, "Do you think you'll teach here for a long time?"

She replied with a laugh, "I hope so!"

Altogether she rated the school 9.75 because she said all schools get better!

### Mr Rooney

We asked, "What is your main goal for the Class Five children?"

He replied, "To be really excited for learning"

Altogether he rated it 9 out of ten for the same reasons as Mrs Halden

**So what do you think about your teachers: are they terrific or terrifying?**

*By Lauren and Sandrine*

## Teacher Interview

We interviewed teachers to find out what Catholic Values they had seen this week.

Q What Catholic Values did these teachers see?

Mr Rooney said, "Anita was being kind and helpful to her friends. This shows that she is being a good friend and taking care of others".

Miss McNamara said, "I saw generosity, gratefulness from teachers and children. They stood up for their faith."

Miss Halden said, "Tom, Anna, Julia and Kelsi were all showing perseverance in R.E."

Mrs Traynar said she saw compassion from her class, generous spirit and great joy.

*By Beatriz, Simran and Grace*

## Super School Council

This year's school council is aiming for the stars! It will be very successful, and the councillors think so too. We interviewed them to see what they would say.

Daniel Cashman in Class One said that he would give 11/10, so he obviously enjoyed it.

Then we went to Class Two. We talked to May Vaughn and Noah Dando, their question was: Do you think the other school councillors are a good choice? May said "Yes, they listen well and are a good team." Noah said, "Yes, they like each other, support each other and are imaginative."

After that we went to Class Three and asked Ollie Passantino and Samuel Divers - this was their question: Do you think school council will be successful? They said, "Yes we work well together and we are best friends."

Later, we went to Class 4 and interviewed James Foley and Anna Vaughn. They said that they would make the school a better place to stop bullying and teasing.

Next, Lauren McCarthy, in Class 5, told us why she wanted to be school council. It was because she had fresh ideas and it would boost her confidence for her future job: a director.

Finally we went to Miss McNamara's office. She told us she chose the councillors because they put Jesus at the heart of everything that we do, and those who had specific ideas about how to make a good improvement to the school.

## Our terrific term



What a busy term we have had. Our new teachers and children are now settling in and now the term is ending.

We have interviewed Felix Hackett. We asked him a few questions about school. We asked him about his topic and learning. He said that he is enjoying school and he's enjoying his learning.

Topics and trips: Each class has a topic for this term. KS1 are sharing a topic which is Our School. Class 4 have been learning about Chocolate over the term. Class 5 have been learning about a French based book called 'Hugo Cabret'. Class have done 'The Rugby World Cup'. Everyone is excited about what is coming up next!

School council: Congratulations to our new school council members: Erin, Lauren, James, Anna, Samuel, May, Noah and Daniel. We hope they will make our school thrive throughout the year.

*By Matthew, Oscar, Krish and Adam*



## Hammer time

On Friday last week, Class 5 went to Warwick University and participated in the 'Imagination Festival'.

What we did: First we split into three groups then got on the bus to Warwick University. It was a great experience as we got to pay for our own ticket.

Imagination hall: We went to the imagination hall and took part in activities such as: sitting in formula 1 cars that students made, trying to produce power by riding a bike and investigating beads that glow in the sunshine (and many more).

Lecture hall: In the lecture hall we learnt some of the most unbelievable facts. There was a man who told us amazing facts about space including:

- The sun is billions times smaller than some of the other stars in our solar system (the milky way)
- The reasons why stars seem smaller to the sun is because they're millions of light years away.

Chemistry lab : In the chemistry lab we saw 6 experiments such as: getting sugar from nappies and the adding water to make fake snow; adding a salt to hair gel to separate water from everything else and much more.

Finally, we got on the bus and went back to school after the extremely fun day.

*By Pascal, Killian and Charlie*



## Dates for the diary!

It is now half term – we hope you all have a nice break.

Here are some up-coming dates:

02/11/15	Year 1 Fire Safety talk
03/11/15	Year 5 Fire Safety talk
04/11/15	PTFA AGM Governor's Mission and strategy
06/11/15	Remembrance mass

## Top Tips

**Road Safety:** cross when the green light comes on, but when the red light comes on you stop and wait until the green man is on again. If you see a person crossing when the light is green, don't cross with them. Drivers can't see you and they will run over you.

**Fire safety:** If there is a candle that has been lit do you touch it?

"No!" you ask an adult to move it or blow it out.

If there is a fire at school, you find the nearest fire exit and get out of the building quickly and safely.

*by Larissa, Maria and Freya*

# This week, we have been learning...

## Agony Aunt

by Camille, Caitie and Alice

Do you have any problems or questions that need answering? Well here is some tips and advice. I hope it helps you!!!☺

### **Q1: How do I become star of the week?**

A: You have to work hard and be the best you can be. Do something that makes you shine brighter than the rest!

### **Q2: How do you make friends?**

A: Be kind and friendly to all people. Help them out and let them know that they can trust you.

### **Q3: How do you make a team stick together?**

A: Be a good team player and share ideas. Also, be a good role model and everyone will follow your example.

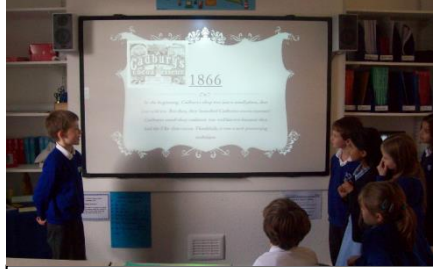
### **Q4: How do I be confident?**

A: Believe in yourself, follow your dreams and don't let anybody stop you!

### **Q5: How do I become good at times tables?**

A: Revise and practice every day for fifteen minutes. Ask your parents for times table games and always push yourself.

We hope this aids you. If we have not answered your question, research it on the internet or come and see us on the playground. We are happy to help!



This week, Class 3 have been finishing off their topic about the Rugby World Cup by learning the haka. This traditional Maori war dance is used to scare the opposition, so we tried to scare Class 4 by performing to them! We had great fun learning some of the moves and language used in a haka.

Yet another packed week in Class 1! We have been writing letters to Miss McNamara about our 'Dream classrooms' in English. Reception had the local library on Thursday and we later visited the library when we walked down to the Gallery in the afternoon. Class 1 visited the Leamington Pump Room Gallery to see Alfreda's exhibition. The children were amazed at the giant knitting needles! Alfreda is pictured above beginning to make the head for our St. Peter Statue with some of Class 1.



This week class 2 have had a really exciting week. We began the week celebrating a wedding with music and dancing and then went on a walk through town to listen for sounds to help us make a poem. One sound Mrs Smith was especially pleased to hear was that of several members of the public who stopped us to comment on how brilliant our behaviour was. Well done class 2!



Class 5 we have been journalist planning and creating our newsletter and creating e-safety advice posters. We

have also enjoyed acting out Old Testament stories that show devotion. We have had a class vote and we are all keen to continue our topic after half term – making our own moving toys. So, Mr Rooney has had to change his plans!

This week, Class 4 has been writing their chocolate adventure. Maths has had us multiplying and dividing using different techniques and each group has finalised and presented their findings on the history of the Cadbury family. The group presentations were supported with Powerpoint files, and this was a great way for us to share our learning.



## **Gold Card Winners:**

**Class 4 with  
47%!**

## **House Point winners:**

**Green St  
Francis  
with 119!**

**Well done  
to our  
winners!**

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Stars of the Week!



Class 1  
Alfie Green for  
always being a  
friendly, happy  
boy who  
brightens  
everyone's day.



Class 2  
Hughie for  
always working  
enthusiastically  
and for making  
us smile every  
day!



Class 3  
Betty for  
incredible  
reading



Class 4  
James for  
excellent effort in  
English and  
maths all week.



Class 5  
Larissa for  
growing in  
confidence and  
putting in more  
determined  
effort!