



St. Peter's

Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Dear St. Peter's families,

This week, we have been learning to 'Stop and Think'. Our Key Stage 2 children were fortunate enough to be invited to the cinema to enjoy two screenings of films that shared the message 'Stop and Think'. Whilst preparing children for the specific risks that they may encounter in life (stranger awareness, illegal drugs, road safety and online safety to name but a few), we feel that teaching them importance of stopping and thinking before they do anything is a skill that will keep them safe in most situations.

This morning, the whole school dedicated a whole hour to creative prayer. This is something that we have introduced since September so that children learn how to develop a personal relationship with God. Teachers have prepared a carousel of activities for the children to do in silent reflection in each class. I'm sure the children will tell you all about it when they get home (as we all know, children are excellent at remembering the details of their school day on a Friday afternoon!), but please talk to your child about this experience and think about how some ideas could also be used to support prayer at home.

Thank you to all parents who attended parents' evening this week. It was one of the most positive parents' evenings I have ever been involved in. This is no doubt down to the hard work and dedication of both our wonderful staff AND your wonderful children.

We have a special mass on Thursday morning to celebrate our church of St. Peter's. Please join us at 9.15am if you are available!

Our terrific PTFA are currently without a chair person. We raised SO MUCH MONEY last year and this was no doubt down to the excellent leadership of Milena and the hard work of staff and parents. Please be assured that anyone standing for this role (remember, this includes the Dads!) will have my full support and the work will be shared. It would be such a shame if our children couldn't benefit from this money in the coming year, particularly as our school budget is so tight.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss McNamara.

Prayer for the Weekend

I come before you O Lord
 As the sun rises may your hope rise up in me.
 As the birds sing may your love flow out of me.
 As the light floods into this new day,
 May your joy shine through me.
 I come before you, O Lord
 And drink in this moment of peace,
 That I may carry something of your hope, love and
 joy
 Today in my heart.
 Amen.



Class 1 visited St. Peter's church to look for signs and symbols that help them to recognise Catholic churches and of course, our Patron, Saint Peter.

Dates for the diary!

- 13/11/15 – Class 3 Class mass (9.15am)
- 18/11/15 – Governors resource committee meeting (7pm)
- 19/11/15 – Mass in church (9.15am)
- 20/11/15 – Class 2 class mass
- 27/11/15 – Advent mass (9.15am)
- 09/12/15 – Full governor's meeting (7pm)
- 11/12/15 – Class 1 service (9.15am)
- Christmas fayre (3.30pm-6pm)
- 14/12/15 – KS1 Performances (2.30pm and 6.30pm)
- 15/12/15 – KS1 Performances (2.30pm and 6.30pm)
- 16/12/15 – KS2 Christmas Concert (7pm)
- 17/12/15 – Pantomime
- 18/12/15 – Christmas mass (9.15am)

This week, we have been learning...

This week in Class 1 we have been working on number pairs in Maths and using adjectives in our English work whilst writing about Nat's next adventure. We walked to St. Peter's Church on Monday so we could have a good look at all the symbols we find in a church. In our RE lesson, reception created a collage of symbols for our altar display whilst Year One thought about all the jobs that Father John and Father Noel have to do. Alfreda has been supporting the children once again to create a large St. Peter for the entrance hall. We are really looking forward to the finished product!



Class 2 this week we have had great fun planning and carrying out experiments to find the best material for our superhero capes. We tested to find the strongest, most waterproof and 'floatiest' material. We concluded that the best material was fabric.

Gold Card Winners:
Class 5 with 32%

House Point winners:
St Francis with 57 points

This week, Class 3 were incredibly lucky to have a visit to the cinema as part of 'Stop and Think' week. We watched 'Into the Woods', and learned about challenging stereotypes. After the visit we shared what moral messages the film and taught us, and then became film makers ourselves. We used the iPads to create some excellent trailers for our films.

Class 4 have been continuing our topic by learning about daily life in Ancient Egypt. We have been thinking about science fiction in English and creating exciting settings for a story. In RE we have been looking at different times and ways that Jesus prayed and thinking about the importance of prayer.



In Class 5 this week, we have written a story inspired by film, investigated prime numbers and begun our work on the baptism ceremony. We have discussed our new line of debates and we are nearly ready for reveal to the world our class hymn which we have written (see the picture for rehearsals)!



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Stars of the Week!



Class 1
Rory has started to develop his writing skills and is now beginning to become more imaginative and creative in his work. Rory has realised that by taking his time with his work he will achieve better results. Keep up the great work!



Class 2
Noah for being a fantastic, helpful member of our class who is always willing to have a go at whatever is asked of him.



Class 3
Henry - for perseverance and enthusiasm.



Class 4
Ruby for being cheerful, kind and thoughtful and for lovely writing in English.



Class 5
Joseph: For living and encouraging our Catholic values.