

# St. Peter's

## Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter



## *The Class 5 Takeover!*

*Edited by Ella, Henry  
and Patrick*

*This week Class 5 have all become journalists: taking over the running of the school newsletter – choosing, planning and writing all the articles!*

## Sumdog Super Trial

This term, we have all started doing our maths homework on Sumdog: to help and to be informative, here is an explanation of Sumdog for parents. It is an online maths game, which is used by all the year-groups apart from reception - to make maths fun!

Each week, every child is given an amount of questions to answer by the end of the week. The questions are included inside the games, and you have a range of answers to choose from. There are many games, all with a different target (there are more games on the computer than on other devices.)

### Fun and Games:

For each question that your child answers, they get a coin - if they get lots of coins, they can buy things by pressing on 'Store' and choosing what they want to buy. They can also change their appearance by clicking on 'Face' in the house.

### Questions and Queries:

Q1. Why is it homework?

A1. So teachers can monitor your score and keep track of your progress.

Q2. Why is it so hard and how can it get easier?

A2. It is hard because teachers want to challenge you, if it gets really difficult then ask your teacher to make it easier.

Q3. How many questions do I get each week?

A3. Class 2 get around 50 questions each week and Key stage 2 get 300 or more a week. Over the holidays there are more questions as there is more time.

\*Feel free to contact the school if you have any other questions!

by **Niamh, Anita, Poppy, Caitie and Erin**

## BRILLIANT BOOKS: *Discover the books in Every Class!*

This term, we have shared a school topic of 'Discovery' and we have looked inside the books that each class have based their topics on. In this article we will tell you all about them:

### **CLASS 1:**

The book that Class 1 have been focusing on is *The Day the Crayons Quit*. Each week they learnt about a different colour and explored the different topics to do with that colour. Mariella said that it is really good and helps improve their learning. Milan then commented, "In the first week, we learnt about the colour red, we love all the colours!"

### **CLASS 2:**

Class 2 have been discovering different animals by reading *Meerkat Mail* by Emily Grant. From reading this book, Hughie said that Meerkats can grow up to 30cm tall and Esther said that they have black rings around their eyes to protect them from the blazing sun. They have learnt such a lot!

### **CLASS 3&4:**

Class 3 & 4, meanwhile, are both learning about *A Diary of a Monster Catcher*, a book about Professor Potts catching and discovering monsters for the king. James and Amelie said that it was funny and creative while Anna said, "It could be a bit more exciting." Valentin told us what it was about – summarising what happens in it! Mrs Traynar said that it is really interactive and exciting. It is also very interesting and funny.

### **CLASS 5:**

We have been learning about *Shackleton's Journey* by William Grill. Joseph said, "It is creative with pictures and colours. It tells a true story in a captivating way." It tells us about Shackleton and his crew attempting to explore Antarctica.

We all hope our next topics and books are as good or even better!

By **Poppy, Freya, Joseph and Charlotte.**

# NowThenFuture

Over the last two years, a lot has changed in school - and I mean a lot! New teachers to new uniform; Accelerated Reader to Sumdog.. We went around the school asking pupils what they thought about it and any ideas they had for improving things even more:

First, we went down to the little ones and a little spark (Isabel) replied, "We should paint the rooms more exciting fun colours!" Class 1 and others were keen on this and on new playground equipment (they mostly wanted a swing and slide). We think these are great ideas but it would take a lot of money, time and effort...

Next, we went to Class 2 who also like the slide idea; they also want more Accelerated Reader books. We love reading! Do you want a slide? Will it be too crowded? We also talked to Esther and Betty: apparently the bell is too long and surprises them when it rings - they said it sounds like a fire bell! We do think this could be sorted out, so thanks for telling us - it will be passed on to the school council.

After that, we went to Class 3 and asked Oli, Amelia and Samuel this question: "What we should change and what has changed recently?" They said they'd like a Homework Club and that they love the new equipment and lockers. We agreed: we think these are great ideas.

Class 4 suggested more clubs for the school (see below) and feel there could be even more work on the walls to show how great and talented our school is. Thomas said he would love there to be even more PE and ICT.

Class 5 would love a swimming pool because the school goes swimming so often. Maybe not now, but perhaps in the future it will happen. They also think there should be a separate first aid room so you could have more privacy when you get injured. Niamh suggested lunches could be organised differently and that this should be looked at, because the pack lunches have to wait a long time to get into the hall.

Thanks everyone for your thoughts and opinions - they'll make their way to the council!

by **Sandrine and Lauren Oscar, Matthew and Ella.**

# Cool Catholic Classes

By **Beatriz, Larissa and Grace**

We went around the school asking different teachers what Catholic Values they had seen in their class.

## Class 1

Mrs Hancock said that Molly had been kind and caring to others that were upset in a grown up way. She had been serious and didn't joke around.

## Class 2

Mrs Smith and Mrs Frost agreed that Sam had been thoughtful and encouraged others to do the same. Well done Sam!

## Class 3

In Mrs Traynar's class, Oran had shown compassion in his learning. Keep up the good work!

## Class 4

Miss Hickman noticed that Anna had been sharing and helping the teacher due to the fact that Miss Hickman is new to St. Peter's School.

## Class 5

Mr Thomas said that Charlie had been helping during the day. Mrs Giacalone pointed out that everyone had shown some Catholic Values to each other and herself.

# Wonderful Work Of The Week!!!

This past week, we have interviewed all of the teachers of St. Peter's School, and asked them who they think has done an impressive and amazing piece of work this past term.

Here are their replies to our questions:

Class 1: Mrs Hancock said that this week she was really impressed by Ase's descriptive text about the sun. She was proud of it because she used good punctuation (including a question mark!) Well done Ase!

Class 2: Mrs Smith said, "May has written a detailed and exciting story in English this term. It is about the story we have been reading in class: 'Something else'. Mrs Smith said May had used interesting words and made the story very thrilling. Well done!

Class 3: Mrs Traynar said, "Valentine wrote a story about Professor Potts's submarine. And his writing was neater than I've ever seen it!" Well done!

Class 4: Miss Hickman told us that the person who pleased her with his writing this term is James Foley. "I was very happy with the effective language in his story named Revenge," she smiled. Well done to James!

Class 5: Mr Thomas said that he was amazed at how good Niamh's poem was, which was all about how if you made one mistake, the ice would crack! Well done Niamh!

All of the teachers were very impressed by all the work of all the pupils at St. Peter's School! Keep it up!

By **Niamh, Erin, Caitie and Anita.**

## Mr Thomas

Everyone in Class 5 and the rest of the school happily welcomes Mr Thomas to St. Peter's and we are very pleased that he has joined us for a placement. He will be with us up until Easter; Class 5 will be learning lots from Mr Thomas. We have already been learning languages and skills in PE as well as in maths and English. We look forward to him being here for a few more weeks!

by **Class 5**

## Miss Halden

We'd like to make a special mention to Miss Halden to say, "Get well soon!"

We are all hoping you are feeling better soon so we can have you back with us. We are thinking of you.

by **Class 5**

## Cool Clubs

Cool Clubs is about the clubs that people want to introduce to our school, and about the clubs that are happening at the moment. We went to Class 2, 3 and 4 to find out what they thought.

Existing clubs:

*"I like Go-Go Makers as it's always exiting to know what we are going to make!" said Hughie from Class 2. Girls from the same class said they like the Name Game in dance. There were no bad comments about the clubs. There is also a Glee Club (which is our choir) and Netball Club which are also enjoyed by the children that attend them.*

New Club Ideas:

**Sports:** When we went to class 3, we weren't surprised to hear that the first idea was a football club. There were lots of other sporty ideas including: hockey, athletics, rounders, rugby, cricket, swimming, gymnastics, tennis, golf and dance. Archery was also popular for lots of people.

**Computers:** Perhaps a Sumdog Club could be arranged or we might even be able to download some software on the computer for the programming club!

**More clubs:** The idea of a cookery, board game or art clubs has also been popular.

But are these ideas possible? If you would be interested in lending a hand with clubs after school, please get in touch.

by **Adam, Charlie, Daniel, Henry, Killian, Pascal and Patrick**

## Agony aunt

By **Camille, Alice, Maria and Simran**

We've been around the school asking people their problems. We picked one question from each class, hoping that our answers will help them.

Q. How do I get mean people to be nice to me?

A. You should be extra nice to that person and if that doesn't work tell a teacher or parent to see if they can solve your problem.

Q. How can I stop people excluding me?

A. If this incident occurs at lunchtime, then inform a dinner lady or go and play with someone else.

Q. How do I improve on creating things?

A. By using your imagination and working very hard, or maybe you could go to art classes and research tips on the internet.

Q. How do I make friends with people?

A. By being very kind and helpful towards that person, you'll soon see that they'll do the same back, because a little kindness goes a long way.

Q. How can I show my Catholic Values?

A. Be a sensible role-model you think people would look up to. Also, Miss McNamara has a wall in the corridor that has our school's Catholic Values in gold lettering. You can look at that for inspiration.

We hope that this has helped you enough so that you can face your own dilemmas like a real St Peter's hero!

# This week, we have been learning...

Class One have had a creative week. We have discovered Georgia O'Keeffe and her amazing large flower pictures whilst learning about primary colours. We then used our new knowledge to mix colours to then paint our flowers. In music we listened to Rimsky-Korsakov: "Flight of the Bumble-Bee" and created our own animal sounds using different instruments. We have produced letters in our literacy lessons to try to calm down the argument between Yellow Crayon and Orange Crayon as they continue to argue about the colour of the Sun. In Numeracy we have continued to embed our knowledge on measure and shape. Have a happy and safe half term Class One!



This week in class 2 we have been finding out about fractions - fractions of shapes and amounts. The children have worked really hard on this tricky topic! We also discussed the symbols of marriage in RE. Here are Hughie and Carmen dressed up for a wedding!

This week, Class 3 has been overwhelmed with some brilliant models of airships! They have displayed some wonderfully creative ideas. We've also been continuing to help them prepare for their First Holy Communion with a bible story treasure hunt and jigsaw challenge, which produced some interesting discussion about the chronology of well known stories. Have a great half term!

This week in class 4 we have been writing an explanation text for a new submarine for Professor Potts and his crew. In maths we have been working on the written methods of the 4 operations and used them to problem solve. In our topic work we have been learning about the early aborigines in Australia and their lives. We became journalists and wrote a newspaper article about them.



Class 5 have been learning Spanish this week and creating family trees. In addition, we have been creating this week's newsletter. These, plus preparing our fund-raising stalls, have brought the joy in-between various tests! We are now all looking forward to half term!

## Star of the week!

### Class 1

Oliver for trying super hard at everything this week especially writing his name!

### Class 2

Elliot for some fantastic persuasive writing.

### Class 3

Ropa, for a big improvement in her writing.

### Class 4

Jack for asking questions throughout the week to further his learning and to improve his work.

### Class 5

Simran for her really good listening.

## Gold Card Winners:

Class 3 with 84%

House Point winners:

St Francis  
with 155 points

*Well done to our winners!*

