



St. Peter's
Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Dear St. Peter's Families,

Unfortunately, our lovely James in year 5 had a bump to the head on Tuesday; I've heard how brave he was and we all hope he makes a speedy recovery. Clearly, I do not want such an accident to happen again and so I have made the difficult decision that there will no longer be football played on the top playground for the foreseeable future at lunchtime. Football is not permanently banned (I don't like the word 'banned'!) but we can not continue an activity until we've addressed safety. What I hope to do is explain to children why something isn't working and hope that they can understand and respect my reasons for asking them not to continue whatever it is they are doing. I am looking into options that will allow sports such as football to be played on the top playground whilst maintaining safety. I hope, that as parents, you will support the school and my decision until a safe solution is found. Yesterday, I met with our Sports Captains (Seb and Bea), who will be working with our latest recruit Cara Giacalone and our Play leaders to come up with some exciting activities that the children can enjoy from now on. Sainsbury's have launched their active kid vouchers and we can make good use of these vouchers to purchase equipment to help make our playground fun. Please send them into school a collection box has been place by the main school entrance.

In the meantime, have a great weekend!

Miss

McNamara.

Stars of the Week!



Class 1

Luca K- for lots of super effort in all areas!



Class 2

Ethan for a great attitude towards his learning and for always being ready to start work straight away.



Class 3

Esther, for her enthusiasm and engagement in our topic.



Class 4

Seb for his maturity and care

This week we have been learning...



Class 1 have now floated up to the North Pole in search of penguins and made some fantastic snow skis to get there however we found a different animal living there. A drama about a Polar bear waking up from his long sleep was performed which then resulted in fantastic stories and other writing activities being created. In RE we have finished off our learning on Christmas with writing prayers of thanks. In science we are looking at animals and their differences/similarities and in Art/DT we have made our own penguins. Maths this week has focused on doubling and halving of numbers as well as a whole class challenge to see who can count the highest in 2's as a group. Reception were leading at 16 however Year 1 boys have now caught them with Year 1 girls on 14. Keep practicing Class 1 who will be the first to reach 30 as a group?

Class 2 have been continuing to explore the amazing achievements of some of the Great Explorers. This week they have been focusing on the expeditions of Ernest Shackleton and using this to inspire their literacy work. In Maths, Class 2 have been improving their recall of times tables facts and using these facts to solve word problems.

Class 3 have continued with their Taking Care Project this week, learning all about early warning signs and what to do when they feel them. It's been lovely to link this to our Harry Potter topic, considering the early warning signs of many of the characters. They've also begun to build circuits in Science, working out what a circuit needs to be successful. It continues to be a privilege to teach these children, who are all so engaged in their learning.

Class 4 this week have had an up and down week to say the least! Monday began with us thinking about refugees across our world - like our book's character - and their suffering. Of course Tuesday's accident affected us all. I'd like to greatly praise the class for their fabulous response to James' accident: the care, love and maturity they showed him and each other really was a credit to them and to their families. We cannot wait to have James back with us asap! All week we have been producing some great area and perimeter maths work whilst much of our writing has been about the teachings of Jesus... There's more, but I think I've run out of space!



Prayer for the weekend:

Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it.

Help us to act now for the good of future generations

and all your creatures.

Help us to become instruments of a new creation,

founded on the covenant of your love.

Amen.

Dates for the Diary

27/01 - Class 3 class mass

03/02 - Class 1 Trip to Sea Life Centre

03/02- Class 2 class mass

**05/02 - Confirmation Mass St. Peter's Church
11.30am**

08/02- Devizes Clothes Collection

17/02- Class 1 class mass

17/02 - Valentine's Cake Sale

17/02 - Break up for half term