



Term 1, Week 4

Friday 26th September 2014

St. Peter's Catholic School Newsletter

Learning to work well as a team

This week has been all about developing great team skills at St. Peter's! I had a wonderful opportunity to work with the girls in Year 5 this week, as we created a new display for the hall based on the Bible story of creation. We discussed how we could retell this story through pictures and the skills we would need to use in order to work effectively as part of a small team and as a larger group. The girls created beautiful pictures that are now on display in the hall, but more importantly they learned how to value each other when working together. Our display will hopefully be finished with the help of a different group next week.

I also would like to welcome Olaia Gonzalez Santoro; mother of Nicolas Ramos in Class 1, as a new active parent for the PTFA. She will be focusing on communications on behalf of the PTFA and I'm sure you will be hearing from her soon!

This week, we have elected our new school council. Miss Hayes will be helping to organise the meetings and the children will be studying lots of sources of information so that they are well equipped to make wise choices for the future of our school. I look forward to sharing their successes with you as soon as possible.

Huge congratulations go to the St. Peter's football team, who achieved an astounding 8-1 victory at St. Patrick's school on Thursday evening. Goals were scored by Max (4!!!), Dylan (2), Charlie (1) and Jo (1), but I'm certain that this was only possible because of the super teamwork shown by the other players, Joshua, Daniel, Pascal and Felipe. We wish them well at their next match on Wednesday against Bishop's Itchington.

Next week, a suggestion box will have (hopefully) appeared inside the blue gates. Please feel free to place ideas and requests in there. I can't promise that we will be able to achieve everything, but I'm always eager to hear your ideas on how we can make our school even better.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Miss McNamara.



We have really enjoyed returning to swimming lessons with our Key Stage 2 children this term. As always, parents are welcome to watch their children swim, however it has been requested that if you wish to discuss your child's group for swimming, please arrange an appointment to see the class teacher or discuss it at parents' evening. Our wonderful swimming teachers are working on a tight schedule and when lessons end, they need to prepare for their next classes.

Prayer for the weekend

We come into the presence of God, our life and our hope, the one who loves us with the everlasting love. Let us welcome this presence in the silence of our hearts.

Stars of the Week!

Kate McCartan

For looking after other members of her class by being kind and helpful.



Tami Odutola - for superb behaviour at all times.

Amelie Barker - for never giving less than her best in all that she does.



Kieran O'Connor - for working and trying really hard across the curriculum this week.

Kieran Byrne - For consistently working hard and for producing excellent work in ICT.



Class 1

We have been learning about growing from a baby into an adult and looking after babies. Thank you to Hughie's mum for bringing Vincent into school, the children really enjoyed it. In mathematics the children have enjoyed measuring each others' arms using non standard units.



Class 2

This week we have been reading 'Where the Wild Things Are'. We described the forest where Max found the strange creatures and thought about what it felt like for Max to be there. To help us imagine this we pretended to be the wild things, thinking about how they would move, the sounds they would make and how we could describe them.

Class 3

In Class 3 this week we have been learning about Stonehenge. The children used their knowledge to design their own Henges in table groups, which they then presented to the rest of the class. They had great fun! In Literacy, the children have been learning to write instruction texts, which have been based on our topic. In Maths, they have been telling the time in analogue and digital time, and also calculated using money. The children have continued to work on their PowerPoint presentations to show what they have learnt about Stone Age.



Class 4

This week we have used the Viking story of Thor and the Giants as the basis for various aspects of Literacy. We have also found out about water resistance in Science and listened to African dance sequences in Music. Our Maths work has again been largely connected to multiplication tables, including division with remainders and Russian multiplication.

Gold Award Winners!

Class 4 with 85% of children achieving a gold award this week! WELL DONE!

Dates for your diary

Here are some of the dates for this term. We are working hard to bring you a complete list of dates as soon as possible.

Friday 3rd October - Mass for the start of year, 9.15am – **IN CHURCH**
- PTFA Magician

Monday 7th October - Devizes Collection (was Ragtex)

Monday 13th October - Life Education
- Parents' Evening

Tuesday 14th October - Parents' Evening

Friday 24th October - Mass for Harvest festival, 9.15 am – **IN CHURCH**

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October HALF TERM, SCHOOL CLOSED