



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

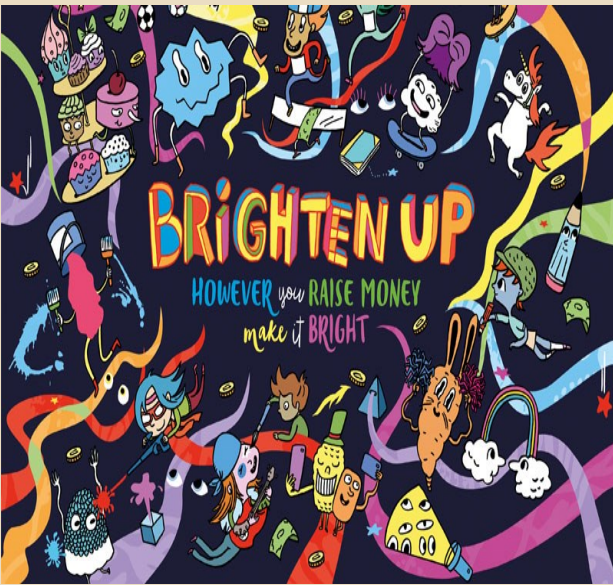
12th January 2024

CAFOD Brighten Up Day

It was fantastic to see the children and staff dressed in their bright colours today. Thank you for your kind donations to CAFOD. The money raised will go to support the work that CAFOD does

CAFOD is the official Catholic aid agency for England and Wales. They work with partners across the world, wherever the need is greatest, to bring hope and compassion to poor communities, standing side by side with them to end poverty and injustice.

They are part of one of the largest aid networks in the world. Because of our global reach and local presence, together with the help of schools they have the potential to help and support everyone.



School Virtues

Self-control Courage Hope

Love Justice Solidarity

To love, live and learn in the light of Christ

This term's virtue is Justice.



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Star of the Week

Reception	Mylah	Excellent effort with her letter formation and writing her name accurately.
	Ellie	Excellent engagement with maths activities. Ellie is becoming confident with number bonds.
Year 1	Lydia	Amazing artwork this week. Lydia really enjoyed how to make rubbings and found lots of different textures to get prints from.
	Adam	Fantastic phonic work and impressing Ms Holland in his lessons all week. Adam is quickly learning all his set 2 sounds and even knows some set 3 too now.
Year 2	Alex	Being a supportive friend, helping others in the class and making sure everywhere is tidy. Alex is a super help.
	Lilley	Making a fabulous flower using everyday objects. Lilley's work was shown to the other children as what a fabulous one looks like.
Year 3	Erik	Incredible improvement this week with his handwriting. Erik has listened to feedback about the presentation of his work and used this to improve his work.
	Serenity	Always being a helping hand in the classroom. Serenity will always go out of the way to help others where needed.
Year 4	Amara	Always being a role model in everything she does. Amara goes above and beyond in every subject to challenge herself, she always strives to follow our tick behaviours and is a shining example of an Our Lady's pupil.
	Amelia	Always putting 100% effort into her learning. Amelia always listens carefully and has impressed all the adults in the room with her fantastic contributions during class discussions.
Year 5	Layke	Working well with his partner in computing to create a pattern sequence to light up the sparkle LED like a disco ball using the crumble programme.
	Letty	Working really hard in maths this week and developing her knowledge of short division to solve reasoning and problem solving questions.
Year 6	Bentley	An amazing active learner in ALL lessons. Participating in partner talk, helping his partner and being first with answers.
	Tia-Lily	Being a supportive learner in lessons this week. Showing her understanding by helping people around her.



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Shining Stars

Members of our Shining Stars Chaplaincy Team will be visiting Holy Trinity School in Newark next week to work with their Chaplaincy Team. The children will be working together to plan Prayer Stations ready for the schools Retreat Day in February. Our children will also join the the Holy Trinity community in February to help lead the Retreat Day on the theme of 'Aspire to be more like Our Lady'.

Football

Good luck to our football team who qualified and will be competing in the finals next week. They have done incredibly well to get this far and we know they give their all for the team next week.

Bronze Learners

The children have been working hard to demonstrate the school virtues in all that they do. Once they have gained all their Bronze signatures, they write a short piece to explain why they are a Bronze Learner. Congratulations to the following Year 5 children who have all become Bronze Learners this week.

Olivia

Ashlea

Luciano

Angelica

Eli

John

Saara

Brielle

Ezekiel

Jason

Layke

Nicole

Faith



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Our Pick of the Best Children's Books
this January. |

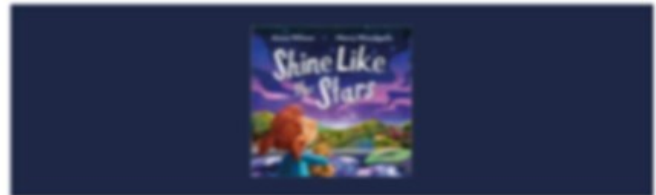


RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch Activity Book
By RSPB

Out in paperback on 7th December.
5+/7+/9+ The perfect book for budding birdwatchers

One for all ages and a great
time to start getting outside as
the sun comes up earlier each
day!

A book all about nature for
EYFS/KS1 pupils. Inspire and
engage those curious minds
with a book you can read
together.



Shine Like the Stars
By Anna Wilson

Out in paperback on 4th January.
5+ A beautifully illustrated, lyrical invitation to connect with the
natural world



Time Travelling with a Tortoise
By Ross Welford

Out in paperback on 4th January.
9+ Time travel adventures that are totally gripping and full of humour
and heart

A fun filled book for KS2
pupils. Get them giggling and
enjoying their reading!

A fictional book that brings
factual events to life!
Encourage the children to learn
about History and develop
their reading too!



City of Spies
By Izzi Lawrence

Out in paperback on 4th January.
9+/11+ Thrilling spy story adventures inspired by real life events

Please encourage your child to read regularly with you at home.

All children should be reading at least 3 times a week.

We thank you for your support with this.



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Support Plans

We will be holding parents meeting on Wednesday 21st February for all parents whose children have a support plan in place. If your child has a support plan you will be contacted to arrange an appointment to review the plan. Appointments will be between 3.30pm and 5pm on Wednesday 21st February.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

We are delighted to inform you that our school has achieved the 'Committed' accreditation from EduPod. This demonstrates that our school has made a significant commitment to investing in the whole school's mental health.

This is a superb achievement, and we are extremely proud. We will be continuing to strengthen this further and achieve other awards.

A final thought ...

A little progress each day
Leads to great achievements.

Have a great weekend.