



# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

1st March 2024

We are just over half way through the school year and the number of children who are Bronze Learners is rapidly increasing. It is fantastic to see the children demonstrating the school virtues in all that they do around school.

### Parents Evening

Each class teacher will have their Parents Evening sign up sheet available next week. Please make sure you sign up for a slot on either 19th or 20th March.

### World Book Day Reminder

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7th March. We are celebrating World Book Day because we support the charity's mission to change lives through a love of books and reading. Dressing up is a big part of World Book Day celebrations, and is something that children and families particularly enjoy. This year, we are inviting our children to dress up as a word from the dictionary. We hope this will get the children thinking about vocabulary and allow more original ideas. We wish to make costumes D.I.Y style and hopefully also less pricey than having to pay for an entire costume. So grab what you have at home and get creative! It can be as simple or crazy as you make it but please ensure it is a suitable word which your child understands.

We look forward to seeing all of the creative costumes on Thursday.

### School Virtues

Self-control      Courage      Hope

Love      Justice      Solidarity

To love, live and learn in the light of Christ

This term's virtue is Love



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## World Champion

Former World, European and Commonwealth 400m Hurdles Champion, Dai Greene, visited school this week. He spoke to the children about his journey to achieve his dreams and gave some great advice as to how they can aim towards achieving their dreams. The children asked him some great questions and staff and pupils were truly inspired by his story and his visit.





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## Star of the Week

Reception	Mylah	Working with such determination to blend cvc words and secure her set 1 sounds.
	Skyla	Great enthusiasm and care towards the class chicks.
Year 1	Daisy	Careful sounding out and improved handwriting when writing sentences about the coast in Geography.
	Joshua J	Super sounding out and lovely handwriting when independently writing sentences in his Geography work.
Year 2	Lilley	Using scientific words to describe how she knows that an object floats—a super scientist.
	Miriam	Linking previous science investigations to explain why the cotton sank slowly—a super scientist.
Year 3	Miya	Welcoming a new friend into class and offering help when needed. Miya never needs to be prompted to help anyone and will always show acts of selflessness.
	Erik	Showing a positive attitude towards his learning this week, especially in science.
Year 4	Ivy	Fantastic determination with the fractions topic. Ivy's determination and resilience has enabled her to be a 'mini teacher' in maths this week.
	Lettie	Working hard in her phonics with her super positive attitude towards her learning.
Year 5	Eli	Consistently participating in class and giving 100% effort to his work.
	Faith	Growing in confidence this week and actively participating in class.
Year 6	Hayden	Being an active learner in all of his lessons this week and finishing his independent writing in English in the designated time.
	Caitlin	Being an amazing role model to her peers demonstrating the tick behaviours and supporting those around her.



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## Diary Dates

Date	Event
<b>March</b>	
Thursday 7th	World Book Day
Monday 18th	Start of the Big Lent Walk for CAFOD
Tuesday 19th	Parents evening
Wednesday 20th	Parents evening
Wednesday 27th	Celebration of learning assembly
Thursday 28th	Easter Presentation
Thursday 28th	Last day of term
	EASTER BREAK
<b>April</b>	
Monday 15th	INSET day
Tuesday 16th	Return to school



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## Calling Catholic teachers

Do you know somebody who is a practising Catholic and who is a teacher or senior leader working in a school outside of the Catholic sector? The Diocese of Nottingham along with the Catholic Multi-Academy Trusts is leading a virtual information session about working in a Catholic school on Monday 4 March from 7.00pm – 8.00pm.

For further information, please contact: Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service ([julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk](mailto:julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk)).

## Parish news - Lent 2024:

- Lent Lunch Monday 4th March @ 13.00 Parish Hall
- Parish Lent Retreat Day Saturday 9th March 10.00-15.00 (includes Adoration and Benediction).
- HOLY WEEK
- Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion: Mass Saturday 23rd March @ 18.00 Sunday @ 10.00.
- Chrism Mass: St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham 27th March @ 11.30. · Holy Thursday: -Mass of the Lord's Supper 28th March@19.00.
- Good Friday: 29th March Ecumenical Walk of Witness 11.30 from Station Road to St Denys Church, Market Square, Sleaford.
- Good Friday: Liturgy of the Passion @ 15.00. Stations of the Cross @ 19.00.
- Easter Vigil Mass: Saturday 30th March @ 18.00
- Easter Sunday Mass: 31st March @ 10.00

## A final thought ...

*Take from our souls the strain and stress  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.*

Have a great weekend.