

Newsletter ~ Term 4 Week 3

Another busy week here at St Francis'! The children are visiting the Zero Waste shop in Nailsea as part of their work on Catholic Social Teaching and our call to care for God's creation. We had some great feedback from Bethan, the owner, who sent us this message after year 4's visit:

It was a pleasure to meet everyone. I'm glad they all had a good time! It was lovely to speak to them and see how enthusiastic they were. I would have them back any time, they were all great!



In a linked Catholic Social Teaching project, we are showing solidarity with those in the world who do not have access to clean water by filling our toilet with coins. Keep sending in those pennies!



Attendance and Late Arrivals

There is a national picture of lower attendance in schools across the country, mainly due to the Covid pandemic. We are keeping a careful watch over our own attendance figures, which have also dipped. If you translate 80% attendance into missed education, this equates to one day per week – which obviously has a huge impact on learning! Our attendance is usually very good, so all being well and with no more Covid outbreaks, I am sure with your support attendance will pick up again.

We also keep a weather eye on our late arrivals. 'Lates' are the children arriving between 8.45 and 9am, when our registers close. Again, 15 minutes missed per day does not feel like a lot, but this mounts up to over an hour per week of missed learning time.

Staff News

Mrs Willatts is leaving us at the end of this term to go to pastures new. She will be sorely missed by staff and children. We are actively going through the recruitment process and will let you know as soon as we have any news.

A gentle reminder that ties are now a compulsory part of the school uniform and should be worn each day by the children.

Resources for our Outdoor Reading Area

We would be grateful for rugs, blankets and beanbags to use in the new outdoor reading area. Please don't buy anything new, but if you are recycling (or you spot something useful in a charity shop), send the items this way and the children will be grateful to read in comfort!

News from Year 6

We dressed in blue as part of the 'Drop of Water' day and took part in a workshop where we thought about how we can save water in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world who don't have clean water.



Lots of news from The Friends this week!

The Glow Disco was a huge success and raised a whopping £555!! Thank you so much to everyone for supporting the event and also for all the fabulous volunteers on the night! So many lovely parents pulling together to give the kids much needed fun after 2 years of restrictions.

So far the 100 Club Draw has raised £426.25 for the school. The first purchase we are making is for approximately £200 which will provide non-fiction books for the library chosen by the children themselves. We will keep you posted on further winnings and purchases.

Dates for the diary - more details to follow:

Friday 25th March - Mother's Day Sale

Friday 1st April - 100 Club Draw

Friday 1st April – Mums' social night

Saturday 25th June - Summer Fayre

Please don't forget to find us on Facebook 'Friends of St Francis Primary School' where we frequently post reminders, event information and polls.

Academy Celebrations



To celebrate the opening of the new Cardinal Newman Catholic Educational Trust, Dr Doyle (our new CEO) kindly sent us a cake, which was very much enjoyed by pupils and staff.

Academy work continues daily, including the competition amongst the children to design the new logo.



And I promise Mrs Galey did share the cake!

Story in a box – Short list

Thank you to all 52 entries! Your creativity, enthusiasm and hard work has blown Miss Lamb's socks off. You made our judging extremely hard. Winners will be announced in assembly and we will be finding a place to display as many of these excellent creations in school. Please see below for photos of the shortlisted entries.

And Finally...

We have incorporated the principles of Catholic Social Teaching into our Lent work this year. Catholic Social Teaching is – simply put - the call to build a just world. Here are some of the children's thoughts and comments:

Stewardship is about caring for creation – not just this week while we are thinking about it in school, but all the time. (Ella)

Catholic Social Teaching is really fun. We have booklets to fill in and each week we have to do some new learning and some new activities. Catholic Social Teaching is about how to live your life and how to show your love. (Valentina)

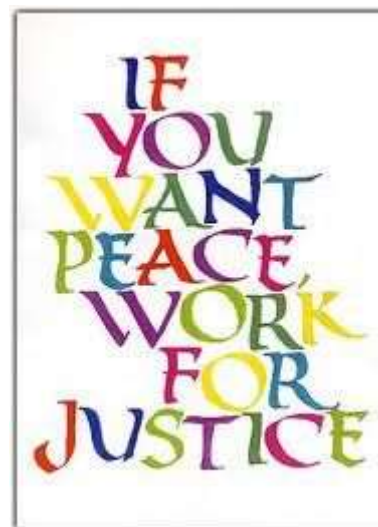
Catholic Social Teaching is about doing good deeds for others and the world. (Jude)

Catholic Social Teaching is knowing that we are all different and saying 'that's ok'.

(Emmanuel) This is called 'solidarity' (Phoebe)

Stewardship is caring for creation. We are planting more flowers. (Elena) This is good for the environment and the bees and other creatures (Harry)

Catholic Social Teaching is about making sure people get their fair share of wages for their work. We talked about the dignity and rights of all people in the world. (Ben)



Have a safe and peaceful weekend

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parents and carers

Schedule for March 2022

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| 21st Continence in children and young people bit.ly/3Z22f09 | 28th Eating disorder awareness bit.ly/3nU8Qha |
| 22nd Healthy eating and physical activity bit.ly/3MFpS3N | 26th Dental health bit.ly/3MEDQb8 |
| 23rd Keeping your child happy and healthy bit.ly/35Nc9Kq | 29th Understanding your child's wellbeing bit.ly/3MEDPMe |
| 24th Helping your child with sleep bit.ly/34uVIBp | |

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