

Newsletter ~ Term 5, Weeks 7

Year 6 children are having a wonderful time on camp with beautiful weather and lots of challenging and new activities (and tasty food) in a very picturesque setting to keep them busy and happy!

I am writing this having just travelled (reluctantly) back from camp, but by the time you are reading this newsletter the children should be well on their way home with much news and dirty washing!

Well Done

We say 'congratulations' this week to children who are polite, hard-working and cheerful. Well done to Jonah, Navin, Nina, Imogen, Merin, Ronnie, Isobel, Josh, Kacie and Scott.



We also say 'well done' to our year 5 children, who impressed the organisers of the 'STEM' Day on Tuesday with their perseverance, great knowledge and understanding and excellent behaviour. More photos will be available on the website in due course.



And Another 'Well Done'...

To Gabriel who is the youngest ever person to be selected to represent England in the Tae kwon do team. He is flying to Holland to compete this weekend. We wish you the very best of luck, Gabe.



Safety in the School Grounds Beyond the School Day

Just a reminder that scooters and bikes brought from home must not be ridden on the school site before or after school and the Reception / Year 1 scooters and bikes are not for the use of children outside the school day. The Friends are hoping to construct a shed for this equipment in the near future so it will be out of temptation's reach! Please ensure your children play safely on the big play equipment after school when you are supervising them. They know the rules for using the equipment safely and they should stick to them whenever they are playing.

Friday Fun



Pentecost is sometimes thought of as the day marking the birth of the missionary work of the church, so we often celebrate it with birthday cake. Thank you to Ron who baked delicious cakes for everyone in the school.

As well as celebrating Pentecost with a joyful, song-filled assembly from Year 1, we also had a wedding to celebrate, which we did in style with cakes, scones and cucumber sandwiches. Thank you to all the parents who helped with preparations and to the Friends, who provided a

Movies and Munchies celebration just for year 6 to mark the end of SATs week.

Ms Hostein's Celebration

We are celebrating Ms Hostein's ten years as head teacher here and her many years' service to Catholic education at the mass for the feast of SS Peter and Paul at St Francis' Church at 2pm on Friday 29 June 2018 and afterwards in the parish hall. All are warmly welcome.

If you would like to contribute towards her leaving gift, please send donations into the office in an envelope marked 'Ms Hostein'.

Forward Planning

We are beginning to think about activities and events for next year, and would like to celebrate St Francis' Day next year as part of a school 'Ecology Week'. St Francis is often associated with animals and wildlife, and is the patron saint of the environment. If you have any kind of expertise in this area, or know of anyone who could come and share their knowledge and experience with us, please let us know. We will also need lots of helpers during the first week of October as there will be plenty of hands-on activities happening and even just possibly a whole school day out!

Local Walks

Thank you to the volunteers who have agreed to accompany the children on their walks around Nailsea. All walks start at 9am and vary in length according to the age of the children. Please refer to class teachers for more details.

And finally...

Year 5 loved their 'STEM' trip to Aerospace on Tuesday and here are two children's very enthusiastic comments about their experience.

We went into Concorde and it was like going back in history. Alessandro's dad told us about the last pilot of Concorde, who deliberately left his hat stuck in the plane so it would be there forever.

We made rocket cars; we used a construction kit to make the car and then attached a rocket onto the car which launched the rockets into the wall. Some of us put our rockets backwards by mistake, which made the rockets spin round and round in circles.

We also did a challenge where we had to carry an egg safely through the air without smashing it, using a parachute and container which we had to make ourselves. Some of our eggs smashed and one of our groups got the prize for the best-smashed egg!

Our favourite part was doing riveting, which was hammering a small piece of metal in between two plates of metal so that they were securely joined. We had to score more than 50 points to qualify as plane manufacturers and one of our groups scored 101!

This trip was amazing and it really taught us lots about aerodynamics, programming and some of the jobs you can do in the RAF.

Have a happy holiday and see you all back at school on 5 June

