

Headteacher's Update – 2.5.25

Dear Parents,

I hope you have enjoyed the lovely weather this week. It has been great to open the field at lunchtimes to give the children more space to play. It has also been wonderful to see so many of you coming to school on bikes and scooters – long may it last!

Summer Uniform

As we are now in the Pentecost (Summer) term, the children can now be wearing their summer uniforms. Please check the uniform list on the school website if you are not sure what this entails. The main change is a summer dress for girls and a polo shirt for boys.

A reminder that black PE shorts should be loose fitting, and not cycling shorts – we do have some pairs in school for anyone who may need to borrow some, just let your child's class teacher know if this is the case.

Eco Club and Caring for Creation (Catholic Social Teaching)

The new eco club had a very tough job deciding on the winners of the recent Recycling Poster competition. They were clear on the criteria that the message has to be obvious and the poster needed to be eye-catching. Thank you to everyone who entered and well done to the winners who are pictured below.



The winners were fittingly announced at the end of our assembly about one of the aspects of Catholic Social Teaching, which is like a 'guidebook' for how to build a fair and good society. Last week we focused on the aspect of caring for God's Creation, and recycling and disposing of our litter in a responsible way can help the planet in so many ways. These posters will be displayed around the school to remind everyone how to play a part in looking after our world.

Year 3 & 4 Hockey Festival

On Tuesday, we took a group of children to Aylesbury Vale Academy and they engaged in different activities to improve their hockey skills. They had a great afternoon and were a credit to the school. Well done!



Big Lent Walk

Thank you for your generous donations following our Big Lent Walk in support of CAFOD. We have raised £262.61, which we will now be able to send to CAFOD to help support their vital work around the world, including providing clean water, emergency aid, and support for families living in poverty. Every step we took and every penny you gave will make a real difference to communities in need. Thank you for your continued support.

Out of School Achievements

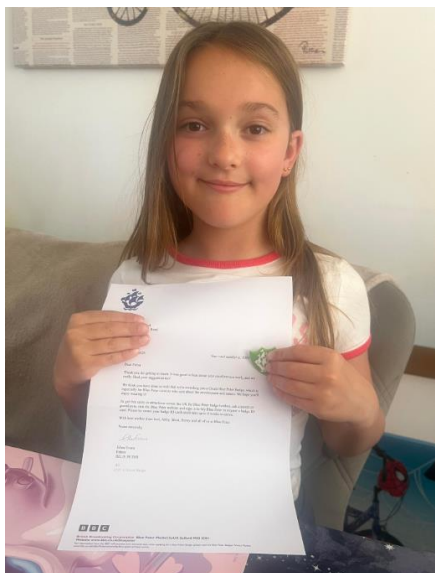
Another aspect of Catholic Social Teaching is 'Looking out for the poor and vulnerable' (There are 6 in total that we will be focussing on in the coming weeks.)

Aubrey (4L) has lived this out over Easter by completing a sponsored swim for a charity providing support and therapy to disabled under 5s. She swam 30 lengths in one go and raised over £512 with gift aid to donate to Playskill! I am so impressed by this Aubrey – well done for using your talents to support others.



I was also impressed to hear about pupils who have undertaken personal challenges, such as Aidan (5L) and Finlay (1L) who climbed all the way to the top of Mount Snowdon (Yr Wyddfa), showing their great determination.

Freya (5L) continued her work as a member of the eco club by getting in touch with Blue Peter. She sent over a brain storm of ideas on how we can help the environment and be more eco-friendly. The team at Blue Peter were very impressed and sent Freya her very own eco badge and letter. Well done for thinking of more ways to care for creating, Freya.



Cyber Security Training Presentations

Thames Valley Cyber Protect team are inviting Parents and carers to join engaging and informative Cyber Security training presentations. These sessions will share easy-to-implement tips for parents/carers regarding theirs and their family's online behaviours and internet-enabled device usage.

This session covers key topics, including:

1. **Emails and mobile phones:** The art of spotting a scam – lots of hints and tips to share with your children around phishing and other scams.
2. **Social media safety:** The risks around social engineering, disinformation, AI, privacy and hacked accounts.
3. **Gaming:** Understand what the risks are to young people when gaming, particularly online, and discover ways to monitor and restrict usage.
4. **Password mastery and Two-Factor Authentication (2FA):** Helping you and your family to secure your accounts following best practice.

Link to sessions- [Online Safety for Parents by Police - South East Cyber Crime Unit | Eventbrite](#)

Collaborative Review

On Monday we had a visit from an advisor who works for the Trust and another headteacher. They joined me in a review of teaching and learning across the school with a particular focus on maths. This year we have changed the scheme we use to support our maths teaching, and it was brilliant to learn that this change has been effective in supporting children to think more deeply about their maths and to see their ability to reason and problem solve develop so well. Their fluency in number work has also improved and the children fed back as to how much they like the new work books too. As always, when we have visitors to the school, the children's excellent behaviour, politeness and positive attitudes to learning were also praised.

Ten:Ten Newsletter for May

As we head into May, we remember that this is traditionally the month of Mary our mother. Please see the Ten:Ten newsletter for parents with more information about what children will be learning about throughout the month <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>



Bank Holiday Monday

Don't forget that Monday 5th May is a Bank Holiday and school will be closed for the day.

Have a wonderful (long!) weekend, Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis
Nursery



We have been learning: the nursery rhyme 'Little Miss Muffet', the children have been role-playing to the nursery rhyme.

You can help at home by: singing the nursery rhyme at home with your child.

Reception

We have been learning: how to make bread and butter.

You can help at home by: asking your child how they made bread and butter and if possible make some bread and butter.

Year 1

We have been learning: different words for sad and lonely.

You can help at home by: using a wide variety of vocabulary for different emotions.

Year 2

We have been learning: about Rosa Parks in history.

You can help at home by: asking your child why Rosa Parks is a significant person in history.

Year 3

We have been learning: how to use prepositions and adjectives to describe a setting.

You can help at home by: asking your child to describe familiar places using adjectives and prepositions.

Year 4

We have been learning: about the suffix- 'ation' and 'ous' in English.

You can help at home by: asking your child what words have those endings and any rules they remember.

Year 5

We have been learning: about 'locking' in dance (hip-hop).

You can help at home by: asking your child to show you the different locking movements they have been practicing.

Year 6

We have been learning: about Russia in our geography lesson.

You can help at home by: asking your child to locate where Russia is and can they tell you any facts about it.