



ST MONICA'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd October

Black History Month

Today's assembly brought together a fascinating month of Black History Month learning, with each year group sharing their discoveries and celebrating the remarkable achievements and contributions of black people throughout history and today.

Alongside this, we have explored the importance of recognising our own strengths and valuing the talents of others. At St Monica's, we want every child to feel proud of who they are, know that their voice matters and have the confidence to aim high.



Harvest Festival Donations

A huge thank you to all our families for your Harvest Festival donations. We have been overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity! Father Ged is very appreciative and will collect the donations, which will all go to support local people in our parish in need. What a wonderful example of our St Monica's community putting faith into action. Thank you all who donated.





Florence - St Monica's Catholic Primary School



Rhea - St Monica's Catholic Primary School

Competition Winners

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Rose - St Monica's Catholic Primary School

A huge well done to Florence, Rose and Rhea, winners of the Sovini fly-tipping poster competition! Their posters will now be professionally printed and displayed in alleyways across Sefton, sharing an important message about caring for our community. What a fantastic opportunity to see their creativity celebrated beyond our school! Neil from Sovini said: "St Monica's had such high quality entries, it was very hard to choose. These will look fantastic around our community. Thank you St Monica's!"

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St Monica's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher's Hot Chocolate Winners

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Nursery



Jocelyn Vogel

For being a kind, caring friend who always tries her best. Jocelyn shows thoughtfulness towards others and a positive attitude to learning.

3R



Bonnie Christensen

For an excellent informal letter based on Seal Surfer, full of great ideas, careful punctuation and beautiful presentation. Well done, Bonnie!

RA



Arlo Coyle

For excellent teamwork and problem-solving when creating a castle from boxes. Arlo is a helpful, sensible member of our class family.

3P



Eryn Lacey

For fantastic effort in all she does. Eryn's informal letter used brilliant expanded noun phrases and beautifully neat handwriting.

RW



Mia Rice

For following our class rules, listening carefully and always trying her best. Mia, you are a wonderful example to your classmates!

4G



Amaya Mills

For showing fantastic resilience and tackling every challenge with determination and a positive attitude. Keep up the great effort, Amaya!

1H



Kathir Varatharajan

For his consistent hard work and determination to do his best. Your effort deserves to be celebrated, Kathir!

4T



Bella Mon-In

For her excellent attitude and determination in every lesson, especially her hard work to improve her swimming. Keep going, Bella!

1T



Hudson Hatton

For showing fantastic commitment by reading regularly at home and earning lots of reading stars. Keep up the brilliant work, Hudson!

5W



Callie Mai Dutton

For her curiosity and love of learning. Inspired by Rosa Parks, Callie created a fact file encouraging others to stand up for what is right.

2M



Cillian Stafford

For excellent knowledge of Creation and Covenant, a love of the Bible and thoughtful, inquisitive questions. A true RE champion!

5M



Isla-Grace O'Neill

For her effort and commitment, especially her excellent understanding of theatre in Ancient Greek society. A wonderful historian!

2C



Lena Szustakiewicz

For working so hard on her writing and producing beautiful, neatly presented sentences. Mrs Chorzepa is very proud of you!

6M



Dixie Furlong

For always giving 100%, including staying after school each Tuesday to work with Mrs McDonough. Your commitment is impressive, Dixie!

**Mr
Gouldbourne**



Adhira Tharshan

For exceptional handwriting and impressive all-round ability. Wonderful work to be proud of. Well done, Adhira!

6L



Thomas Taafe

For the mature approach he brings to his work. Your positive attitude to learning deserves to be celebrated, Thomas!

**Mr
Gouldbourne**



Terri-Leigh Elder

For wonderful achievements in dance and a positive attitude towards school and everyone around her. Keep shining, Terri-Leigh!

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Nursery - by Miss Byrne



In Nursery, we have been busy exploring the season of Autumn! We enjoyed observing the changing weather and noticing how the leaves on the trees are changing colour and falling to the ground. We have collected and explored a variety of autumnal resources, using them to create beautiful artwork.

We investigated pumpkins, exploring their textures and looking at their shapes, sizes and colours. The children spoke about what they could see and feel, and developed their vocabulary as they discovered the wonderful changes that Autumn brings.

To celebrate the season, we made a delicious, warming autumn stew! The children helped to chop the vegetables and explore the different ingredients before bringing them all together to make our tasty stew. Everyone was excited to try what we had made, and Mr Gouldbourne was particularly impressed, declaring it the most delicious stew he had ever eaten!

What we have learnt this week: In Maths, we have been learning about matching. Ask us what matching means and challenge us to find matching items around the house! We have also been exploring the wonderful signs of Autumn, noticing the changing colours of leaves and investigating natural materials. In RE, we have been learning about the Creation Story and talking about how God created our wonderful world.



Reception - by Miss Andrews and Miss Welsh

This week, we have been exploring the story 'The Gingerbread Man' by Mara Alperin. Our mischievous and sneaky Gingerbread Man managed to escape and sneak into our classrooms! We have been busy little detectives, creating 'Wanted' posters to warn everyone that the Gingerbread Man is on the loose. We even put our problem-solving skills to the test by designing and making our own traps to try to catch him! We also designed our own gingerbread characters and used our phonics knowledge to write fantastic descriptions. We have loved retelling the story, remembering the key events and bringing the characters to life.

What have we learnt this week: retelling the Gingerbread Man; continuing an AB pattern; finding and subitising 1, 2 and 3; learning and writing v, w, y, z, x using the correct letter formation; practising our oral blending skills; strengthening our fine motor skills so we are ready to write; practising writing our name using the correct letter formation.





Year 1 - by Miss Hatcher and Miss Tew

Year 1 have been learning about the different shops and businesses found in our local community. The children enjoyed discussing the purpose of different shops and the important role they play in our everyday life.

We talked about why it is important to support local shops and considered what might happen to our community if these shops were to close. We also explored specialist shops, such as bakers, butchers and pharmacies and discussed our favourite shops and why we like them. The children had a real depth of knowledge!

The day prompted some fantastic discussion, as pupils explained and justified their choices while listening to the opinions of others.

This week we have learned this week:

Addition and subtraction within 10; number bonds to 10; using full stops and capital letters in our writing; The Annunciation story; what weeds and wild plants are and how to make thicker and thinner lines when drawing.



Year 2- by Mrs Macdonald and Mrs Chorzepa



Year 2 had some very special visitors who helped us discover lots of fascinating facts about owls! We learned all about these incredible birds of prey, including their amazing features, what they eat, where they live and how they hunt for their food. We will use our new knowledge to help us write our own non-chronological reports, sharing amazing owl facts with others!

What have we learnt this week: Adding and subtracting numbers to 100; learning facts to use in our non-fiction writing; learning about animals and their habitats and performing a ukulele song.

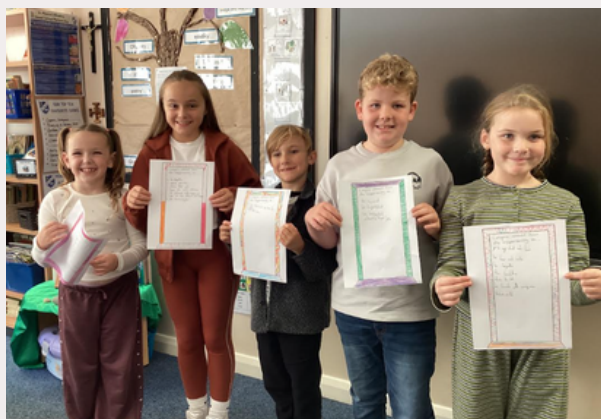




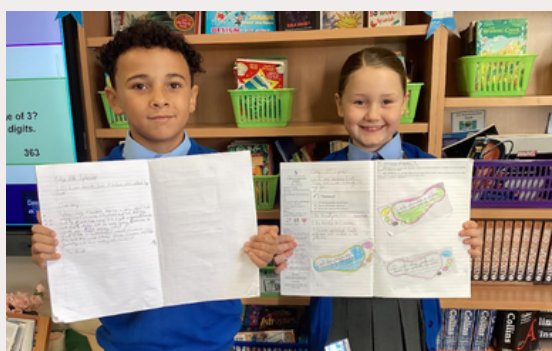
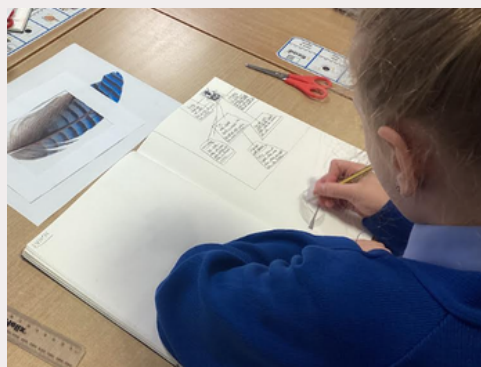
Year 3 - by Mrs Reardon and Miss Partington

It's been a busy week in Year 3! For Black History Month, we learnt about Katherine Johnson and how her maths skills helped NASA send astronauts into space. We also created posters about the importance of equal opportunities for everyone.

What have we learnt this week: Black History Month – Katherine Johnson's achievements, her role in space exploration and the importance of fairness, equality and equal opportunities.



Year 4 - by Miss Thomas and Miss Gibbons



It's been another busy and exciting week in Year 4! We have enjoyed our final Spanish and Music lessons before swapping subjects after half-term. We have also begun our new Art unit, exploring drawing techniques and learning how to draw still-life compositions and shapes found in nature.

What have we learnt this week?

In Maths, we revised column methods for addition and subtraction, as well as using flexible partitioning to work with four-digit numbers. In English, we wrote our own independent fantasy narratives. In History, we explored historical evidence to find out more about life in Saxon times. In Science, we learnt how to classify plants. Finally, in RE, we reflected on the virtues of faith, hope and love, and considered what it means to be a good neighbour. Well done, Year 4, for another fantastic week of learning!

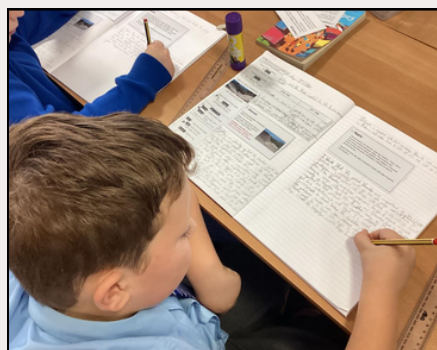


Year 5- by Mrs Ware and Miss McGuckin

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Ancient Greece! This week in History, we discovered how Greek theatres could hold up to 10,000 people and provided entertainment through tragedies and comedies. We also discussed the advantages of their design and suggested improvements to make the theatres even better. Last week's exciting workshop was a real highlight of our topic, bringing our learning to life!

What have we learnt this week?

It's been another fantastic week of learning! In Maths, we've been mastering column addition and subtraction and applying our skills to word problems. IN PSHE, we explored the PANTS rules and developed our understanding of what they mean and how they help us keep safe. We've also discovered the fascinating world of theatre in Ancient Greece in History, learned about the Cardinal Values through Creation and Covenant in RE, and stepped into Annie Taylor's shoes to independently write our own diary entries, bringing her story to life in our Writing. What a week of learning for Year 5!

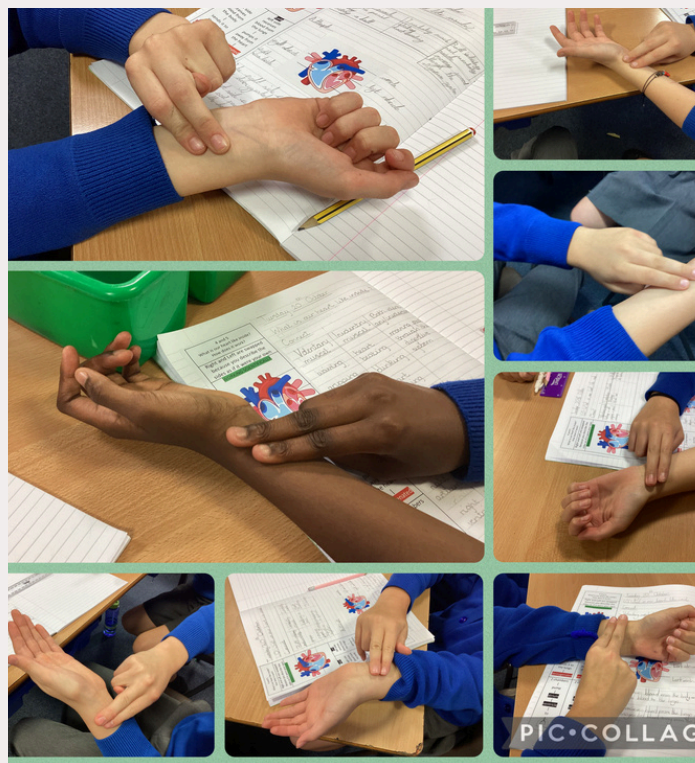


Year 6- by Miss McGiveron, Mr Lynch, Mrs Gilbertson and Mrs Birch

Our Year 6 pupils have had a fantastic week exploring the human heart and discovering how our circulatory system works. They investigated the structure of the heart, learned about oxygenated and deoxygenated blood, and explored how blood travels around the body to keep us healthy.

To put their learning into practice, the children took part in some physical exercise and measured their pulse rates before and after activity. They were amazed to discover how exercise affects the heart rate and discussed why the heart works harder when we are active.

It has been a brilliant week of hands-on learning, scientific investigation and discovery. Well done, Year 6, for your enthusiasm and curiosity! ❤️ 🧐





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