

ST MONICA'S NEWSLETTER



We were delighted with the number of pupils who took part in our school council elections this week.

Pupils from across the school took the voting process so seriously. Speeches were of the highest standard and children had worked on them at home: over 80 pupils made speeches across the Juniors. Our staff have been so proud, watching these pupils build confidence by writing, practising and delivering incredible speeches.

The successful pupils, as voted by their peers (drumroll)...

- **Year 3: Lilly and Finley**
- **Year 4: Scarlett and Oliver**
- **Year 5: Charlie and Megan**
- **Year 6: John and Nell**

We will have our first council meeting on Monday, I await the keen demands of the new Junior School Councillors. Our speeches and elections for Y1 and Y2 will be next week.

Hot off the press: Our Year 6 team won 5 games out of 5 in a football tournament this afternoon, conceding just one goal, showing great teamwork and a winning mindset throughout. Well done to Mrs Tohill and the players.

Have a great weekend one and all, Mr J. Gouldbourne



Key Dates

Meet the
Teacher:

Tue 24th
Year 4

Wed 25th
Y2 4pm Y5 5pm

Thurs 26th
Y6 5pm

Kingsley and Co
- Sep 30th

Individual
and sibling
photographs -
4th October

Y6 PGL
October 21st -
23rd

Y5 Bikeability
Oct 22th- 25th

Term Dates

Faith Aspiration Respect Resilience

Nursery



What a great week Nursery have had this week!

We looked at self portraits painted by a variety of artists, such as Frida Kahlo and Vincent Van Gogh. Mirrors helped us to identify our facial features and their colours. "My eyes are brown," commented one child.

Then we painted our own self portraits which we will display with pride.

Reception



Reception have had another brilliant week settling in. This week we have begun to explore our topic 'All About Me'. We have been busy painting self portraits, comparing ourselves and our features with others. We even used cameras to have a close look.

We can't wait to share our 'All About Me' bags in school next week!

Year 1



Year One have made a fantastic start to the year. As part of our mission day, we spoke all about inclusion and diversity. Our School's Mission is "Success for all within a Christ Centred Community". We created hand print artwork to show that we understand our school mission statement and how we can support this in our actions and words.



Year 2

Year Two are having great fun in their Science lessons and have been learning about “Living Things and their Habitats”.

We thought about what things are alive, dead and were never alive - and sorted them into the correct groups.



Year 3

What a busy start to term Year 3 have had and an excellent one at that! 3Q have started their Spanish lessons, learning greetings and basic conversational skills. Meanwhile, 3R have started Music, further developing their skills on the ukulele.

Attendance

We are 95.5% this week - just below our target of 96%.

Nursery are superstars: 100% attendance! WOW!



Year 4 have had a great start to the new school year! In History, we have started our unit on Ancient Greece. We had an exciting day on Thursday 19th September when Past Productions came in to do a Greek Day workshop, where pupils learned about what it was like to live in Ancient Greece. We then put our democracy skills to use to vote for our school councillors.



Year 4



Year 5

Year 5 loved their virtual visit with Katherine Rundell this week. She inspired us with her amazing stories about how she became a writer as well as where the ideas for her stories come from. We can't wait to use her ideas in our writing! One child said, "She gave good advice to write the best stories, start with a part in the story which hooks the reader and makes them want to keep reading."



Year 6

Year 6 had an amazing virtual visit with award winning author Katherine Rundall this week. The children loved listening to her many tales of adventure and learnt so many invaluable tips for their own stories and how to edit their writing. 'She was so interesting and has given me so ideas for the story that I am writing' commented one of our children.

St Monica's: Our Faith in Action

Last Friday 13th September we celebrated our annual Mission Day in school. Our school Mission statement 'Success for All Within a Christ-Centred Community' is very important to us all and we live out this message each and every day. This year we looked at how our mission statement promotes diversity and inclusivity in our school.

Each year group spent the day exploring this through a range of different activities. We had such a good day and we ended our Mission Day with a huge celebration assembly showing each other what we had discovered. We then ended our day with our St Monica's School Prayer.

Dear St Monica,

We pray for your love and encouragement as we end our school day. At school, during our work and play help us to never give up just as you never did. Help us to show patience and kindness and guide us to always do our best in every situation. We will strive to love one another and know that God always hears our prayers.

Amen



What is being studied in RE this week?	
EYFS	In EYFS, we have begun Branch One of our curriculum which looks at Creation and Covenant and we have been hearing all about how God made our beautiful world and everything in it. We also know that God made us.
Y1	In Year 1, we have begun Branch One (Creation and Covenant) and we have been hearing all about the story of creation - Genesis 1: 1-4, 24-26.
Y2	In Year 2, we have begun Branch One (Creation and Covenant) and we have been listening to the story of Noah focusing on God's promise with Noah and all human beings.
Y3	In Year 3, we have begun Branch One (Creation and covenant) and we have been listening to the first account of creation, Genesis 1: 1-2:4. We know that All human's are made in the image of God and that we are all created equal.
Y4	In Year 4 we have begun work on our topic of Family: People. We have been exploring our family tress and the family tree of Jesus.
Y5	In Year 5, we have begun work on our topic of Family: Ourselves. We have bene exploring who we are and the different talents and qualities that we all have.
Y6	This week Year 6 have started their 'Loving' topic we have been exploring the idea of unconditional love and we wrote our own loving psalms to God.

