

St Peter's & St Gildas' Weekly Newsletter

12th January 2024

Message from Mr O'Shannessy



Welcome back, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas celebration with your families and are rested and ready to start our Spring term. I would like to start with a huge thank you to all the children, staff and parents for their support and cooperation which has made our first term such a success.

This Sunday is, the second Sunday of ordinary time and is a significant contrast to the joy and celebration of the Epiphany when the three Kings came to visit and pay homage to Jesus.

In this week's gospel, John 1:35 - 42 we hear about three new followers, they are not kings they are ordinary people like you and I.

I will start the new year with a new challenge to all children. There will be a surprise for any child who can write down the name of the first three disciples or followers of Jesus. Make sure you write your own name and class on the back of your answer. The challenge will close at the end of the school day Monday 15th January.

The greatest gift Jesus gave to us was his forgiveness as it allows us to have a fresh start.

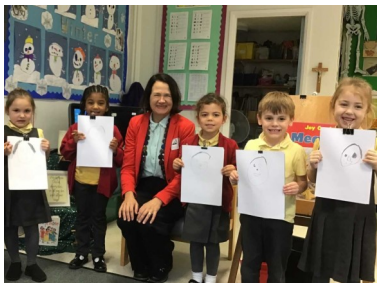
Let's take this opportunity at the beginning of a new year to make the most of the gifts and talents God has given us.

Let's work together as a community to support each other to enhance the lives of all those around us.

Let's make 2024 the best year we have ever seen, filled with Peace, Love and Joy.

Mr O'Shannessy

Catherine West visits our school



We were delighted to welcome Catherine West, our local MP, who visited our school this afternoon. Our Reception children showed her the portraits they had drawn of her and our Y4, Y5 & Y6s had a chance to ask her questions!

Inset Day

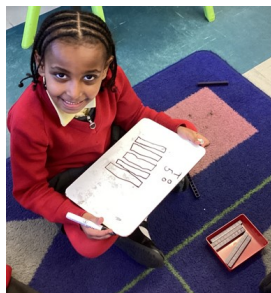
Please note there will be an INSET day on **Monday 22nd January 2024**.
School will be closed for children on that day.

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Reception Class made spectacular King's crowns this week, as we learnt about the Epiphany.



In Maths this week, Year 1 have been portioning numbers using dienes and pictorial representations.



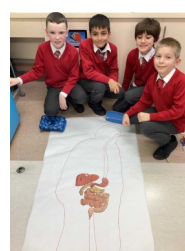
Year 2 love reading. At the moment, they are enjoying books by Roald Dahl and the series of books featuring the Claude character. In Religious Education, we discussed how books are important and that the Bible is a very special book.



This week Year 3 have been investigating fossils and how they were formed. We loved having a close look at some amazing fossils.

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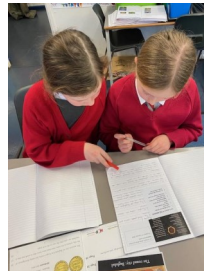
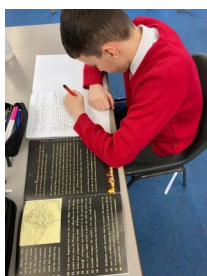


Year 4 have hit the ground running in 2024! We have started working on our new book in English called *Leon and The Place Between*, and we're applying our times table knowledge to answer worded questions in Maths. In Science, we have been learning about teeth, observing and recording our own. We have also been learning about the digestive system, its purpose, and the organs that make it all work. Here are some pictures of the collaborative learning we have been doing!



5A have had such a great first week of the spring term. Everyone came back ready and raring to go! Here we are sorting through some factors as to why Islam spread so rapidly across Arabia, Persia and North Africa in the 7th and 8th century.

Happy New Year from 6M! We have started the new year with a new topic in History. We are learning about the Round City of Baghdad. Did you know that al-Mansur consulted his royal astrologers about the right time to build it and they told him an exact date and time! Ask one of us and we can tell you more!



6O have started the new year well and we have had a jam-packed week full of learning & fun. In English, we were focusing on retrieving information from text and honing our dictionary skills to prepare us for writing our non-chronological reports.

We have also factored in time at the end of our day to consolidate our learning with fun & educational Kahoot quizzes; these have proved to be a huge hit with class!

And... we have started our PE topic - Netball!

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Mon 15th Jan: Deadline for Admissions to Reception & Y3

Tue 16th Jan: Themed Lunch - Science Day

Mon 22nd Jan: Inset Day - school closed to pupils

Mon 29th Jan: Hilltop Meeting for parents & carers 3.30pm

Fri 9th Feb: Themed Lunch - Chinese New Year

Fri 9th Feb: Break up Half Term

Mon 19th Feb: Beginning Spring 2



School Attendance



95.3%	Whole School Attendance
98.5%	Congratulations to Year 1 for achieving first place with their attendance
98%	Well done to Year 2 who came second

Gold Awards

EYFS - Sura & Otilie

Year 1 - Anthony & Emily

Year 2 - Roisin & Kayla

Year 3 - Dominic & Rionagh

Year 4 - Lili & Tomas

Year 5 - Cillian & Lily

Year 6M - Martha & Shay

Year 6O - Adam & Finnley

