

St Peter's & St Gildas' Weekly Newsletter

9th February 2024

Message from Mr O'Shannessy



In this week's Gospel Mark 1: 40 – 45. We see one of Jesus' earliest recorded miracles. The man with leprosy says to Jesus, "If you want to heal me, I know you can." Jesus is filled with compassion and heals the man. At this point Jesus does not want people to know of his power so asks the man not to tell anyone. But the man is so filled with excitement and praise for Jesus he tells everyone he meets.

I believe there is more than one Miracle in this story.

Firstly, it was a miracle that the man with Leprosy had such strong **faith** in Jesus even before he had started his public life.

Secondly it was Jesus's **compassion** for the man that healed him.

This Wednesday will be Ash Wednesday let's think this lent not so much about giving things up rather showing **compassion** to others and **faith** in God. Maybe we will preform a minor miracle of our own.

Parents and Carers, the days are getting longer and the weather is getting better, be prepared for the weekend working parties to improve our school environment to begin again.

Let's improve the lives of all those in our community by working together for the common good.

Children please keep a diary of what you get up to over the holiday and you can share it with your class teachers on your return.

Have a fantastic half term break and come back safe and well rested ready to learn.

A friend of mine Quentin in Year 2 has give me a challenge for the school. Have a look at the special Sudoku page of our newsletter.

Mr O'Shannessy



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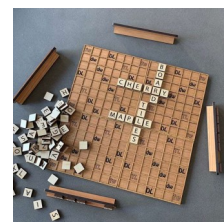
Games and puzzles wanted!!

Ms Marrinan and Mrs Bligh are looking for any unwanted board games, jigsaw puzzles and card games in good condition to use for class intervention groups and wet play.

Please leave your donations at either school office.

Many thanks,

Ms Marrinan and Mrs Bligh



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In Reception we celebrated Fat Thursday, is a Christian tradition popular in Poland, that marks the last Thursday before Lent, by eating donuts!



Thank you to Alex and Quentin for sharing their interests with us. Alex performed 'We Will Rock You' to a captive audience and Quentin introduced the class to Sudoku!



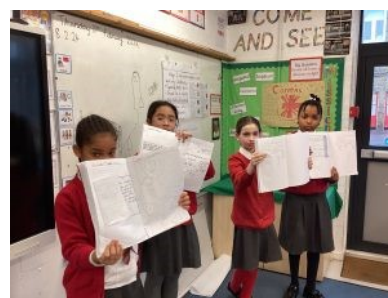
This week, Year 1 received the visit of a Victorian teacher. The children came in dressed in character and they were transported to the 1800s. They very much enjoyed the experience! A huge thank you to all parents for their great support.



Year 3 have been working hard with their multiplication. We have been using place value counters to multiply 1 digit by 2 digits.

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Year 5 science this week was looking at simple mechanisms to help us lower forces. We ended our lesson with some fun 'Wallace and Gromit' style inventions using gears, levers and pulleys to do lots of really useful stuff! We loved inventing and sharing our ideas with our classes. All patents are pending!



6O have consolidated all their Netball knowledge that they have learnt over the last four weeks by playing an epic, action-packed, end-to-end game.



In 6M we have been expanding our knowledge of different genres in English as well as honing our skills in Speaking & Listening! For homework we had to learn a poem by Jack Ousby called 'Gran can you rap'. We discovered that it is easier to learn if we use the meter and rhythm of the poem. By adding a musical beat we found it even easier and loads more fun! Never mind Gran – we can rap too!

Don't be idle, switch off your engine

Leaving your engine running when your vehicle is stationary is called idling. This creates air pollution by increasing the levels of exhaust fumes and harmful gases in the air. Air pollution irritates the lungs, lowers resistance to infection and makes conditions like asthma, heart and lung disease worse.

You don't need to leave your engine running when parked up waiting for someone or if you're in traffic and haven't moved for a while. Idling wastes fuel and can increase wear and tear on your engine. With modern vehicles, the cost of switching off the engine and starting up again after a minute or more will be less than the cost of leaving the engine idling.

It's easy to play your part in improving our air quality. Simply switch off your engine if you're going to be stationary for more than a minute.

By switching off your engine when it's practical and safe to do so, you'll help protect your health, save money and reduce air pollution.

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Mon 19th Feb: Beginning of Spring Term 2

W/C Mon 19th Feb: Y6 Booster sessions Tuesdays & Thursdays

W/C Mon 26th Feb: Y6 Residential to Hilltop

Fri 1st Mar: Image Musical Theatre - The Selfish Giant (Rec - Y3)

Thur 7th Mar: World Book Day

Fri 15th Mar: Red Nose Day



School Attendance



Whole School Attendance - 89.6%



**Congratulations to Year 1
for achieving first place
with their attendance with 98.6%**

**Well done to Year 4 who came
second with 95.2%**

Gold Awards



EYFS - Grace & Jesiah

Year 1 - Valentino & Emily

Year 2 - Ethan & Ruby

Year 3 - Luke, Georgia & Ilianna

Year 4 - Liam & Tailor

Year 5 - Dione & Maxi

Year 6M - Whole Class

Year 6O - Christopher & Tomas



This week's Birthdays



Mikel (Y1), Roisin (Y3), Maya (Y5), Ethan (Y3) & Dione (Y5)

Wishing our birthday children a very Happy Birthday!



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SUDOKU - 43

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SUDOKU - 44

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SUDOKU - 45

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SUDOKU - 46

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SUDOKU - 47

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SUDOKU - 48

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